

TEXAS CPA & LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE -2014

It was an honor and pleasure to represent the LPCPAAA at this year's Texas CPA & Law Enforcement Annual Training Conference in San Marcos. There were no handouts at the conference however Hippy and I attempted to take notes during each group session and breakout session. Highlights are summarized below. ~Deb & Doug "Hippy" Hathorn

SUNDAY - JULY 27

- Attendee Registration
- Exhibit Hall Opened
 - Alumni tables with CPA information and raffles.
 - El Paso CPA - visitor information and registration details for the 2015 TXCPAAA conference.
 - Other booths: 100 Club, Kemah, Dickenson, Kerrville, Texas State Texas School Safety Center, Garland, and more.
- Ice-Breaker was held at Dick's Classic Garage - Initial opportunity to meet new folks!

MONDAY - JULY 28TH

OPENING CEREMONY

- Guest Speaker: Pennie Dunn - Assistant Chief, San Marcos
 - Read Governor Rick Perry's letter of recognition & appreciation to LE & CPA's.
- Mayor, Daniel Guerreo & CPA Graduate
 - Acknowledged and expressed appreciation of San Marcos CPA Conference Planning Team & Chief Stapp.
 - Shared quote from mentor, "The most important accomplishment of the day should be to go home at the end of the day."
- City Manager, Jared H. Miller
 - Reflected and express appreciation for CPA creating bridges between LE & Citizens.
- TCPAAA President, Dave Miller
 - Placed the 2014 ribbon on the CPA Flag, bringing the conference to order.
 - Encouraged CPA's to participate and encourage growth of other CPA's - "Your Voice is Needed!"
 - TCPAAA 2013 Annual Report (a copy will be presented to the Board)
 - 2013 Year in Review
 - Membership Annual Report
 - Annual Treasurer's Report
 - 2014 Budget
 - TCPAAA 2013 Conventions Report
 - Moving Forward & The Formula for Success

DELEGATE MEETING - DEB HATHORN/ROGER GONZALEZ

- Minutes accepted from last meeting.
- Election Process Explained
- 2014-15 Board Member Election*
 - President: Dave Miller
 - 1VP: Becky Giles
 - 2VP: Terry Williams
 - 3VP: Ron Morales
 - 4VP: Dorris Murdock
 - Secretary: Susan Ernst
 - Treasurer: Stan Appleton
 - Sgt. At Arms - Sgt. Chip Fairchild
 - The only position challenged was the Secretary position by Ms. Roth, current secretary of Richland, Texas. Ms. Ernst was elected.
- BI-LAW CHANGES
 - No major significant changes. A few articles moved to more appropriate sections.
 - Vacancies will be filled by Board.
 - Sgt. of Arms maintains order at meetings.
 - Debit Card can only be used in place of a check w/approval by Board.
 - Audit timeline was moved from January to October to align with fiscal year calendar.
 - Backup of copies will be kept by Dorris Murdock, 4VP.
- CONVENTION PARTICIPATION
 - 340 Attendees
 - Welcomed new CPA organizations.
 - Sponsors acknowledged - Walmart (TV for raffle)
- WEBSITE
 - TXCPAAA Webmaster - Leo Waltz
 - Convention webpage will transition from 2014 site to 2015 site following convention - Check Region III (El Paso) page.
 - Current web mailing list: 625 addresses (from 450)
 - Encouraged CPA's to submit articles to the TXCPAAA newsletter.
 - Next deadline for the quarterly newsletter: Sept. 15, 2014
- REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
 - Region I - Billy Bohelke
 - Acknowledged Leo Waltz for the great job he does with the Region One newsletter and encouraged all the Region One CPA's to submit articles about accomplishments and future plans.
 - LPCPAAA's membership is current in the TCPAAA and allows 2 delegate* votes during conference voting.

