

# THE COUNTY TAX \$ STATEMENT



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## President's Report

By Bobby Biscamp, Jasper County Tax Assessor-Collector



HELLO!!! ...all of you PCC's, and those working toward becoming one; yes, RTA is no longer with us and I can think of several reasons why that pleases me and I know you can also. What's happened since I last spoke to you; first the holidays are behind us and I know those are special times with our families and we all enjoy them but they are like grandchildren we love to see the headlights when their coming but we also love to see their taillights when their leaving. Hope your New Year has got off to great start and continues, one thing that always helps is for collections to go well and I pray they did. The next thing I would like to talk about is our Texas weather; most of you have told me your counties had unusual cold this past winter, the Dallas/Fort Worth area had a harsh ice storm that lasted for a week or longer with offices being closed and many roads, including interstates, that reached from one side of the state to the other. Ordinarily this is weather in East Texas counties, like Jasper where the "Tall Pine Trees" grow, we only hear about. However; I think I'm proud to report that here in Jasper County, and several surrounding counties, we had two or more days of offices being closed due to ice and snow. This just doesn't happen in East Texas!! As your President, I'm sure you are looking at me to determine the cause of all this unusual weather that we had state wide; I have a pen in my hand and at this very minute signing a executive order stating the cause to SB546 the future only knows how this bill will affect our offices. Our President said in his State Of The Union Speech he had a pen and a phone that he will be using them to sign executive orders, I think as your President I should act like one... JUST A LITTLE HUMOR!!! Hope you received it that way.

It pleases me to let you know that Jeri Cox, Michelle French, and myself, along with John Ames and Ron Wright, met in Fort Worth a couple of months ago to put some finishing touches on the June Conference. Saddle and up get ready for a great time in the "Old Cow Town"!! I have to keep saying this and if it sounds like an apology, so be it, Jeri and Michelle, "thanks for the great job you two are doing for our Association at the same time performing the duties of your offices". I know that Tavie, Ro'Vin and others who have served in these positions understand the job these two are doing.

I also want to say thanks to Ro'Vin Garrett for keeping us informed of all the TACA Education Opportunities that are available to us.

I've noticed that we have had several TAC's step down from their offices recently for different reasons; we wish you all the best of luck in your new jobs, retirement or whatever it might be you have chosen to do. We all know someone has replaced them so let me say welcome all you new TAC's and we, as your association, are here for you ready to help any way we can.

You'd probably like to know what your President been doing; I have attended other elected officials' conferences, representing our association. I have also attended some regional T.A.C.A. meetings and while I traveled to these meetings I stopped in and visited several of you as I passed through your counties and have really enjoyed those visits. I hope to visit more of you while I'm out traveling.

Remember, when we tell ourselves that something is important to us WE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO IT!!

Take care; see you in Cowtown!!

Your Prez,  
Bobby Biscamp



Welcome to the TxDMV On-Ramp! We would like to congratulate the re-elected and newly elected tax assessor-collectors – we look forward to working with you. Also, best wishes to all of the tax assessor-collectors who retired in 2013 – we appreciate your service. Our thanks to Teresa and the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association (TACA) for continuing to provide newsletter space to keep you informed.

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### Dates to Remember

**Memorial Day**  
May 26, 2014

**80th Annual T.A.C.A.  
Conference**  
June 7 – 12, 2014  
Fort Worth

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# From the Editor

By Teresa McCoy, Hood County Tax Assessor-Collector

Hello everyone,

I hope that all of you had wonderful holidays and that your collection season went well.

The first thing I'd like to take time to say here is that I am very sorry that I failed to get the February issue of this publication out for you. With illnesses in my office and us being really busy, I just couldn't seem to find the time to take care of this task. Some of the items that I have included are things that were submitted very early in the year; I didn't want us to miss out on any of this great information.

Congratulations to Diane Bolin, Kerr County Tax Assessor-Collector, for being chosen as the 2013 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year!! Also, congratulations to all of the other nominees for this award as you are all very deserving.

I can hardly believe it but it's already about time to head to Fort Worth for the 2014 TACA Conference. I don't know about everyone else but it seems like the time has really flown by since the San Marcus conference. This will be the 80<sup>th</sup> annual T.A.C.A. conference and it is going to be awesome! If you haven't registered to attend and you wish to go, or plan on going, you need to do so as quickly as possible. You can find information on how to register on our website, [www.tacaoftexas.org](http://www.tacaoftexas.org).

I really need to get this off to TAC for printing so I'm keeping it short and sweet but I hope the information within this issue will be helpful and that you'll enjoy reading it.

I hope to see and have an opportunity to visit with many of you in Fort Worth next month!

Teresa



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# The Office of the Texas Secretary of State

**Submitted By: Betsy Schonhoff,  
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With the Primary Elections behind us and the May Elections fast approaching, it has been a busy Spring! The May elections are always very busy for everyone; rather than dealing with one election most counties have multiple elections to set up and prepare for.

Preparation and support for the upcoming May Elections is ongoing, listed below are some of the key dates for the election:

- **Thursday, April 10, 2014 (30th day before Election Day)**
  - o Last day to register to vote for the Saturday, May 10, 2014 Election
- **Monday, April 28, 2014 (12th day before Election Day)**
  - o First day to vote early in person.
- **Thursday, May 1, 2014 (9th day before Election Day)**
  - o Last day to receive an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- **Friday, May 2, 2014 (8th day before Election Day)**
  - o Last day to receive an FPCA from a registered voter.
- **Tuesday, May 6, 2014 (4th day before Election Day)**
  - o Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
- **Saturday, May 10, 2014 - Election Day**
  - o 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Polls Open
  - o 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Voter registrar's office is open

As we head into the summer months we wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming County Officials Seminar scheduled for July 7th thru July 9th in Austin. In keeping with the combined seminar schedule, Monday will be reserved for topics specific

to the County Clerks; Tuesday will be joint sessions with both County Clerks and Tax Assessor Collectors and Voter Registrars. Wednesday topics are targeted for the Tax Assessor Collectors and Voter Registrars. Of course everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend all three days.

