

Leadership Team Times

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Get Ready for SLI Next Month!

SLI is right around the corner—June 13–15 in San Antonio, and June 20–22 in Fort Worth. Online preregistration will be open until May 24 for San Antonio and June 1 for Fort Worth. Otherwise, onsite registration will be available at both locations.

SLI has a lot to offer this year, with strands of sessions focusing on building district culture, best governance practices, mental health support, safety and security, and more! Each of this year's general session speakers has a unique and inspiring story that will surely move you. We will hear from TV host, producer, author, and kindness ambassador Leon Logothetis, bestselling author Wes Moore, and Dr. Natalie Stavas, a Boston marathoner who ran toward the explosions during the 2013 race to help the wounded. You won't want to miss it.

Visit tasb.org/sli for more information. See you in June!



Training, Events, & Reminders

TASB Online Learning Center (OLC) available 24/7 at onlinelearning.tasb.org, including these featured courses:

- Foundations of Board Policy
- Board Officers Forum: Directing Your Focus as a Board Officer

Summer Leadership Institute

June 13–15, San Antonio
June 20–22, Fort Worth

For more information, e-mail LTS@tasb.org or call **800.580.8272, ext. 2452**.

TASB Member Center Launched

TASB launched an online Member Center for school trustees on March 31. The new Member Center replaces the Especially for Board Members experience when trustees log in to the TASB website. The mobile-friendly site puts information and resources relevant to board service front and center.

The same applications and resources trustees have come to expect from TASB are still available, along with a dashboard of additional content aimed at making the work of school board members a little easier and more effective. Trustees can check out the Member Center at tasb.org/trustees and use their myTASB login to unlock their new dashboard now.

Leadership TASB Now Accepting Applications

Leadership TASB is a one-of-a-kind development program designed to take experienced board members to a new level of service and leadership by exposing them to a variety of issues, people, activities, and locations during a year-long program. Applications for the 2019–20 Leadership TASB class will be accepted May 1–July 1. Information about the application process and scholarship opportunities is available at tasb.org/leadershiptasb.

Did You Know?

Last year TASB gave scholarships to three doctoral students in Texas who are researching various aspects of school governance? One of the doctoral students is also currently serving as a board member in her district.



TASA | TASB Convention txEDCON19 – Registration & Housing Open June 18

Join us in Dallas September 20–22, 2019, for the largest convening of public education leaders in Texas! Don't forget to register for these special events in June:

- Field Trips
- Small School District Seminar
- New School Board Member Seminar
- Pre-Conference Workshops



Visit tasa.tasb.org for more information.

On the Road Again by Kay Douglas

Have you heard of the bestselling book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey? Just by reading the title, you can already guess what it is about, and one of the seven habits that I have been thinking about lately is “Sharpening the Saw.”

To illustrate this, Covey uses the analogy of a woodcutter who keeps using his saw and becomes less and less productive. The remedy for this is to stop sawing occasionally and actually sharpen the saw. One of the ways to accomplish this is to attend a conference to educate yourself and learn new skills. That is why TASB puts on so many conferences and trainings each year—to help our members sharpen their school board saws.

Perhaps you have asked yourself how we at Leadership Team Services sharpen our saws. Our five board development consultants are constantly seeking opportunities to learn

new things to teach you. This year alone, consultants have attended the School Law Conference in Austin, the XG Summit in Austin, the NSBA Equity and Advocacy conferences in Washington, DC, and the NSBA Annual conference in Philadelphia.

Perhaps the highlight of our year will be when we gather in Omaha, Nebraska, in June to learn with and from our counterparts in other states. Most states have consultants who work with school boards similarly to how we do in Texas, and it is a privilege to get together with them to learn what they are doing. Each time we do, we bring programs and sessions back, adapt them to our state, and share them with you. We firmly believe that iron sharpens iron and look forward to the opportunity to share new and relevant content with you online and in person. So remember to ask us, “What’s new?” when you see us next.

Timely Resources

These TASB resources may be especially useful this time of year:

- New board member resources (tasb.org/welcome)
- Board officer resources (LTS.tasb.org/officers)
- Board officer resources (LTS.tasb.org/officers)
- TASB Advocacy Agenda (tasb.org/legislative)
- Guide for school board candidates

Go to LTS.tasb.org for a complete list of resources.

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