

TACO Officers & Directors

Regional Directors

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Lubbock RV Park,
Lubbock, TX

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Grand Prairie, TX

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REGION 6

OPEN

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Paradise, TX

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Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™
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Diana LeBlanc
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Houston, TX

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO

Brian Schaeffer
TACO Office
Crowley, TX

Your TACO Board

IN ACTION

- Your TACO board met on October 30, 2018 in Austin to review the year end financials and get updated on various association matters. Here are the highlights from that meeting.
- Your association is in excellent financial health. The fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The year end balance sheet had Total Assets matching Total Liabilities & Equity at \$391,184. The final profit & loss statement for the year showed that income was exceeded by \$61,186 while expenses also ran ahead by \$42,788. Net profit of nearly \$20,000 went into retained earnings, which is very good for a non-profit organization that rolls funds back into promoting and protecting its members.
- The board approved the installation of an upgraded copier and finisher to be able to produce more marketing pieces / mailings in-house thus offsetting much of the cost of the equipment with project savings.
- The executive director updated the board on a new inspection fee program in San Antonio that involves a per site fee of \$35 a year whether you are actually inspected or not. This arose out of the city's attempt to regulate old dysfunctional mobile home parks. TACO and its members argued against including RV parks in this ordinance but ultimately RV parks became part of the statute. The board agreed that our legal counsel should look further into this for options to remove RV parks from the fees.
- A report from our legislative consultant, Ron Hinkle, highlighted TACO's ongoing relationship with the Texas Travel Industry Association. Specifically, a number of key meetings were held around the state with tourism leaders, members of the business communities and Texas legislators to let them know about our priorities for the upcoming legislative session. TACO was represented at these meetings. (See *Ron's Report on page 10.*) Items discussed with the TACO board included the upcoming TTIA Unity Dinner & Converge on the Capitol; what is likely to happen in the upcoming elections and beyond; deterioration of the later school start date; and the difficulty some parks are having re water billing schemes which may need to be fixed in the next legislative session or via specialty attorneys and the Public Utilities Commission.
- TACO's legal representatives gave a report including a pending status on a request from the Attorney General's office about RV park guests being licensees versus tenants regarding evictions. The report is due any time. (See *page 5.*) A standard eviction packet has been developed and is available on the TACO members website for those local authorities who refuse to recognize the transient guest laws on the books. The legal team was asked to further explore the legal ramifications of the San Antonio annual inspection fee program. A discussion was had as to whether a statewide RV park annual permit would trump many of these unfair and exorbitant fees that are starting to pop up.
- Conversation was had about the 2019 TACO Spring Meeting & Trade Show. The members enjoy an outside speaker / entertainer to kick off the event. We will be back at the Lake Conroe KOA as attendance and trade show vendor numbers were both up. Some conversation was had about enhancing the TACO auction as it is the biggest fundraiser to offset legal and legislative costs.
- The executive director and the board are working on updating the TACO bylaws to reflect current and future operations. They hope to have this completed for membership review and voting at the 2019 Spring Meeting.
- The 2018 ARVC convention is November 6-9 in Oklahoma City. It was unclear if any TACO board members will be attending. The executive staff will attend educational meetings held by state executives from around the country.
- The board will meet on February 20, 2019 to review the first quarter budget results and all the goings on of the association plus attend the TTIA Unity Dinner and subsequent visitations to legislators offices.



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