As always, we here at the Elections Division are on hand to assist you in your success.

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## Title Services News

In December 2013, Vehicle Titles and Registration (VTR) Director Randy Elliston announced the selection of Clint Thompson as the Chief of Title Services.

Mr. Thompson previously held the position of Regional Manager at the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) Corpus Christi Regional Service Center. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in Business Administration. Mr. Thompson worked at the Dallas County Tax office for six years prior to joining the TxDMV.

We wish him well in his new role with the department.

## VTR Retirements

Jerry Frey, Manager of the San Antonio Regional Service Center, retired in January after 19 years of service.

Monica Blackwell, Vehicle Titles and Registration eTitle Project Director, retired in December after 30 years of service.

We appreciate their many years of dedicated service to the state of Texas and wish them well in their retirement!

## Motor Vehicle News

In January, Executive Director Whitney Brewster announced that Daniel Avitia had been selected as the new Director of the Motor Vehicle Division. Mr. Avitia has spent more than 20 years in state government. He's held various director and administrator positions at several agencies, including the University of Texas at El Paso, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, the Texas Health & Human Services Commission and most recently the Texas Department of Agriculture. We are happy to have him on board and are looking forward to working with him.



## webDEALER - eTitles

For anyone who doesn't already know, webDEALER – eTitles is the new system that will allow dealers to process title applications and new registrations online. In addition, the project includes the implementation of electronic titles, or eTitles, which will create, store and transfer vehicle titles electronically.

Thank you to everyone who was able to take the "Test Drive" of webDEALER at V.G. Young. There were many good comments made about the system, especially when people realized that webDEALER title transactions will really be paperless! You will review and approve the transactions all electronically. The system has some other great features such as auto-calculating sales tax, registration and county fees (reducing the need to reject transactions due to incorrect calculations) and when accompanied by ACH for payment processing, will eliminate refunds. In addition, county staff will be able to follow a dealer transaction online as soon as they begin to enter information into the system.

The pilot for Phase 1 of webDEALER – eTitles concluded on December 31. System enhancements based upon experiences from the pilot, have been completed and Phase 1 will begin to rollout statewide in March, adding additional counties and dealers each month as we go forward. TxDMV Regional Service Centers will work with your offices to set up and support the rollout to your dealers. The schedule begins with the Austin Region counties and dealers, followed by the Waco and San Antonio Regions.

There will be much more webDEALER information to share as we go forward with the rollout. Later phases will expand the system to include

used car dealers, salvage dealers, and eventually even private party sales.

## National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)

### NMVTIS Implementation

We are working closely with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and the U.S. Department of Justice to implement the NMVTIS. We have completed our final stages of testing and the system was just rolled out as part of RTS Release 7.4.0.

For those of you that were at V.G. Young, you got a glimpse of the RTS system changes. RTS now includes three new fields that your staff will complete on the Ownership Evidence Surrendered (TTL017) screen. They are Title No, Issue Date, and State/Cntry. In addition to Release Notes, a NMVTIS Guide was added to the TAC Toolbox on the TAC Hub to help county staff collect the information necessary to complete these fields. Title information will be batched up daily and sent to NMVTIS to process overnight. Any title errors found are identified and sent back to TxDMV, where they will be reviewed and sent on to you if action is required.

With Release 7.4.0 implemented, we will be in full compliance with federal law, which requires us to participate in NMVTIS to help stop title fraud, keep unsafe vehicles off our roadways, and keep stolen vehicles from being resold.

One of the many benefits of NMVTIS is that it greatly increases the amount and quality of vehicle title history information available, as it provides visibility into titles from other states. This will help prevent acceptance of fraudulent out-of-state titles and will prevent value-limiting brands from being left off titles.



**Don't Buy a Wreck.  
Do a Title Check.**

Make sure the used vehicle you want to buy has a clean title.

Protect your title, Texas.

 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles  
HELPING TEXANS GO. HELPING TEXAS GROW.

**Don't Buy a Wreck.  
Do a Title Check.**

TxDMV is working on a public education initiative to help with the roll out of NMVTIS. The initiative will fall under the existing Protect your title, Texas campaign and we will emphasize using Title Check on our website as the way consumers can connect to a Department of Justice approved provider for a title history report.

The most important thing we can do with NMVTIS is to educate customers to always obtain a title history report before they buy a used vehicle. With your help, we hope to be as successful with Title Check/NMVTIS as we are with the Vehicle Transfer Notification (VTN). Before we began Protect your title, Texas, customers submitted an average of 8,000 VTNs a month. After launching the campaign with a focus on the VTN, we saw those numbers surge to 1,000 a day.

The more customers we convince to use Title Check before they buy, the fewer problems our customers will face when it comes to titling their vehicles. You were instrumental in helping increase VTN submissions, and we would greatly appreciate your support in letting customers know the importance

of going to Title Check for a title history report before they buy a used vehicle.

To help you, we have several campaign elements planned:

**Counter Card.** This is a card in English and Spanish that your customer service representatives can hand out to customers when they submit their title work. It will tell them we plan to run their information through NMVTIS and they will be notified if we find any issues. It also encourages them to always do a Title Check before they buy.

**Registration Renewal Insert.** We are placing an insert in renewal notices to promote Title Check.

**Push Card.** This is an information piece with brief information on Title Check, along with some important other tips, such as never driving off after a private sale without the title.

**Title Check Brochure.** This will provide more extensive information on the consumer protection offered by using Title Check; how to access the website; and general tips for buying a used vehicle.

**Posters.** Don't Buy a Wreck. Do a Title Check. Posters will prominently feature the Title Check icon and the TxDMV website address.

**Press Release.** We sent out a press release from TxDMV headquarters on the day we fully implemented NMVTIS.

**TxDMV Website.** We've updated the website with Title Check/NMVTIS, encouraging Texans to start obtaining title history reports before they buy.

