



# Texas Chief Deputies Association

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Board of Directors Meeting  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Ellis County Sheriff's Office  
Waxahachie, Texas

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM by Association President Charles Sullins. Present at the meeting were President Sullins, Emmet Benavidez, Bobby Garmon, Ed Krevit, David Warren, Cheryl Martin, and Mel Gideon. Also present from the Texas Association of Counties were Carmella Smith and Jan Halverson. Mel Gideon presented the invocation.

In matters of new business, Charles Sullins made the motion to rename the "President's Award" which is presented to the outgoing Association President at each annual conference, to the "Mel Gideon President's Award". Chief Sullins stated this had been heavily discussed outside of the business meeting at the 2005 Conference and he wished to recognize Chief Gideon for his many years of work within the association and for the example he has set and continues to demonstrate to all the chief deputies of The State of Texas. Chief Bobby Garmon seconded the motion and it carried without dissent.

Chief Sullins distributed a copy of an email he received from C.G. Norvell, Chief Deputy of the Ft. Bend Constable's Office in Sugarland, Texas. The email was a request for the TCDA's support of some legislation. Chief Thurman advised he felt this would not be in line with the basic mission of the TCDA and that the association should not endorse or lobby against legislation. All those present agreed and no action was taken and no motion was made.

President Sullins suggested changes be made in the scholarship selection process to show a preference for applicants who are the children of Chief Deputies. There was discussion on the topic and it was decided to pass this along to the Scholarship Selection Committee for possible changes in the selection process. It was also discussed that two separate scholarship applications should be formulated instead of using the same one for the employee scholarship and the children's scholarship. This information will also be passed along to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Chief Cheryl Martin. Chief Martin supplied the board with written reports from the 2005 Conference. The reports reflected a net profit after scholarships of \$ 2,467.33. Total scholarships awarded

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was \$ 3,750.00. The treasurer's report was accepted by the board following a motion from Bobby Garmon and a second by Ed Krevit.

Jan Halverson of T.A.C. supplied the board with the proposed contracts for the 2006 and 2007 conference with Inn of the Hills. The numbers in those documents were consistent with the 2005 conference with only a few differences.

The meeting was adjourned at that time.