



Spring Greetings From The Texas Municipal Courts Association President

Good morning. I would like to inform you of some highlights from the TMCA Board of Directors' last meeting.

1) The Board having authorized me to negotiate a contract with our governmental relations expert/ lobbyist, Deanna L. Kuykendall, I reported back that an agreement was reached regarding contract terms. I am happy to announce that the Board approved the contract terms. Deanna and I signed the contract on February 22nd.

2) I am also very pleased to announce that our TMCA coordinator, Shona Bohon, who provides all kinds of administrative support in various ways too numerous to name, has also agreed to contract terms for continued employment with TMCA. She and I signed a contract approved by the Executive Committee. We are all very grateful to Shona for everything she does!

3) I am thrilled to announce that the Board approved the establishment of a Texas Municipal Courts Foundation! This concept has been discussed off and on for many years and it has finally come to pass. I want to express my appreciation to each member of the Board for their attention, input and diligence on this item. I especially want to thank Judge Kathleen Person from Temple, Judge Julie Escalante from Baytown and Judge Brian Holman from Lewisville (all former TMCA Presidents) for serving in a work group with me to prepare a presentation to the Board for its consideration. Their advice and suggestions were invaluable.

4) The Board authorized me to negotiate with a law firm to file the necessary paperwork to establish the Foundation and an attorney has been retained for that purpose. I am delighted that the Honorable Joe Pirtle, the Honorable Ninfa Mares, the Honorable Donna Starkey, Ms. Landra Solansky and Ms. Rebecca Stark have all agreed to be charter members of the Foundation's board of directors. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding the Foundation ...

5) One benefit of being a TMCA member is that you can vote for candidates for various board positions or even run for one yourself! Petitions are due by the end of March and ballots will be sent by May 1. More election information can be found at <http://www.txmca.com/about/board-elections/>.

6) In an effort to make Board meetings accessible to TMCA members, I proposed conducting a board meeting outside of Austin. Our next TMCA Board meeting will be Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 1:30 at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West in Dallas. All members are welcome to attend and to address the Board during the speakers' section of the agenda.

I want to thank all of the Board members for their time and commitment to TMCA. I also want to thank you - the Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) member. None of this would be possible without you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Michael Acuña, President,
Texas Municipal Courts Association