- *1 Sworn (Liaison Officer - Roger Gonzalez) 1 Non-Sworn (LPCPAAA -Deb Hathorn)
- Region II - No representative
- Region III - Marcey/J. Davis (Temple)
 - Been offline for awhile and currently reorganizing.
- Region IV - Officer Mike Baranyay (El Paso)
 - Shared details about 2015 Convention
 - Visit Exhibit Booth - Raffle for free registration at 2014 convention
 - Western Theme
 - Wyndham Hotel - three crosswalks from airport (don't have to even go outside!)
- Region V - Cheryl Dabbs (Corpus)
 - Been offline for awhile and currently reorganizing
 - Encouraging CPA's in Harlingen, Helotes, and Bee Cave
- Focus of October Meeting - Encourage increased attendance in Region II, IV, and VI.
- Old Business - none
- New Business - Social Networking usage and contact with Board.
- Would like each Alumni to consider membership to the 100 Club and establish a liaison to the Club. The Club is a vital extension of assistance to LE.
- Meeting was adjourned.

IDENTIFYING & CAPTURING TERRORISTS - HIPPIY HATHORN

- William Selvage - Parametric Mathematician & Forensic Auditor
 - Traveled extensively in the Middle East.
 - Spearheaded the FBI's real time examination of credit card patterns, forensic analytics, and KYC transaction profiles of suspicious financial activities.
 - Limited discussion about his knowledge and experiences in real time transactional analysis to help federal agents identify, track, and capture two al-Qaida financing cells (19 individuals), international counterfeiting operations, and multiple suicide bombers.
 - Tracking Methods.
 - Magnified Smart Chip & Subway Ticket Strip
 - Behavioral & Facial Recognition
 - ID'd the Dallas Skyscraper Bombing Suspect - Hosam Maher Husein Smadi, a 19-year-old Jordanian
 - After receiving what he thought was an explosive from an undercover agent, Smadi drove a car with the fake bomb into a parking garage under the skyscraper.
 - Thought he could detonate the bomb by dialing his cell phone.
 - Allowed to dial number; the number rang a phone in authorities' possession.

HIGH PROFILE CASE -PLATTE CANYON/JOHN MICHAEL KEYES

- Lost his 16 yr old daughter, Emily to a stranger who entered the school and eventually killed her and himself. No reason was ever determined.
- Importance of communities responsibility to "Own" School Safety! (not simply school officials)
- Created the "i love you guys" (Emily's last text) Foundation & School Safety Program
 - Currently implemented in 500+ schools in Colorado
 - Hayes & San Marcos Counties implemented in Texas
- Created a Standard Response Protocol.
 - Locks, Lights, Out-of-Site
 - Locked doors create a barrier to delay harmful persons.
 - Visual Triage Form - 1/2 page
 - Green Color - Good
 - Red Color - Help
 - Red Cross on White - Medical
- Visit www.iloveyoguyys.org for more information.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT (UA)- GENE ROBINSON (Deb)

- RP FlightSystems, Inc. (RPFS) developed and manufacture the Spectra flying wing unmanned aircraft.
 - Stresses importance of usage being "transparent."
 - Various types - winged, tri-quad, hex, blimp, para sail
 - 10 mile flying radius - or about 1 hr. (some only 15 mins.)
 - Visual line of sight operations, manual, first person view, autonomous (FED concerned)
 - Pros: Expedient, Save Resources/Responders
 - Can "see" where a body has been up to two years ago.
 - Use of near infra-red (not thermo imagery). example: Body Farm
 - Cons: Like GPS, limited in canyons, large cities. Extreme cold/heat/dust.
 - Recreational vs. Personal
 - FAA Reform Act
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 - NOT a drone - contrary to media perception!
- Is the "test-bed" for most all UA operations in the Search & Rescue/Recovery and LE operations under the 501(c)(3).
- UA's have flown in countries around the world and in 30 US states in Search & Rescue/Recovery operations.
- Directly credited with 10 missing person recoveries, preventing one kidnap & ransom, and discovering two illegal growing operations.
 - No charge to parents, etc...
 - Recently connected with locating McStay family in desert.
 - 3 Yr. Old drowning in San Jacinto River
 - After the use of 5 days search by 200 volunteer searchers.
 - U. S. Border Usage - Requires 2 day clearance.
- Has flown in support of the Texas Rangers, fire support, and other LE agencies.

