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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the '06 Board, I would like to thank everyone who attended last year's conference in San Antonio. The conference was a big success. We had wonderful accommodations and the speakers were exceptional. Additionally, I want to thank the board members for their seemingly endless hours of preparation and all the work during the conference. For those of you who have not served as a board member, you can't imagine the amount of work that goes into each of the conferences. Let me tell you that the Board worked non-stop in the days leading up to and all during the conference and made it look effortless. I am lucky to have worked with such a good group of people.

Now I want to welcome the new '07 Board and let you know that they have already begun the process of setting up this year's conference. We met for a preliminary planning meeting on February 9, 2007 in Round Rock at the Wingate Hotel, which is where we will be holding the next conference in October (21-24). The planning session went well and I am looking forward to another great time and lots of good information for all who attend. There will be a few surprises this year so make sure you are there. The rates for the rooms are a bit less than last year so, hopefully, more of

you will be able to attend. The '07 Board has worked very hard and continues to do so in order to get the best prices on accommodations and programs to offer and not sacrifice comfort or content. I hope you will attend and be pleased with the work that they have done.

Please make it a point to make your reservations as early as possible as we only have a limited number of rooms available at the \$81.00 rate and they are only good for a limited amount of time. Also, we would like you to get your registration in as early as possible in order for us to make proper arrangements for meeting space that will accommodate the number of attendees. We also need to know how many people will be there in order to plan the reception, breaks and, of course, the "Surprises".

We are planning on something a little different for the auction this year, so please remember to bring items to be auctioned off or used as door prizes. Bring your business cards to enter into the drawings because you won't want to miss out. For those who have not attended a conference in the past, we all bring an item or many items to be used as door prizes or to auc-

tion off with the proceeds going to offset some of the cost of the conference. Some ideas for prizes are items that probationers build/make and donate for community service hours, items donated by businesses in your area i.e.... gift certificates, hotel accommodations, shirts etc... So please, bring items to auction that will sell for lots of money so that we can keep cost to a minimum for the conference next year.

We all need to do a better job of educating the public about what we do. Go out there and invite as many people as you can to join the association and attend the conference. Remember that the greater our number, the louder our voice. We may need a loud voice with the proposed changes to 42.12.

Be sure to bring your business cards, ideas for projects, information about projects you have done to share with the rest of us, and ideas about where you want the next conference to be held and who you might want to elect to the next Board.

See all of you in Round Rock in October!!

Marvine Morrow, TCSA President

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A FEW STATS FROM OUR TREASURER

So that everyone knows how important our conferences are to the financial well being of our organization here are some statistics on how the conferences did financially for the past five years:

2002	loss	-\$320.70	Corpus Christi
2003	Loss	-\$1,350.76	Fort Worth
2004	Profit	\$5,090.34	Fredericksburg
2005	Profit	\$4,485.86	Fredericksburg
2006	Profit	\$2,782.24	San Antonio

Please make every effort to attend the conference. If you know someone from another county, make an effort to get them to come also. We have great growth potential.

Bank balance as of 2/7/07 is \$16,299.09

DOES ANYONE
KNOW WHERE
THE FIRST
TCSA
CONFERENCE
WAS HELD ???

A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Highlights from the Board meeting in February 2007.

Newsletter will be prepared and sent out as soon as possible.

The cost for the 2007 conference will be \$125 (includes membership dues) ...don't forget door prizes and auction items.

Web site: board approved up to \$200 annually for the establishment of a TCSA Official website

Board will meet again June 18th 2007 in Round Rock

COMMUNICATION FROM THE NEWSEDITOR



I at least get to type the newsletter I do not have to hand write it....

This newsletter is published 3 times a year (February, May, and August). The cost of postage is a real issue for the association. If you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail only, please let me know. We will continue to snail mail the newsletter to as many CSCD's as possible to spread the great word about TCSA. If your e-mail

address or your snail mail address changes please notify me. I am attempting to get an updated roster together by conference time. This newsletter has a new format from some of our other ones because I started from scratch and have been getting more and more ideas for the newsletter. They may not always be this format or this long,

but I hope they are informative and can be a good form of communication for the association. One of the complaints is that we never hear from anyone except when we want them to come to the conference.

Any input will be appreciated

Thanks,

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The agenda for the 2007 T C S A Conference will be in the next newsletter (after our next board meeting). We are in the process of confirming speakers now. We have provided a registration form for those of you who want to go ahead and get your reservation for the conference turned in. Also below is the name and number of the hotel where the conference will be held. They will take reservations anytime, to get our rates be sure and let them know that you are attending the Texas Community Service Association Conference.

Hotel Information:
 Wingate Hotel
 Round Rock, Texas
 512-341-7000

Join the
Texas Community Service Association
 Memberships are available to any individual involved with community service restitution.

Membership fee is \$25.00 per year

2007 Conference Registration fee will be
 \$125.00 this year (includes membership fees)

Conference Dates: October 21-24,2007

* Make all checks payable to

Texas Community Service Association* *

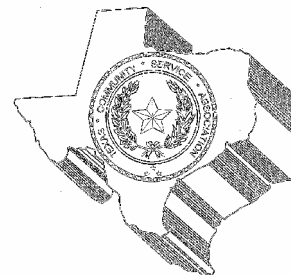
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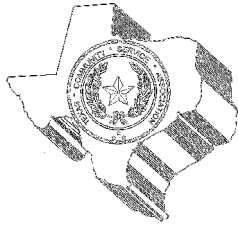
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Registration Form

T C S A Conference October 21—24, 2007

Name: _____
 Agency: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____
 State, Zip: _____
 Phone # : _____
 Email: _____





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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you have any questions that you would like to ask the group, I will be glad to print them in the next newsletter, just e-mail them to me. Also, on that note, Todd said he would answer any questions that we might have as well.



We might also have a featured speaker if space allows, so if you have someone you would like to hear from, tell the news editor.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT?

If your department has done something outstanding in community service lately, let me know and we will tell everyone about it. No need for everyone to invent the wheel when we can share ideas.



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