

Leadership Team Times

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TASA/TASB Convention 2017

Registration and housing open June 19* for the TASA/TASB Convention scheduled for October 6–8 in Dallas. Newly elected trustees should consider signing up to attend the New School Board Member Seminar on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Trustees from school districts with 750 or less ADA are encouraged to participate in the ever popular Small School District Seminar, also on Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon. Find details at tasa.tasb.org or contact Jackie Spencer at jackie.spencer@tasb.org.

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Calling All Leaders

Applications for the 2017–18 Leadership TASB class will be accepted May 1 through July 1. Request an application at leadershiptasb@tasb.org or call **800.580.8272, extension 2452**. Scholarships for both tuition and travel may be requested on the application, so don't let fears of cost or economic uncertainty dissuade the emerging leader inside you. More details at LTS.tasb.org.



All New TASB Online Learning Center

We're excited to launch a redesigned Online Learning Center (OLC) this month. The new OLC will make earning online credit even more convenient. A single sign-on feature means that you will automatically have access to the OLC when you log in to myTASB. This means one less set of login credentials to worry about!

Whether you choose to access the OLC from a desktop or mobile device, you're going to notice a user-friendly interface that offers self-paced learning on a variety of topics. Expect new topics as our course catalog continues to grow. Be sure to check out the OLC demo table at SLI. Contact Lisa Carothers at lisa.carothers@tasb.org if you have questions or need assistance with the OLC.

Beware of Convention Housing Pirates

Funny name, but "housing pirates" are a real threat to you as you plan for the TASA/TASB Convention. You may be contacted by e-mail or phone with offers of cheap hotel reservations. Scammers may even tell you hotels are sold out or represent themselves as a Dallas hotel. This is room poaching! If you fall prey to their tricks, your credit card may be charged and you may not have a hotel room when you arrive in Dallas. Read more about the dangers of housing pirates on this page: <https://www.tasa.tasb.org/Housing-Travel/Housing-Warning.aspx>.

Board Officers' Academy Highlights from Two Districts

As part of the Board Officers' Academy (BOA) at the Summer Leadership Institutes (SLI) this month, Katy ISD and Weatherford ISD will present successful practices for

Training, Events, & Reminders

Summer Leadership Institute (SLI): June 15–17, San Antonio; June 22–24, Fort Worth (details at LTS.tasb.org)

TASA/TASB Convention: October 6–8, Dallas

TASB Talks: Check out the TASB Talks podcast at tasbtalks.org or subscribe on iTunes and SoundCloud for noncredit learning opportunities.

Did You Know?

You can find a number of free resources for new board members at LTS.tasb.org.

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board officers. At the San Antonio location, a Katy ISD representative will present Scripting Your Board Processes. The following week in Fort Worth, representatives from Weatherford ISD will present Taking Governance to the Next Level.

TASB Institute for School Trustee Development (TASB ISD) and BOA are part of foundations-level board development offered at SLI and other TASB conferences throughout the year. TASB ISD is designed for new trustees, while BOA is designed for first-year board officers. However, all board members are welcome to attend both.

Want to learn more or register? Go to LTS.tasb.org and click on the Events tab on the left-hand side of your screen. See you in San Antonio and Fort Worth!

On the Road Again

By Bill Rutherford, Senior Board Consultant

On the Road Again takes a different path this month and travels down the many roads taken by the 35 members of the Leadership TASB Class of 2017. As their year closes, let me share just a few of the highlights of their learning journey.

The first stop, in September, was the TASA/TASB Convention in Houston. Participants learned their class was composed of school board members from almost every regional service center area, representing school districts with a student enrollment that ranged from 161 to 290,000. How could such a diverse group make such a journey together? They quickly learned their common bond was the desire to make a difference for Texas schoolchildren. So off they went.

Next stop was San Antonio in November, with a trip to Uvalde ISD and Knippa ISD. At Uvalde they learned about the longest active civil rights desegregation case in US history and heard from many of the plaintiffs who as students in the early 1970s staged a walkout over injustices. The lesson learned was that public education for all students remains a struggle, and that struggle involves us all. At Knippa the lesson was how a district in decline can make a rebound by making tough choices and focusing on student achievement.

From there the road led LTASB to Austin in February—just in time to learn that making a difference involves advocacy. But the legislative process was not the only road they traveled. A visit to KIPP Austin gave them a personal glimpse of one of the state's largest charter school enterprises.

The Rio Grande Valley was the destination in April. The class visited Rio Hondo ISD, a district where the border almost defines the district boundaries. The class learned that exemplary public education is thriving in one of the state's few early college *districts*. Equally impressive was a visit to South Texas ISD, a unique magnet *district* overlaying three other school districts. There they visited one of the state's most successful International Baccalaureate high schools and a Med-Tech high school with internationally recognized partners and true state-of-the-art medical simulators.

Along their journey, the LTASB Class of 2017 made time to study each of the IX Titles of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). At the end of their travels, at SLI Fort Worth in June, the class will present findings from their research on ESSA.

The next roads they take will be on their own, but they each have 34 fellow travelers upon whom they can trust for advice as their personal learning journey begins.

Apply now for the LTASB Class of 2018 and chart new paths to leadership! Visit tasb.org/leadershipTASB for more details.

Timely Resources

These publications may be especially useful this time of year:

- Quick Tips for New Board Members
- Continuing Education Requirements for School Board Members

Go to LTS.tasb.org for a complete list of resources. Order these publications at store.tasb.org or call **800.580.8272, extension 1068**.

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