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH

HIGH PROFILE CASE - CASE STUDY - POLICE STRESS IN HIGH PROFILE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS

THE AUSTIN YOGURT SHOP MURDERS 1991

JOHN JONES - Retired Sergeant, Austin Police Department

- TRINITY OAK CASE
 - Once-majestic Southern live oak in Austin, Texas, is the last surviving member of the Council Oaks, a grove of 14 trees that served as a sacred meeting place for Comanche and Tonkawa Tribes. Foresters estimate the Treaty Oak to be about 500 years old and, before its vandalism in 1989, the tree's branches had a spread of 127 feet. The tree is located in Treaty Oak Park, on Baylor Street between 5th and 6th Streets, in the West Line Historic District.
 - In 1989, in an act of deliberate vandalism, the tree was poisoned with the powerful hardwood-herbicide, Velpar. Lab tests showed the quantity of herbicide used would have been sufficient to kill 100 trees.
 - The vandal, Paul Cullen, was apprehended after purchasing a high-powered rifle at a pawn shop while on parole. Cullen was convicted of felony criminal mischief and sentenced to serve nine years in prison.
- YOGURT SHOP MURDERS
 - Death of four teenage girls in a yogurt shop in Austin, Texas, on December 6, 1991, after which the shop was set aflame.
 - The bodies of 13-year-old Amy Ayers, 17-year-old Jennifer Harbison, her 15-year-old sister Sarah, and 17-year-old Eliza Thomas were discovered after the fire was extinguished.
 - The initial investigation spanned nearly eight years.
 - Interviewed all employees of the Mall where the shop was located.
 - Knew they were in trouble when the investigation of the girls home came up "pure."
 - Expressed appreciation for Dispatchers for dealing with more stress than investigators and officers. i.e. The unknown...Often don't know outcome of call.
 - Window to solve case: 3 days
 - Decided to involve family. Different from norm. Unusual cases require unusual techniques.
 - Three Hispanic Suspects - Mexico involved in getting confessions.
 - Eventually hypnotized some people.
 - Two men initially confessed to the murders and were convicted, but they were released by 2009 due to lack of evidence. No new charges have been filed and local media coverage remains ongoing. As of 2011 the Austin police department has five cold-case detectives working on the case.
- OCCULT
 - Persons dug up a coffin and sold it at a garage sale.
 - Placed bones in a suitcase.
- PERSONAL EFFECTS OF HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION
 - Insomnia, stress, unable to stay focused, PTS diagnoses, criticism of actions by media/others effect home life and individual, inability to give closure to families/self, tough to say "I love you", wondering, etc..
 - Coping mechanisms: distancing self from others/family, appearing strong on the outside but soft on the inside, "Whistling past a graveyard", etc..

CPA ROUNDTABLE SESSION II - DORRIS MURDOCK, FACILITATOR (Deb)

Three speakers moved among three tables of participants, each chairing 15 minutes of discussion and sharing.

SESSION I - SPEAKERS & MEETINGS - Don Williams, La Grange

- Spice Up your meetings!
- Examples of persons to include on monthly agenda:
 - Mayor - at least once a year.
 - Review past 12 mos. & future plans for city.
 - Chief - at least once a year.
 - Review past 12 mos. & future plans for department/alumni.
 - Investigators - Case Studies, Cold Cases
 - Permit each member to bring one guest.
 - FEMA
 - Sheriff's Department Personnel
 - Constable's Office
 - 100 Club
 - Search & Rescue
 - MADD
 - District Attorney, Judge
 - Health: Autism, Mental Health, anyone from MHMR
 - School Resource Officers - Explain the lockout/lockdown procedures.
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Abused Women Organizations
 - Office of Emergency Management Personnel
 - Coroner
 - Team up with adjoining CPA's! What are they up to?
- Think Broad!
 - Any organization that receives Grant \$\$ - They are required to share their story with the public and other non-profits.
 - FBI, CIA, etc...
 - Authors of crime, investigation, law enforcement, etc...
- Create a 12 month calendar of Guests - Get on their calendar early!
- Avoid like the plague anyone running for office!

SESSION II - COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- Various CPA representatives at table shared what they do:
 - Finger Printing Service
 - R-U-OK? Program - Senior program aimed at calling once a week to check-in on seniors.
 - Belton, Tx
 - Started with 1 person, grew to 46 now.
 - Calls are made on Wednesday each week.
 - Calls are recorded.
 - Three attempts are made and if no response - Emergency Contact is notified.
 - Notes are kept to follow-up in the event of surgery, dr. visits, birthday, etc...