We will notify you when we begin mailing out the printed materials to your offices. You should have received all of the materials before we began full implementation.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Independence Day**  
July 4, 2014

**TIADA Annual  
Conference & Expo**  
July 27 – 30, 2014  
Bastrop

**SOS Election Law Seminar**  
July 7 – 9, 2014  
Austin

# Region News

## COASTAL BEND REGION

Submitted by Gloria Ochoa

Calhoun County TAC

The Tax Assessor Collector's Coastal Bend Region held its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the Victoria County Heritage building in Victoria, Texas. Rena Scherer, Victoria County Tax Assessor Collector hosted the meeting at a very nice historical building.

Linda Bridge, President called meeting to order at 10 AM with the hostess, Rena Scherer leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Gloria Ochoa saying the prayer. Attending today's meeting were eight Tax Assessor Collectors and seventeen deputies. The minutes from the September 11th meeting were printed and passed out to members. Ida Turner, Refugio Co. TAC made the motion to accept as printed and Cristyn Hallmark, Matagorda Co. TAC seconded. Motion passed.

The morning program speaker was Ms. Diane Sanders, Income partner in Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP law firm. Ms. Sanders gave a presentation on Bankruptcy Chapter 7, which is basically a straight liquidation. Chapter 11 is a re-organization of small or large business which monthly payments are made in these cases. She went into a little more detail for Chapter 13 with reminders to TACs that once bankruptcy is filed, no statements or tax bills should be sent out when notice is received. Delinquent tax attorneys and TACs need to let each other know as soon as possible. Ms. Sanders named the people in LGBS law firm that handle each kind of bankruptcy cases if we needed assistance. She gave a handout that outlined different issues and payment processing with Chapter 13 cases.

Lunch at the Golden Corral was courtesy of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson LLP law firm.

After lunch, a general round table discussion with membership on motor vehicle issues, voter registration issues and appraisal issues. Mrs. Amy Harrison

arrived for her presentation on Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission legislative changes to the application process. She introduced Jeff Richards that came with her from Austin. She also introduced Patricia Lugo of the Victoria TABC office and she can assist our local offices with questions or information we may have since the website guide is not quite ready. Publications will be mailed out although we can go to website and get forms or look up information on permit locations.

Mrs. Harrison discussed SB 516 and SB517 on Self Distribution permits and licenses that became effective June 14, 2013. There are two new types of permits which are called Self Distributor Ale and Self Distributor Beer. Under prior law, a brewer/manufacturer who made less than 75,000 barrels annually can self-distribute any amount, selling direct to retailers. A brewer/manufacturer that makes less than 125,000 barrels annually can obtain a self-distribution license and/or a self-distribution permit and sell up to 40,000 barrels annually. The codes will be DA and DB and applications were being accepted in October when amended Rule 33.23 was adopted to establish the surcharges. Restaurants or "Brew Pubs" that brew their own on premise is one of seventy one different types.

Mrs. Harrison went over the new procedures on local renewals which TACs had been collecting will now be sent in direct to TABC in Austin. The customer will take care of own publications, no more County Judge hearing only if being protested. The customer will take care of the County portion direct with the County TAC. The State office will send voucher for the 5% refund for our records and refund will be electronically transmitted. Information is being processed at this time for each County office. It was a very informative session and the TABC website will be helpful as we go live February 1, 2014.

In old business, Linda Bridge commented on VG Young-College Station seminar and on Jeri Cox, Aransas County TAC and Coastal Bend nominee for Tax Assessor Collector of the Year.

In new business, the next meeting of

the Coastal Bend regional meeting will be March 19, 2014 in Beeville, Texas. Linda will get an agenda set up with CE approval and advise us through email. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

## EAST TEXAS LUNCH BUNCH

Submitted by Midget Sherman

Angelina County Tax A/C

The East TX Lunch Bunch met in Lufkin on December 4th from 9:30 to 1:30 at the Courtyard by Marriott, hosted by Midget Sherman.

Ro'Vin Garrett came and gave her presentation on behalf of TACA Education Committee, an update on TACA Education Requirements.

After Ro'Vin completed her presentation then Chuck Lee, TxDMV Director, Longview Region gave an update on New Legislation Impacting TxDMV.

Both speakers were well prepared and shared a lot of unmeasurable knowledge which we all needed to be prepared for 2014 law changes.

We had forty four (44) in attendance, not counting the 23 extras that joined us for lunch. Of this count we had 16 counties represented.

We had a great time and gained some invaluable knowledge. Our next meeting will be in Sabine County with Martha Stone, Tax Assessor-Collector as our host.

## DFW/NORTH TEXAS REGION

Submitted by Teresa McCoy

Hood County Tax A/C

The Dallas & Fort Worth regions met on February 20, 2014 at the Rockwall County Library in Rockwall, Texas; the meeting was hosted by Rockwall Tax Assessor-Collector, Kim Sweet. We a wonderful turnout for this meeting and thirteen of the fourteen counties within these two regions were represented; the counties represented were Rockwall, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker,

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Tarrant and Wise. Eighty people signed up to receive CE credits but there were approximately 100 who were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Kim Sweet who welcomed the group to Rockwall.

Mr. Ted Hernandez, Assistant Chief Investigator with TxDMV, gave a great presentation on salvage dealers and their enforcement project. Mr. Hernandez discussed the current issues with salvage dealers and the updated requirements as well as the requirements of these dealers when they take possession of blue titled vehicles.

A barbeque lunch was catered courtesy of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson law firm.

After lunch, Mr. Jim Lambreth of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson gave a very informative three hour presentation on mandatory payment agreements for homesteads and late payment fees.

This was a great meeting and it was enjoyed by all who attended. The morning portion of the meeting allowed attendees to earn 2.5 CE's and those who stayed for the presentation after lunch earned an additional 3 CE's. Good job on hosting your first regional meeting Kim, and thank you for your hard work on putting it together!

## SAN ANTONIO REGION

Submitted by Diane Bolin

Kerr County TAC

October 17, 2013 the San Antonio Region met in Hondo for our Legislative Update meeting. We had 13 of our 16 counties in attendance, a record attendance of 80 people. Melissa Lutz, Tax Assessor Collector for Medina County was our hostess. We met at the Medina County Training Center in Hondo and had a great lunch catered in by the Buckhorn Restaurant from D'Hanis. Even though the meeting didn't count toward CE's for the Tax Assessor Collectors there were members of the Medina County CAD present so they were able to get the CE's they needed. We had many distinguished guests to provide a very full day of

information for all of us.

