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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING August 27, 2022



Fall Seminar

Saturday, August 27, 2022
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

TTU School of Law—Room 202
3311 18th Street, Lubbock, Texas

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President's Message

Sylvia Juarez
2021-2022 President

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Members –

As I sit here thinking about this past year as I started my term as President, I saw the beautiful colors as the picture above, but also the winding trail, wondering how or where it would end. Well wonder no more, as this is my final message as your President. I want to thank you all for making it a successful year. My officers were a tremendous help and you as members attending our CLE meetings, seminars, and other events make me smile.

We had a great year by putting on two seminars, recognizing a Paralegal of the Year, making changes and awarding a scholarship to an SPC student, and attending social events. Know that this organization is a great one, but it takes your involvement to make it happen! I hope you will consider running for an office, as this will help you learn more about what we stand for and you will see the reward for yourself. You know what your talents are and we are always here to help. We will never leave you standing alone. I encourage you to invite your co-workers to join and become members.

As we continue to learn how to live with a pandemic, but also care for each other to make this a better world. Be kind, as you never know what the other person is facing.

Our next event will be the recognition of Paralegal of the Year and I hope you will submit a nomination to a deserving candidate, it could even be you! The new coming year also means we will be in existence 40 years! Not Over the Hill, but getting better.

With sincere appreciation, I remain very truly yours,

Sylvia Juarez

First Vice-President's Report

Elma Moreno

West Texas Paralegal Association Executive Committee is always looking forward to our Fall seminar! We invite you to come and join us on Saturday, August 27th, beginning with registration, coffee and morning pastries, at 8:30 a.m. at Texas Tech University School of Law, 3311 18th Street, Room 202. We have a great line-up of speakers as you can see from the flyer included in this edition. Where else can you find 3 hours of CLE for a very low price? Two (2) hours of substantive CLE and one (1) hour of legal ethics have been approved by NALA (National Association of Legal Assistants). Take advantage of early registration fees and send in your registration form and fees on or before August 25th. We will have door prizes throughout the seminar so don't miss out!

Please make plans to attend seminar and stay for a very short membership meeting afterwards. We will have officer elections and installation of new officers as well! If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (806) 834-8793 or email elma.moreno@ttu.edu.

ELECTIONS

The following persons have accepted their nomination:

Pres Elect – Bill Crist

Treasurer - Renee Hucks

Secretary - Ella Reyna

1st VP (Education) - Sylvia Juarez

2nd VP (Membership) - Alisha Zamora

Nominations can also be made from the floor.

**Elections are scheduled to be conducted at
following the Fall Seminar.**

Jolinda Westerberg, MPA, CP is the incoming President.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2021-2022

Ella Reyna

Alisha Zamora

Bill Crist



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Agenda



8:30 Registration

Coffee, Juice, and Pastries

9:00 Ethics for Paralegals

John C. Grace

Assistant City Attorney

10:00 Juvenile Law

Professor Patrick S. Metze

Director of Criminal Clinics—TTU School of Law

11:00 Domestic Violence in Family Law

William Wells

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock

MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOLLOWING SEMINAR—OFFICER ELECTIONS

AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS!

DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES! DOOR PRIZES!



Fall Seminar

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return form and fees on or before August 25, 2022



Mail to: West Texas Paralegal Association
P. O. Box 93103
Lubbock, Texas 79493-3103

Pending approval from NALA for 3.0 CLE

REGISTRATION FEES: __Members \$20 __Non-Members: \$25 __Students: \$10
Fees increase by \$5 if paying at the door!!

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

For more information, please contact Elma Moreno

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MUSINGS & PONDERINGS

By: Renee Hucks

I have quite a few elderly clients. I love them dearly and my heart goes out to them. But so often what they really need, more than anything else, is just a friendly ear to listen to them and share a story or two. As they age, their children and grandchildren understandably get busy with their own lives and all too often our elderly are just forgotten. They sit and wait, hoping someone will call them or drop by. As their mobility decreases, and their friends age and die, they are just left with fewer and fewer personal connections.

But they tell the best stories! And their faces just light up with joy while telling those stories. And I love seeing the joy on their face and I love being the one who gets to hear these joyous stories.

So, take just a few extra minutes the next time you speak with an elderly person. It may brighten both your days!



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2022**

**Get yours in today!
Need the form?**

<https://westtexasparalegalassociation.org/membership>

Minutes of
West Texas Paralegal Association
Fifth Bi-Monthly Membership Meeting
2021-2022 Fiscal Year
July 13, 2022

President Sylvia Juarez called the Fifth Bi-Monthly Membership Meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with each attendee at their own location, Lubbock Texas. Members in attendance: Sylvia Juarez, Jolinda Westerberg, Renee Hucks, Elma Moreno, Bill Crist and Rhonda Rogers. Guests present were Nancy Mojica and Lori Obando both from TTU School of Law and Erika Zapata, a SPC student. A quorum was present.