- Through a 30K Grant from the Senior Council on Aging they were able to hire a part-time employee to make the calls.
- Annual Softball Tournament
 - Decatur, Tx
 - Back the Blue 14 Team Co-Ed Softball Tournament played under USSSA Rules & Regulations.
 - \$175.00 PER 15 Person Team.
 - Profits go to Scholarship Program.
- Stuffed Animals
 - Give collected stuffed animals to officers for use in stressful situations, domestic cases, schools, etc..
 - Tip: Place slightly dusty animals in the dryer and place it on air dry or delicate for a minimum of 5 mins. i.e. just enough to fluff them again.
- VIN Number Window Etching
 - Free service
 - Schedule a drive-thru day
 - Sign-up prior to event (paperwork handled by CPA)
 - Etching done by PD personnel
- Cruiser Nights
 - Decatur, Tx
 - Purpose is to promote joining CPA class or CPAAA.
 - Held monthly in the PD parking lot.
- La Porte Projects Shared:
 - Blue Santa & fundraising: Chili's, Garage Sale, Misc. donations
 - LeadsOnline
 - National Night Out
 - Youth Summer Safety Camps
 - No Refusal Nights
 - Parades, 5K Runs, Festivals, Christmas on Main St., Health & Safety Fair
 - Citizens On Patrol
 - Warrant Roundup
 - Wally Wise Shelter-in-Place
 - LPPOA Annual Golf Tournament
 - "Man Down" Program

SESSION III - SOCIAL NETWORKING - LEO WALTZ

- Group discussion on ways to network.
 - Create and manage a webpage.
 - Create and manage a Facebook page.
 - Create a Twitter account.
 - Get permission for use of photos. Can be obtained at time of registration or renewal of yearly dues.
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 - Write or respond to local newspaper columnists.
 - Columnists are always looking for topics to write about.
 - Distribute CPA newspaper.
 - Local businesses, senior center, PD, or anywhere where allowed.
 - Ask to be placed on HOA scheduled meetings.

- Start with the Police Department

LUNCH SESSION - MADD National President, Brazos County, LAURA MOONEY

- Lost her husband to a DWI in Texas in 1991.
- A trained victim advocate and certified trainer of law enforcement officers, in which she teaches officers how to deliver a death notification. - See more at: <http://education.tamu.edu/news-archive/2011/03/laura-dean-mooney-82-educates-others-dangers-drunk-driving#sthash.B1hzFjxY.dpuf>
- Promotes the "Tall Cop Says Stop" - Drug Program
 - At 6 feet 9 inches tall, Officer Jermaine Galloway looks like an intimidating presence, but he is devoted and passionate about education, training, and enforcement when it comes to alcohol and drug use and abuse prevention.
 - Officer Galloway is a nationally and internationally recognized instructor and is well known for his countless hours of research on alcohol and drug trends.

MEXICAN CARTEL BORDER VIOLENCE - AGENT LEO PENA

Previous undercover agent. Presently, Pena is assigned to Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Division, where he continues to present current intelligence to State, Local, County, and Federal Officers in Texas, as well as the United States.

Agent Pena began the session with a short video which he called, "splash down." The video, filmed from a Border Patrol helicopter showed BP in pursuit of a truck filled with marijuana. Within a few seconds the truck approached to the river bank and drove into the water, tossing two individuals out of the truck. At the same time, three small boats with 10-12 people arrived and pulled toward the truck while the driver, passenger and tossed individuals began throwing the bundles of marijuana into the boats. Within seconds they pulled away from the truck and descended up river.

- Mexico is the main supplier of marijuana.
- 90% of Cocaine comes from Mexican Cartels
- 80% of Methamphetamines come from Mexican Cartels
- Kilo worth 35-40\$
- International Connections
- Globally, \$300 Billion intake a year
- Tiered with a Gate Keeper - Plaza Boss
- Accountants are at the top - Cut the Head Off
- Intel - everywhere
- Independent Connections - "Piso" (Tax)
 - Sicarios - Hit men
- Torture is controlling factor
- Extortion has increased 818% from 1997-2013

CULTURE & TORTURE

- Narco Saints
- La Santa Muerte
 - Will place Santa Muerte emblem/name on their shoes, weapons, fingernails, candles, dope, anywhere visible as a show of strength.
 - Some who believe in Santa Muerte believe they are invisible to Police/LE.
 - One drove right past Border Patrol in broad daylight and led LE to their hideout.
 - Will perform sacrifices, mostly in Mexico.