Randy Elliston, Director VTR Division of TxDMV was there along with Jeremiah Kuntz, Director Govt. & Strategic

Communications, Tim Thompson, Deputy Director VTR Division and Jerry Frey, San Antonio Regional Manager. Randy & Tim did a great job of updating us on the numerous changes to the TxDMV laws and rules and what they want for the future of TxDMV. Being a rural area there were questions about the new law regarding the requirement for the Comptrollers Ag exempt card.

Keith Ingram, Director of the Elections, Secretary of State's Office was also there and gave us a run down on the changes on the voter registration scene and the election law changes. One of the biggies was the Voter ID changes among several others. Mr. Ingram did a great job in a brief period of time.

Mary Belan Doggett, VP & General Counsel for Propel was there as was Sherry Houston, Client Relations for Propel

Financial Services, a tax lien transfer company. They presented information on SB 247, why it got passed and how the rules implementing the bill will affect transferees and collectors. It was great that they brought their perspective to us so we can further understand the role tax liens have on our taxpayers.

Last but never least we had Connie Rose, PTD State Comptroller's Office and Bruce Medley, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLC to bring us up to date on the many changes to the Property Tax Laws. The first thing they did was let us know that the meeting we were at would not count toward CE's. Because the meeting was between June 14, 2013 and January 1, 2014 we were in "limbo" for our new education requirements. Connie and Bruce were a great tag team and answered many questions about the new laws and how we should implement them in our office.

Deborah Hunt, Tax Assessor Collector for Williamson County was to bring us the education update. She was unable to attend because of her new appointment by Governor Perry to the TCDRS board. She had to go out of state for training for her new position. We are very proud of

Deborah for her accomplishments and wish her the best in her newest endeavor. She sent me the information and I presented it to the region. I wasn't able to answer many questions but did what I could. I appreciate Deborah for sending me the information so the region would at least get an inkling of what was going on.

Our next meeting was scheduled to be in San Antonio, Bexar County, on February 20th, with the time and place to be determined. Ro'vin Garrett, TAC from Brazoria County will be there to give us our "formal" educational update.

## BIG COUNTRY REGION

Submitted by Josie Dean

Coke County TAC

The Big Country Region met on April 17, 2014 in Abilene. The meeting was called to order by Tammy Walker, Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector and President of that regional chapter of the association.

The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Secretary-Treasurer and Coke County Tax Assessor-Collector, Josie Dean; the report was accepted and approved.

The discussion of "old business" included a reminder for payment of membership dues and then the group moved on to "new business". New business discussions included the changes in TEAM, the tracking of CE's with no certificates being issued now. There was some discussion about TAC having a website that can be used to check the status of your CE's earned and that Ro'Vin Garrett, Tax A/C in Brazoria and Co-Chair of Education Committee, will send out a letter with information about a possible website.

The meeting was adjourned after the new business discussion and then Patti Baker and Shannon Hunter from the Abilene Regional Service Center gave a presentation on NMVTIS. Handouts were given out including the NMVTIS Guide, the Conversion Chart, the Prep Checklist, and the 7.4.0 Release Notes.

## Our Sympathy & Prayers Go Out To...



Jo Ann Masturzo, Chief Deputy for the Bee County Tax Office, as her husband, Joseph Masturzo, passed away on November 13, 2013. Joseph suffered from kidney and lung cancer.

Lipscomb County Tax Assessor-Collector, Kathy Fry, who lost her husband, Jim, on December 27, 2013.

Family and friends of Lea Taylor, of Odessa, who passed away December 25, 2013. Lea served as Ector County Tax Assessor-Collector for 21 years, from 1983 to 2004. During her terms in office, she was awarded various accolades including the Marilyn Albert Award by the Texas Association of Assessing Officers for continued performance of excellence. Previous to her elected terms, she held the positions of Director of Continuing Education at Odessa College and Staff Assistant in charge of the Odessa District Office of U.S. Congressman Richard White. Lea was preceded in death by husband Bill Taylor, and son John Taylor.

Please continue to keep Dalia Schez, San Patricio County Tax Assessor-Collector, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Dalia's husband of 48 years, Mr. Juan Sanchez Jr., passed away on October 31, 2013 after a long illness. Juan is and will continue to be greatly missed by Dalia, her daughter and son-in-law, Veronica and Richard Trevino, and their four grandchildren.

Our condolences go out to the family, friends and office staff of Cindy Jetton, whom passed away on the morning of January 2, 2014 at the young age of 55. Cindy served the citizens of Tom Green County diligently for over 30 years, the last 16 as County Tax Assessor-Collector. She leaves a legacy of public service behind that should guide all that follow. She had worked in the County Office for some 33½ years. Kind words were reiterated from all those that worked with her on a daily basis, many of whom cited Jetton's openness and hard-working nature as the backbone of public service. Jetton was described as reliable, always having an open ear for those who needed assistance and helping in any way she could. Co-workers and others in county government in Tom Green County remember Jetton for her kindness and diligence. She was very dedicated to the job; it was her life. She didn't expect anything from her staff that

she, herself, wouldn't do. She had a servant's heart, wanted to serve the community, and she made sure that the community knew that she was there for them and she instilled these qualities in her employees. Everyone who worked with Cindy were very sad with her passing but are grateful that she's not suffering anymore and know she's in a better place. She's really going to be missed, very much.

Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector, Ron Wright, recently lost his sister; she passed away unexpectedly at the young age of 53. Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Patti Franks' mother, Melba Carlisle, passed away on March 15th so please keep Patti and her family in your prayers. Patti is the former Tax Assessor-Collector of Winkler County and just retired earlier this year.

