



TESA December 2014 Newsletter—Highlights of December 2014 Board Meeting

The Professional Association Board Meeting (PABM) was held at the 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood December 2-3, 2014. The Texas Extension Association board meeting was held in conjunction with those of all other association groups. Following are highlights:

TESA Board Meeting:

- The **Collaboration Task Force** presented a preliminary directory of all Extension specialists, program specialists, RPLs, and other personnel qualified to be members of the association. This included all Prairie View members and qualified personnel. The intent of the directory is to perpetuate grant, programming, and other collaboration opportunities. Look for a final version in early 2015.
- The **Promotion Task Force** reviewed recommended changes to the proposed *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Professional Career Ladder System for Extension Program Specialists*. Additional input was provided by the TESA Board in attendance. A draft letter and a “marked” copy of the document were reviewed, will be finalized by the task force, and will be sent to Extension administration this month.
- **2015 TESA annual meeting** will be July 20-22, 2015, at T Bar M in New Braunfels. This is a family oriented resort and should be great for the kids. Mark your calendars. President-Elect DeDe Jones will begin finalizing arrangements and the program in early 2015.
- **Dr. Joe Mask** has agreed to be Chapter Director for Campus 05- Animal Science, Poultry, & Vet Medicine. He replaces Buddy Faries who retired August 31.
- We are saddened at the loss of two Life-Time members since the 2014 annual meeting—**Dr. Dale Pennington** and **Dr. Carl G. Anderson**.
- The TESA board approved the La Torretta Resort at Montgomery, TX, for the **2016 TESA annual meeting**. Mark your calendar and plan to attend; the dates are 7/11-13/16. The location and dates are pending DeDe finalizing a contract. We will let you know when arrangements are finalized.

PEAC Meeting with Administrators:

- For you old-timers, Administration is working on a new, revised “**green sheet**.” It likely will have a new label, but should provide periodic updates on staff changes, etc. The association board also discussed the value of having access to a current personnel directory.
- The dates for the **December 2015 PABM meetings** at the 4-H Center will likely change to 12/8-9/15. The change is to eliminate the conflict with the Agriculture Symposium in Amarillo held each year during the first week of December. It would prevent conflicting scheduling for Extension administrators as well as District 1 and 2 personnel. You will be notified if the dates are changed.

Administrator Comments:

- **Drs. Doug Steele, Susan Ballabina and Jeff Ripley** were in attendance. Other specific comments made during the PABM general session, the PEAC meeting with association Presidents and President-Elects, and with the TESA board will be forthcoming.

Just a reminder:

- **2014-2015 Officers:**
President—Diann Mitchell-Linger
President-Elect—DeDe Jones
Secretary—Helen White
Treasurer—Steven Klose
Historian—Emmy Williams
Past-President—Mac Young
- At the July 2014 board meeting, the board approved **waiving the first year annual meeting registration fee for new members** starting with the 2014 annual meeting.
- It's time for **2015 membership renewal** and payment of dues. Steven Klose will be sending a notice soon.
- Check out the **TESA website:**

<https://tesa.tamu.edu/>

Mac Young
TESA Past President