- Example: Nuevo Laredo - burned a small building with concrete steps and painted Santa Muerte on the side. Concrete steps had been used to cut women's heads off as a sacrifice.
- Jesus Malverde - 1909 Culiacan Sinaloa
- Belief that the Virgin doesn't listen to the poor, only the high society/wealthy.
- Gold plated guns.
- Decapitation & Mutilation
 - To send a message to those that might consider going against cartel.
 - Example: Cartel entered a disco in Mexico and tossed several heads onto the dance floor.
- Hechoen Mexico - symbol owned by cartel
- Eagle's head facing left or right implies
- Children paid 500-1000 pesos per week to act as informants
- Females paid 1200 pesos every 2 weeks - for whatever is needed
- Training Camps
- Use of Spanking as a punishment.
- Cells within the cartel will Post to YOUTUBE.com

TERRITORIES

- State of Tamaulipas, Mexico
 - Divided into Sectors
- Northern Borders
 - Different Colors have different meanings.
 - Purple - Lovers
 - Gold - Business
 - Green - Greedy
 - White - Protection
- El Paso - Juarez Cartel
 - Also in Pasadena, Texas
- Zetas Cartel - Most violent, highly trained (even have a challenge coin)

ARRESTS

- Chapo Guzman
 - Arrested 2014
 - Considered the "most powerful drug trafficker in the world"
 - Guzmán's Sinaloa Cartel smuggles multi-ton [cocaine](#) shipments from [Colombia](#) through Mexico to the United States, the world's top consumer
 - Currently in Mexico City prison with extradition requested by the U.S. but denied by Mexico.

TEXAS STATE FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY CENTER - DANIEL WESCOTT (Hippy)

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY BODY FARM

- Focuses on reconstructing activity patterns and behaviors using long bone biomechanics, developing and testing forensic anthropological methods for developing biological profiles and trauma patterns from human skeletal remains, and testing hypothesis regarding changes in human skeletal morphology due to evolutionary and secular forces.
- Study of donated bodies placed under various conditions on the "farm" for research.
 - Donated through the Living Donor Body Donation Anatomical Gift Act.

- Various forms of burial: Water, open air, high & low ground burial, burned, etc..
- Bones - inspection for cause of death.
 - Use a variety of type bones such as bear, elk, etc... for comparison against human.
- Facial Reconstruction - for time sensitive deaths.
- Cadaver Dog Training
 - Trains on different stages of decomposition.
- Body Farm used by students and Texas Rangers as well as other LE.

**FORENSIC PATHOLOGY - DR. SATISH CHUNDRU, Travis County Deputy Chief Medical Examiner (Deb)
University of Texas**

Forensics is a disease or injury that eventually leads to death. NOT like you see on television or CSI!!

- What initiated event (death/injury/disease)? i.e. Manner of death.
- Some deaths are undetermined. i.e. Genetic.
- Requirements to become a medical examiner:
 - 4 years College
 - 4 years Pathology
 - 1 year Forensics training
- Coroner Requirements:
 - Normally elected, medical training NOT required.
 - In Texas, the coroner is independent of LE.
- What does a ME do?
 - Provide manner/cause of death.
 - I.D. the deceased.
 - Determine approximate time of death.
 - Can give range - but never exact (contrary to TV).
 - Look at cell phone - text/calls, etc...
 - Last person spoken to, place visited.
 - Time stamp at various locations - toll booths, ATM, etc...
 - Document injury or lack thereof.
 - Provide expert testimony.
 - Document natural disease such as a tumor, genetic, etc..)
 - Sometimes notify family members about genetic issues.
- AUTOPSY
 - Through slide presentation, examined an autopsy.
 - Decomposition of a body occurs within 12-24 hrs in Texas summer heat.
 - Autopsy includes external and internal examination of all organs, brain, and sometimes spine.
 - Heart - inspect for artery blockage, plaque, to determine high blood pressure, diabetes, silent killers, etc..
 - Dissection: Rapture, Bacteria, Blood Clots
 - Brain & Heart are the only organs that do NOT regenerate.
 - Legs - injury, blood clots in calf
 - Liver - yellow color=alcohol use/fat accumulates
 - Can regenerate from yellow liver, but not cirrhosis.
 - Stomach-Polyps turn into cancer.
 - Why age 50 recommend Colon test. Can prevent if found early.
 - Brain - Stroke shows up as dead tissue and will not regenerate.