Our condolences are with the family of Hugh Landrum as he passed away in January of this year. Hugh began his long career in the property tax industry as an appraiser for Galveston County; in 1963, he established the appraisal firm that would become Hugh L. Landrum & Associates. He was proud to have his children, Tracey and Hugh Jr., join him as co-owners of the family business he started.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and former co-workers of Lavena Cheek, retired, long time Tax Assessor-Collector of Taylor County, as she passed away in March after a battle with cancer. Lavena was greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

And last, but certainly not least, please add the family and friends of Thelma Ruth Kelley, Former San Patricio County Tax Assessor-Collector, to your prayer list. Thelma passed away on April 30th, after a long illness. Thelma was born in Oklahoma, moved to Pawnee, Texas and then to Kenedy, Texas, where she met and married her beloved husband, W.G. Kelley (previously deceased) in 1950. She was a loving, stay-at-home Mom for 24 years before re-entering the workforce and eventually becoming San Patricio County's first state-certified Tax Assessor-Collector. Thelma loved to serve others in many ways, including driving them to their doctor appointments in Corpus Christi and volunteering at the Sinton Food Bank; she will also be greatly missed.



# From the Comptroller of Public Accounts

## Property Tax Assistance Division

Submitted by Jeffrey Van Pelt, Manager - Outreach and Support

### Tax Assessor-Collector Directory Updates and Available Comptroller Training

The Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD) maintains a directory of county tax assessor-collectors' offices to assist taxpayers in contacting your office. We provide appraisal review board (ARB) training, truth in taxation training, and video and webinar training on the property tax issues.

PTAD is updating the directory for 2014. Please take a moment to review the directory at [www.window.state.tx.us/propertytax/references/directory/tac/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/propertytax/references/directory/tac/). If any information concerning your office is out-of-date or incorrect, please email the correct information to Carmen Chavez at [carmen.chavez@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:carmen.chavez@cpa.state.tx.us). This directory includes the name of each county's County Tax Assessor-Collector and all contact information (phone number, fax number, location and mailing addresses, email address and website address). In addition, information on consolidated county tax collections is provided where appropriate.

As in prior years, training is available for both new ARB and returning ARB members. While this training focuses on ARB members, tax office staff as well as non-ARB members may attend at no charge as space at each location permits. This year's ARB training sessions begin in February and last through early May. These sessions focus on learning about what ARBs do and their role in the property tax system. The Comptroller's office will conduct ten in-person training sessions at locations statewide and telecast to nine regional education centers. To get more details or to register for ARB training, go to the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/arb/arbtraining.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/arb/arbtraining.html).

## Webpage Changes

The Property Tax Assistance Division (PTAD) recently reorganized its webpage to help customers find information more quickly. The webpage is at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/index.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/index.html).

Information for tax assessor-collectors is now grouped under the Assessment and Collection Resources.

Property Tax Bills, Property Taxes in Disaster Areas and During Droughts, Tax Rates and Levies by County and Truth-in-Taxation (TNT) are the main topics.

The TNT webpage ([www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/tnt/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/tnt/)) has been completely revamped with taxing units now able to click on web pages specific to their individual needs. The TNT page includes important dates, forms, instructions and worksheets. New TNT videos for 2014 will be available on the webpage July 30.

PTAD posts property tax-related information, including available training opportunities, on its website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/index.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/index.html). If you have any suggestions or comments about the PTAD website, please contact Stephanie Mata at [Stephanie.Mata@cpa.state.tx.us](mailto:Stephanie.Mata@cpa.state.tx.us).

## Sales Tax Policy Division

Submitted by Lavonne Key, Tax Specialist, Sales and Motor Vehicle Tax Section

### Farmers, Ranchers and Timber Operators

Did you know a person claiming exemption from sales tax on purchases of certain items used in the production of agriculture and timber products must provide a Texas Agricultural and Timber Exemption Registration Number (Ag/Timber Number) issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts?

In 2011, the Texas Legislature added Texas Tax Code Section 151.1551 Registration Number Required for Timber and Certain Agricultural Items. The law did not change the list of items

that qualify for the agri-cultural or timber tax exemptions; it simply changed the process a purchaser must follow in order to claim the exemptions on certain items. Farmers, ranchers and timber operators can still purchase qualified trailers and farm machines tax free, but they must include their Ag/Timber Number on the Form 130-U, Application for Texas Title.

## Registration

The Transportation Code requires applicants for farm license plates to present a current Ag/Timber Number issued by the Comptroller's office. For Transportation Code and Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) purposes the Ag/Timber Number must be issued in the name of the person or entity in which the vehicle is, or will be, registered. TxDMV has issued [Rule 217.22](#), Motor Vehicle Registration on the topic. Subsection (f) of the rule specifically address this requirement.

## Multiple Registration Numbers for the Family Farm

For tax purposes, the Comptroller's administration of the Ag/Timber Number requirement allows a family farm to use a single registration number. If, for registration purposes, a second member of the farm operation needs their own Ag/Timber Number, the Comptroller will accept an application from a qualified applicant and issue a second Ag/Timber Number in the name of the second person.

Qualified applicants who **apply online** at [www.GetReadyTexas.org](http://www.GetReadyTexas.org) will receive a registration number immediately. To receive an application by fax, call 1-800-531-1441.

For questions about this, or any other motor vehicle tax issue, call our new TAC hotline at 1-800-803-2573. TAC calls to the hotline receive priority handling.

# You Need To Know....

Patti Franks recently resigned from our Public Information Committee as she retired on January 31st after 36 years of service in the Winkler County Tax Office. She joined the staff of the tax office as a Tax Deputy in 1977, became Chief Deputy in 1986 and was appointed to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector in 1987. Patti was then elected to the same office in the General Election in November, 1988. Considering the respect and love that she has for her county, her decision to retire was not an easy one! Patti reported that she and her husband, Bill, purchased a home in Lubbock and will be moving soon. She advised that they will be having fun with their seven grandkids and three dogs and will even be taking some trips! "I will certainly miss all of you and I cherish the lasting friendships which I have with so many of you", said Franks.

Welcome to the new Winkler County Tax Assessor-Collector, Minerva Soltero! Minerva was appointed February 1st to replace Patti Franks. Minerva has been serving as Chief Deputy to Patti Franks and has been with the Winkler County Tax Office for 36 years.