Consent Agenda Items Presented:

1. Minutes of May 4, 2022, membership meeting
2. Treasurer Reports for May 2022 and June 2022

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda, so the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Discussion Items/Action Items:

1. Correspondence –None.
2. NALA Mid-Year report was prepared and mailed. Report was distributed prior to the meeting for review.
3. Rhonda will attend the NALA 2022 Conference & Expo virtually from July 14-16, 2022. It was also being offered in person in Phoenix, Arizona.
4. Sylvia offered a few suggestions for our next WTPA/LLPA social. Email Sylvia with dates available or any other suggestions.
5. Sylvia announced the name of the WTPA Scholarship recipient who was in attendance. Erika Zapata said a few words and expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the award. She currently works full-time and attends South Plains College. She is also currently doing an internship.
6. Elma provided an update on the Fall seminar which will be held on Saturday, August 27th in Room 202 at the Tech Law. Samantha Estrello has agreed to finish her presentation from the Spring seminar and is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Elma has contacted Kim Hayes with SPC with regard to presenting on an ethics topic but has not heard back from her. Sylvia suggested Judge Parrish if she does not hear back from her. Elma will work on lining up one more speaker.
7. Sylvia will follow-up with Madison Coffin (prior year recipient) on Paralegal Day event and process for obtaining nominations for Paralegal of the Year.

8. Fall Seminar will take place of the September annual meeting. Discussion was had and the slate of officer nominations will be presented at that time to the membership, followed by elections, and swearing in. Jolinda volunteered to solicit nominations for officer positions.
9. Lexicon – Sylvia did not get a deadline for submission of articles, reports, etc. from Lola Smith-Gentry but will find out and advise membership of same.
10. Any other reports:

Elma mentioned that audit committee would need to be appointed during this meeting which would consist of immediate past treasurer, President-Elect, and one more member. Therefore, Sylvia appointed Elma and Jolinda and asked for volunteers to serve as third member. Rhonda Rogers and Bill Crist both volunteered.

New Business:

1. Next EC Meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. via zoom. Link will be provided to EC members.
2. Next Membership Meeting will follow the Fall Seminar on August 27th at TTU School of Law, Room 202 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.
3. No other business came before the membership.

There being no further business, President Sylvia Juarez adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Elma Moreno
Acting Secretary

Thereafter, Speaker, attorney Gilda McDowell on “Pros and Cons” of Immigration Reform which was approved for 1 hour of CLE by NALA.



State Bar of Texas
Paralegal Division



September 28-30, 2022

Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel, Fort Worth, TX

To reserve a guest room, either **CALL the hotel directly (817) 806-3757** and mention **TAPS 2022 Paralegal Division** to get the blocked rate.

To book online go to: [TAPS 2022-Sheraton](#).

Guest room rate is \$135.00 for single/double.

Reservation deadline for hotel rooms is September 12, 2022.

Negotiated daily parking rate – \$30 per night and \$20 daily.

JOIN US FOR THREE DAYS OF CLE, NETWORKING AND ENTERTAINMENT!

- ◆ NETWORK WITH PARALEGALS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ◆
- ◆ EARN UP TO 13 HOURS OF CLE ◆
- ◆ EXPERIENCE CAREER ADVANCEMENT THROUGH EDUCATION ◆
- ◆ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ◆
- ◆ VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL AND MEET TOP VENDORS IN THE LEGAL FIELD ◆
- ◆ WEDNESDAY WELCOME SOCIAL, THURSDAY NETWORKING SOCIAL, AND FRIDAY ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON ◆

[SEE OUR SPEAKER LINE UP](#)

THE SPEAKER LINE UP IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

FULL REGISTRATION — PRICE INCLUDES THREE DAYS OF CLE, SPEAKER MATERIALS (via conference App), SOCIALS, AND THE FRIDAY ATTENDEES' LUNCHEON.

AS AN ATTENDEE YOU CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION DURING THE THREE DAYS OF THE SEMINAR, YOU PICK AND CHOOSE THE SESSIONS YOU WANT TO ATTEND.

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION — PRICE INCLUDES ONE DAY OF CLE AND SEMINAR MATERIALS (SOCIALS AND FRIDAY LUNCHEON AT AN ADDITIONAL PRICE).

AS A ONE-DAY ATTENDEE, YOU CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION YOU CHOOSE DURING THE DAY YOU REGISTER TO ATTEND.

[Register Online](#) Online Registration will end on September 19, 2022

SUSTAINING MEMBERS!!!

Any attorney, law firm, business, corporation, school or educator who supports the paralegal profession and the goals, objectives, and programs of this Association may become a sustaining Member of the Association upon approval by the Membership Committee.



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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 27, 2022

BOARD MEETING

October 5, 2022

Zoom at Noon