- Infants - SIDS
 - SIDS DOES NOT EXIST! Was a 'made up' term by media to comfort parents.
 - In a population of 2 million, approximately 20-30 SIDS
 - Through doll reenactment with parents/guardians vast majority of cases are actually accidental suffocation.
 - Old Mattresses
 - Fell asleep under a parents armpit
 - Breast feeding improperly
 - Adult pillows - turn over on stomach with no breathing room
 - Too soft a sofa - left on sofa and turns over, face down
 - Some infant deaths are unexplainable.
- ACCIDENTAL DEATHS
 - Low Voltage Electrical - hardly any signs present because charge exits the feet.
 - High Voltage Electrical -Body badly damaged, extensive external damage, heart stops, also exits feet.
- COCAINE
 - Actions become highly "crazy" i.e. running naked in public and resists normal attempts at arrest, possibly dying suddenly (heart stops)
 - Temperature will run between 104-106
- HYDROCHLORIC ACID
 - Horrible, slow death.
 - Fries internal organs at a slow pace.
- HOMICIDES
 - Gun Shots
 - LE is required to find ALL bullets that EXIT the body. i.e. all bullets have to be accounted for.
- BURNED BODIES
 - People burn bodies in an attempt to delay identification.
 - Identification can take as much as 24 hours.
 - Two tests: Check trachea lining to determine if lined with suet. If present, died before fire. If none, died after placed on fire.
 - Facetectomy - if the face is burned beyond recognition or so that the cause of death is suspected on the face, a facetectomy (peel back facial skin) is performed.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN (Hippy)

BREAKING MYTHS about CHILD ABDUCTIONS-SHANNON POSERN

- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the leading organization in the country that deals with the issues of missing children and the sexual exploitation of children.
- The mission of the 28-year-old 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is: (1) to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; (2) to help find missing children; and (3) to assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.
- The Texas Regional Office focus on two specific issues related to child safety: missing children and child sexual exploitation.
- 400,000 Missing children each year in the U.S.
- 500 Calls a Day through the Hot Line
- 68% are Female
- 39% are 10-14 Year olds

CYBERTIPLINE

- Texas has nearly seven million children under the age of 18.
 - Texas has about 68,529 registered sex offenders; in 2011, 47,313 Texas children were reported missing to law enforcement; and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has nearly 1,000 convicts currently serving prison time for child exploitation related crimes.
 - In 2011, NCMEC provided 3,851 CyberTipline reports of child sexual exploitation to Texas law enforcement for investigation, and initiated nearly 600 cases involving missing children.
 - In 2013, NCMEC reported about 10,000 cases.

SEX TRAFFICKING

- 76% Victims are Women

CHILD ID KITS

- Fingerprints
- Dentist Charts
- Bite Impressions
- DNA Swab
- Photo
- DO NOT USE CHILD ID DATA BASE! This is targeted by those
- May 25th is National Missing Children's Day

STRANGER DANGER PROGRAM

- Program is no longer enough to combat the problem.
- Now, we teach "ANYONE" can be exploit - family members, friends, etc..
- Bottom line: Teach children that ANYONE who makes them feel uncomfortable should be reported.

CYBERBULLYING

- Most kids are NOT cyberbullying.
- 12% Bully, while 88% witness it.
 - Amanda Todd story. Committed suicide following "chat site" bullying.

INTERNET SAFETY

- Educational Elements
 - Colleges check Facebook on potential students to see what their likes/dislikes are.

NETSMARTZ WORKSHOP

- www.netsmartz.org
- NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline.
 - Learn online about:
 - Basic Internet Safety
 - Blogging
 - Cell Phones
 - Children As Victims

- Cyberbullying
 - Email, IM & Chat Rooms
 - Gaming
 - More
- The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement.
 - **Educate** children on how to recognize potential Internet risks.
 - **Engage** children and adults in a two-way conversation about on- and offline risks.
 - **Empower** children to help prevent themselves from being exploited and to report victimization to a trusted adult.