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Executive Director, Whitney Brewster, and Deputy Director, Shelly Mellott, toured the Dallas County Tax Office on January 13, 2014. After their tour, Whitney and Shelly attended a networking lunch to discuss best practices with Dallas County Tax Assessor John R. Ames and Motor Vehicle Director Jason Downing; Tarrant County Tax Assessor Ron Wright and Motor Vehicle Director Dorothy Starr; and Denton County Tax Assessor Michelle French and Motor Vehicle Director Rachel Rhodes.

An elected official who made history in Jefferson County recently stepped down after completing only one year of his term. J. Shane Howard stepped down as Tax Assessor-Collector effective February 4th. Howard said he accepted a position with a Beaumont company for what he called a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" and that the job will require him to move out of the area for a period of time. He is the first Republican to be elected to a county-wide office in Jefferson County in more than a century. Howard served as Tax Assessor-

Collector for a little more than three years; his term isn't scheduled to expire until the end of 2016 so County Commissioners will have to appoint someone to fill his unexpired term.

Terry Wuenschel has been appointed to replace Shane Howard as interim Jefferson County Tax Assessor-Collector. A new Tax A/C will be selected in the November general election. Welcome Terry and best of luck to you!

Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collector, Bruce Stidham, recently named two staff members as Employees of the Year. Wanda Stanglin, Finance Director, was acknowledged as "Grayson County Tax Office Employee of the Year" and April Kemp, who works in the Whitesboro office, was awarded "Grayson County Motor Vehicle Office Employee of the Year". These awards were handed out during their Christmas luncheon on Dec. 12, 2013. "All of our employees do an outstanding job but we thought it was time to publically acknowledge a job well done!" said Stidham.

Christie Latham was appointed Stephens County Tax Assessor-Collector on January 1, 2014. She will fill the unexpired term of long time office holder Terry Sullivan who resigned to take the position of Stephens County Chief Appraiser. Congratulations Christie!

Former Chief Deputy, Becky Robles, has been picked to fill the interim vacancy in the office of Tax Assessor-Collector for Tom Green County. Welcome to Becky!

Bruce Stidham, Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collector, recently reported that he was very fortunate that, in his first year in office, the Grayson County Commissioners gave him the go-ahead to remodel both his tax and motor vehicle offices located in the courthouse in Sherman. They began remodeling in late October and the project was a 2-week process. The tax office was the first to undergo the change; Bruce reported that they closed the office on a Thursday and Friday with crews also working over the weekend and were able to re-open the following Tuesday morning. Even though they notified the public that the Sherman office would be closed, they were still able to help those customers who came

in. The Chief Deputy, Erin Miller, used Bruce's office (which has an entrance in the hallway) to help those customers who came by anyway. The following Thursday and Friday, Bruce closed the motor vehicle office, after a field rep from TxDMV came in on Wednesday afternoon to shut down and disconnect the RTS system. Remodeling the motor vehicle office lasted through the weekend and the first part of the following week but they were able to re-open on Wednesday morning. Stidham reported that they removed the stand-up counters along with the glass shield and borrowed the idea of having customers sit down and be eye level with the customer service representatives from Deborah Hunt in Williamson County. "This created a more welcoming and relaxing environment for not only the taxpayers, but also the employees who now have a newly remodeled office to work in; the response to the changes we've made have been very positive" he said.

Kathy A Foster, Chief Deputy-Motor Vehicle Dept., Bastrop County Tax Office, wants to let everyone know that we moved into our new office at 211 Jackson St, Bastrop Texas in February and are open for business in this new location. Our new office has a drive thru window and 2 drop boxes (one walk up and one in the drive thru) which gives our customers several options now. The week after we opened we will installed the new Nemo-Q queuing system and are very excited about that. Williamson and Hays counties have this system and we made this a very big priority in the new build. We want to invite everybody to come see our new office.

Donley County Tax Assessor, Linda Crump wishes to report that she hired, on January 6, 2014, a new Deputy Tax Assessor and her name is Tammy Wynette Overstreet. Please welcome her aboard.

Linda Bridge, Bee County Tax A/C, would like to give a shout out about her my two daughters. Her daughter, Sarah Morgan, recently graduated from the Corpus Christi Police Academy and, at the time of Linda's report, in the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. She is following in the footsteps of her father who retired from the CCPD as a Captain. Linda's baby, Kelly Bridge, graduated from

Angelo State University in December with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She majored in English and minored in Kinesiology. She plans to be a high school teacher and coach. Congrats to these two young ladies and to Mom, Linda! Good job!

Rhonda Shaw, Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector, resigned in March of

this year. Rhonda announced that she would still hold the position of Crockett County Chief Appraiser. Via a list serve email, Rhonda advised that even though we didn't hear from her much, she appreciated all of the advice and support she'd received through our emails and that it had been an honor to serve

with us. Rhonda also advised that the Crockett County Commissioners Court had appointed Michelle Martinez Medley to fill her unexpired term. Michelle was sworn in on the day Rhonda's resignation was effective, which was March 10th. Welcome into the fold, Michelle!



*Dallas County Tax Office Tour.....Pictured (Left to Right): Motor Vehicle Director, Jason Downing, TxDMV Deputy Director, Shelly Mellot, Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector, John R. Ames and TxDMV Executive Director, Whitney Brewster.*



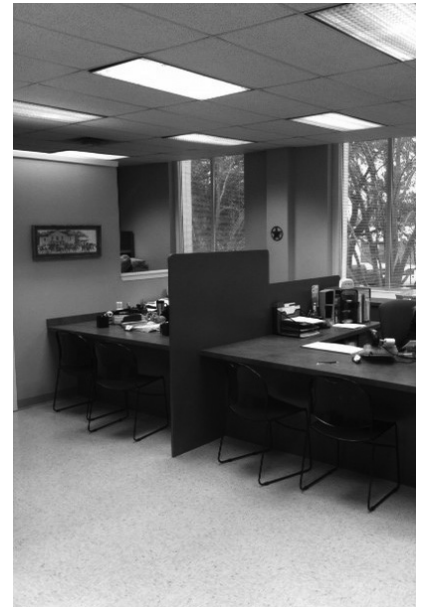
*Guess what day it is in Tarrant County.....You guessed it; it's HUMP DAY!*



*Grayson Cnty Tax Office Employees of the Year*



*Grayson Cnty Tax Office Before Remodel*



*Grayson Cnty Tax Office After Remodel*



# 2013 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year

## Diane Bolin, Kerr County Tax Assessor-Collector

The 2013 winner of the Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year Award is Mrs. Diane Bolin of Kerr County. The award was presented by Donna Atzenhoffer of Jackson County, who was the 2012 winner of this award, on behalf of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Association during the V.G. Young School for County Tax Assessor-Collector's in College Station, Texas in November.

The Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year award is presented to an individual who displays outstanding professionalism, conducts county business with high ethical standards, and continues his or her education to improve the operations of the tax office. Nominations for this award are submitted by other county tax assessor-collectors in the nominees region of the state and the scoring is done by the Awards Committee of TACA; the person scoring the most points regulated by a set of questions is chosen as the winner. Diane was proudly nominated by Loretta Holley, Tax Assessor-Collector of Atascosa County.

Diane has 29 1/2 years in the tax profession with 7 years as Kerr County Tax Assessor-Collector. As well as TACA, Diane is also a member of TAAO, TAAD, IAAO, TAEA, IACREOT, Election Center and TSAA. She is active in the San Antonio Region Chapter of TACA and serves as its Regional Coordinator. She is a CE provider for the San Antonio Region and has been instrumental in getting the regional meetings going again.

The duties performed in Diane's office are motor vehicle, voter registration, beer and liquor licenses/permits, and the collection of taxes for 98% of the taxing entities in Kerr County. She also conducts elections for not only the county, but all cities, 5 school districts, water districts and Emergency Services Districts. Diane also handled the recent redistricting in her office. She

holds training courses for dealers and bank loan officers on motor vehicle titling and VIT; she trains all volunteer deputy voter registrars, election judges and clerks and also collects the occupations tax.

Diane is very active in her community; she coordinated the Center Point Parade for five years, served as secretary of parents & teachers for two years. She has been a member of band boosters, cheerleading & dance team moms and worked with the Kerr County Fair Association. Diane is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a 13 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary of which she held several office positions. Diane feels that her best personal accomplishment is having raised her 3 daughters to be honest, hardworking, civic-minded adults and of course her four beautiful grandchildren!

In her nomination of Diane, Loretta Holley, Tax A/C of Atascosa County, stated that Diane saw the need of the San Antonio Region to hold meetings and stepped up to the plate and got the region back on track. Diane, with all her experience, is always well informed on topics relating to the tax office and has updated her office to keep up with our ever changing laws and requirements. She is a down to earth person and is always willing to help or serve on a committee. Not only does she think about her employees and taxpayers but she has been community-minded for years serving and volunteering whenever or wherever needed. Diane has been a very valuable source of information for new Tax Assessor-Collectors and is a great choice for the Tax Assessor-Collector of the year award.

From all of us at T.A.C.A., CONGRATULATIONS Diane; you are very deserving of this award and we thank you for your commitment and your service!!



*Tax A/C of the Year Nominees In Attendance at 2013 Conference: (Left to right) Valerie McAllister, Sherman County – Gay Green, Comanche County – Jeri Cox, Aransas County – Diane Bolin, Kerr County – Scott Porter, Johnson County and John Ames, Dallas County*



*2012 Award Recipient, Donna Atzenhoffer, and the 2013 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year, Diane Bolin.*



*2013 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year, Diane Bolin of Kerr County*



# 80th ANNUAL T.A.C.A. CONFERENCE



*President, Bobby "Cowboy" Biscamp, gettin' r done in Fort Worth. He REALLY IS COMMITTED folks...HOW 'BOUT YOU?*

We hope you are ready for some boot-scootin' fun in Fort Worth, the "City of Cowboys and Culture"! The Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel is a beautiful place for our conference right in the middle of Sundance Square. Sundance Square appears to be a great place to explore, which I was able to resist due to the frigid polar vortex air that welcomed me to Fort Worth! Ron Wright and his staff at the Tarrant County tax office, along with the Fort Worth/Dallas Regions, have all been hard at work making plans to extend us a warm welcome in June. This year our association has partnered with Texas Association of Counties to help us with conference and registration details and if you haven't registered for this conference, you need to do so as soon as possible because it is going to be great!

WELCOME TO ALL FIRST TIME CONFERENCE ATTENDEES! Come hear what will happen during our Fort Worth conference by attending a WELCOME SESSION on Sunday, June 8, 2014, 1:45 - 2:15 pm. You should make your plans to arrive early enough.

## ATTENTION NEW TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS!

You are considered a new Tax Assessor-Collector if you have not served a full term in office. There will be two different sessions offered **just for you** at our conference on Sunday, June 8.

2:15-3:00 p.m. WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE SINCE TAKING OFFICE? An opportunity to visit with your peers and get feed-back from our President, President-Elect and the Advisory Committee which consists of all active past presidents of our association.

OR

2:00-5:00 p.m. NEW COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR ORIENTATION - This orientation was offered in November, 2013 at College Station - V G Young's School for County Tax Assessor-Collectors. If you missed it, THIS is the option you should choose. If you plan on attending this session, please contact Ro'Vin Garrett ([roving@brazoria-county.com](mailto:roving@brazoria-county.com)) ASAP and let her know so instructor will know how many to prepare for.

**TACA Shirt Day** will be COWTOWN STYLE! We had a lot of fun with Fab Fifties and I can't wait to see MORE participants for Cowtown Style. You will all be set to welcome the Trail Boss for the Fort Worth Herd who will be at our conference to let us know "How the Lead Steer Earned his Bell". Then we will "Head 'em up & Move em-out" for our TAC photo shoot and maybe even some two-steppin'!

**Reminder** - We ask that **each county** bring one (1) door prize to be given away during the conference.

We're looking forward to seeing y'all in Fort Worth.... be thinking about taking a challenge from your "Prez" and take a turn on this same ol' big, rowdy bull!!