AWARDS/CLOSING CEREMONY

Awards were presented to a number of San Marcos CPA and officers in recognition of their work on the convention.

Garland CPA won the award for best exhibit booth.

Raffles were completed.

The "passing of the torch" ceremony was conducted by San Marcos to El Paso.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ATTENDANCE

- At minimum, several alumni had the President and 1VP in attendance.
- Many alumni had a minimum of 4 attendees present although only 2 were alumni sponsored.
- Benefits of having a minimum of two alumni members in attendance.
 - Ability to attend more than one break-out session.
 - Ability to network with more attendees.
 - Ability to attend more sessions.
- (R) Approve two members for attendance at the 2015 El Paso Convention.
 - Cover the cost of two registrations (\$110 per person) & two hotel rooms (currently at \$99. per room).
 - If the sponsored members have a spouse or alumni member they wish to share a room with - the extra member will only need pay for their extra registration (\$110).
 - Missed opportunities to communicate with other alumni members due to staying at another hotel.
 - Pre-register hotel in advance so that attendees do not end up at an overflow hotel.
- (R) Provide prior approval to the convention delegates to pre-register for the following year (2016) and provide a check for the registration to be made at the convention.

(R) = Recommendation

PRE-CONVENTION ACTIONS

- (R) LP Alumni Members to be made aware of business to be conducted at the TCPAAA Board and Delegate meetings.
 - Prior to attending the convention, the LP alumni should Review and Provide direction to Non-Sworn Delegate concerning Voting at Delegate meeting.
 - What direction should be taken if election positions are contested?
 - Which of the alumni attendees is the designated non-sworn representative?
- (R) Awards Nominations
 - LP Alumni Members to be made aware of and take action with regard to opportunities for convention nominations.
 - Awards at this convention were limited to two or three CPA's due to a lack of participation by all alumni's.
- (R) Alumni Delegates to be familiar with past accomplishments and future direction/plans of the organization:
 - Convention delegates need to take with them:
 - Business Cards with LP CPA contact information & social media network addresses.
 - To be shared during CPA Roundtable discussions, open discussions, exhibit hall visits, and general visiting.
 - Summary of past year's accomplishments or at minimum:
 - Sample Newsletters for the past year.
 - For sharing with other alumni during open sessions, roundtable breakout sessions, and in general.

- As a memory jogger of our accomplishments.
- Sample tri-fold brochures about our alumni.
- Camera

TRAINING COORDINATION

- (R) LP Alumni Board and/or members make recommendations on which break-out sessions delegates are to attend. (Keeping in mind that these may change at the last minute.)
 - Spread delegates among as many sessions as possible.
 - Avoid duplication where possible.
- (R) Delegates are required to be on time for all sessions and not depart early except in the case of an emergency.
- (R) Require attendance in at least one (1) Roundtable Session.
- (R) Require delegates to take notes during each session.
 - No handouts are provided for any session.
- Photos - Optional

COMMUNICATION w/ALUMNI DURING CONVENTION

- (R) If possible, use Facebook to provide a brief update & photo immediately following each session.
 - Optional

DEBRIEFING OF CONVENTION WITH ALUMNI MEMBERS

- (R) Require delegates to share in writing a summary of their time at the convention with alumni members at the August meeting.
 - Create and provide a summary checklist to be completed during each session during the convention.
 - For use during August meeting debriefing.
- Require delegates to share a verbal or written summary of their time at the convention no later than the August meeting.
- (R) Delegates will return the 2014 TXCPAAA Annual Report to the LPCPAAA Board upon return from the convention. (By the August 2015 LPCPAAA meeting.)
- (R) Delegates will return any documents obtained from other CPA's while at the convention to the Board.
 - To be shared during the August meeting.
- Delegates will return convention receipts to Treasurer by August regular meeting.
- Delegates will respond to questions presented by alumni members to the best of their ability and memory.

Deb & Doug "Hippy" Hathorn
2014 LPCPAAA Delegates to the TXCPAAA Convention

Copy provided to all LPCPAAA Members & Volunteers following August 2014 regular meeting.