## 2014 FORT WORTH CONFERENCE AGENDA:

### Saturday, June 7, 2014

4:00 p.m. TACA Board Meeting  
7:45 p.m. TACA Board Dinner

### Sunday, June 8, 2014

8:00 a.m. 7th Annual Bill Shanklin Memorial Golf Tournament  
The Golf Club at Fossil Creek  
12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Program Committee Meeting  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set-Up  
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Welcome to our New Tax Assessor-Collector And First Time Conference Attendees –Information about our TACA Conference  
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. What Questions Do You Have Since Taking Office?  
New\* Tax Assessor-Collectors meet with TACA's Advisory Committee, President & President-Elect  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. New\* Tax Assessor-Collector Orientation Class  
**\*You are a NEW Tax Assessor-Collector if you have not Served a full term. The Orientation Class is the same class offered in November at College Station. If you missed it, THIS is the option you should choose.**  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Devotional Service for all Attendees  
4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Awards Committee Meeting  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. TX DMV-VTR Liaison Committee Meeting  
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Election Committee Meeting  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. President's Reception for all Attendees  
Rooftop Terrace – Worthington Renaissance Hotel  
8:00 p.m. Table Game Night for all Attendees  
Join us for Dominoes, Card Games, etc.

### Monday, June 9, 2014

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast for all Attendees  
7:30 – 3:00 p.m. Registration & TACA Store  
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Education Committee Meeting  
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. By-Laws Committee Meeting  
8:00 – 3:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open – Visit Exhibitors  
8:45 – 9:45 a.m. Opening General Session

9:45 – 10:10 a.m. Visit Exhibitors  
10:17 – 11:45 a.m. General Session – Committed to be the B.E.S.T.  
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon  
1:45 – 2:45 p.m. TX DMV-VTR Update  
2:50 – 3:30 p.m. Adjourn & VISIT EXHIBITORS  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Public Information Committee Meeting  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Technology Committee Meeting  
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Site Committee Meeting  
**FREE EVENING**

### Tuesday, June 10, 2014

**ALL ATTENDEES – WEAR YOUR TACA SHIRT OR OTHER ATTIRE – “COWTOWN STYLE”!!**  
7:15 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast for all Attendees  
7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Legislative Committee Meeting  
8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Historical Committee Meeting  
8:00 – 2:30 p.m. Registration & TACA Store  
8:00 – 2:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open – Visit Exhibitors  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. General Session – TX DMV-VTR Panel Discussion on Reports  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. General Session – Panel Discussion Strengthening Dealership Relations  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Visit Exhibitors  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m. General Session – How the Lead Steer Earned His Bell  
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Memorial Luncheon & Distinguished Service Award  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. TX DMV-VTR Round Table Discussions  
3:00 p.m. Buses Load for trip to Stockyard District  
4:00 p.m. The Fort Worth Herd Longhorn Cattle Drive  
4:20 p.m. Photo Shoot for Tax Assessor-Collectors  
Inside Billy Bob's at the Bull Riding Arena  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards, Museums & Shops  
6:00 p.m. Entertainment at Billy Bob's  
6:45 Heavy Hors d'oeuvres at Billy Bob's  
7:45 – 9:30 p.m. Buses Back to Hotel

### Wednesday, June 11, 2014

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast for all Attendees  
7:45 – 8:45 a.m. Early Bird Workshop – Efficiency & Electronic Payments  
8:00 – 1:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast for TACA Past Presidents

8:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Registration & TACA Store	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Banquet for all Attendees and
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	General Session for everyone NOT a Tax Assessor-Collector – The Face of Customer Service – Written Messages	8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Installation of Officers Bingo Game Night for all Attendees
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	TACA Business Meeting – ONLY for Tax Assessor-Collectors	9:00 – Midnight	Dance for all Attendees
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Visit Exhibitors	<b><u>Thursday, June 12, 2014</u></b>	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	General Session for everyone NOT a Tax Assessor-Collector – From Excellent to Outstanding,	7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast for all Attendees
Details Make the Difference		8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	TACA Board Meeting & Breakfast for 2014-2015 Board Members
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	TACA Business Meeting Continues – ONLY for Tax Assessor-Collectors	8:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Registration – Turn in CE Forms
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Last Chance to Visit Exhibitors	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Property Tax Round Table Discussions
12:00 – 1:30	Luncheon – Come find out how our committees work for our Association	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Refreshment Break
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.		10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	General Session – Flight of the Bumble Bee: From Bright Idea to Black Letter Law
&		11:30	Adjourn
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Concurrent – Repeating Workshops	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Leadership Essentials Extended Program for Additional Education Opportunity – NO EXTRA CHARGE, BUT PRE- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED – Meets the TACA Professional Designation Certification Program’s Advanced Leadership Requirement
	1. TACA Education & Professional Designations – SB 546		
	2. The Nuts & Bolts of Motor Vehicle Inventory Tax – Code Sect. 23.12		
	3. Voter Registrar & Elections		
	4. Ethics for County Tax Assessor- Collectors, Part I the first hour and Part II the second hour – BOTH SESSIONS REQUIRED FOR CREDIT		

**SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING CONFERENCE:**

**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

TACA Board Meeting 4:00 PM

**Sunday, June 8, 2014**

Program Committee 12:45 - 1:45  
DMV Liaison Committee 4:00 - 5:30  
Awards Committee 4:00 - 4:30  
Election Committee 4:30 - 5:00

**Monday, June 9, 2014**

Education Committee 7:30 - 8:30  
By-Laws Committee 7:30 - 8:30  
Public Information Committee 3:30 - 4:30  
Technology Committee 3:30 - 4:30  
Site Committee 3:30 - 5:30

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

Legislative Committee 7:30 - 8:30  
Historical Committee 8:00 - 8:30

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

Advisory Committee &  
Past Presidents’ Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00  
TACA Business Meeting 9:00 - 11:45

**Thursday, June 12, 2014**

New Board Meeting & Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00

**NOTE: These committees and the work they do are a VERY IMPORTANT part of our association so if you are a committee member, or if you want to be on one, or more, of these committees, please show up at the meeting(s) if at all possible.**

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	Honorary Member (invitation only)	\$0

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