

# Treasury Notes

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## Letter from the CTAT President

Hello Fellow Treasurers,

I would like to let you all know that it is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your CTAT President. I assure you that the fun and excitement certainly outweighs the boring and the dull.

However, we have been initiating some new procedures for the Association. CTAT has a Legal General Counsel, the Honorable Bill Aleshire, J.D., former Travis County Judge, on contract that assists us with legal writing of the CTAT bills. Also, Judge Aleshire has worked with CTAT on re-writing and analyzing legislation that affects County Treasurers. There is so much legislation introduced that affects county government and our Lobbyist, James Clark, and the Task Force Chair, the Honorable Orlando Sanchez, and Co-Chair, the Honorable Dolores Ortega Carter have been monitoring this legislation. At the beginning of the Session, we were sending out bills to the Region and Sector Directors so that they in turn could disseminate this information in their regions. When the deadline passed to introduce bills, we continued to monitor the bills daily. CTAT has two bills that we have introduced: HB 3751-Relating to the use of certain letters of credit as related to the deposit and investment of public funds; and HB 3752-Relating to the administration of oaths by a county treasurer. Both of these bills are being carried by Representative Jessica Farrar (D) Houston. We will keep you all informed of the progress of these bills. Also, we are watching SB 581, which relates to procedures for securing the deposit of public funds. This bill has been the most work for us. It is carried by Senator John Carona, (R) Dallas. Essentially, the bill attempted to send the collateral receipt to anyone but the County Treasurer. This bill is pending in the House committee.

We are very happy to report that no one has filed a bill to abolish our offices—to date. Of course, it isn't over till Sine Dei on May 27<sup>th</sup>!

There is so much information to share that we initiated a procedure that does not tie up the list serve. We send information to the Region and Sector Directors. These Directors in turn send out the information to their Regions and Sectors. This procedure allows for communication in the Regions and Sectors and also, lets everyone know each other.

We have been trying to attend the TAC breakfasts to represent the Treasurers on Tuesday mornings. This has probably been the hardest chore. It's very hard for me to get up at 6:00 am for a breakfast at 7:30 am, but just four more to go!

Let me say "thank you" to all of you...for your support, prayers, assistance, comments and criticisms. The time is going by fast and I am grateful to you all for this great honor. I hope to see you all in Austin for our Spring Seminar. The Education Committee has worked diligently to provide an exciting and educational curriculum.

Warmest Regards,

Dolores Ortega Carter

Travis County Treasurer

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Congratulations to Delores Ortega Carter, Travis County Treasurer on her new position as the CTAT President. We support you and we are behind you! For those of you who may not know, CTAT has a wonderful Resource Guide on the CTAT website <a href="www.ctatx.org">www.ctatx.org</a>. It has a lot of useful information on it such as Statutes Governing County Treasurers, Human Resources for counties that the Treasurers handle Human Resources, Legislative Updates, Depository Contracts, and the CTAT By-Laws. I encourage all the treasurers to check out this Resource Guide.



#### 2012 OUTSTANDING TREASURER

Michelle Tuttle, Hays County Treasurer, was awarded the 2012 "Texas Outstanding County Treasurer" at the CTAT annual conference in San Marcos. Michelle has been with the Hays County Treasurer's office since 1981, and was elected as County Treasurer in 1995. Michele has served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-President, and President for Region 7. She is currently serving CTAT on the Legislative Committee, Task Force Committee, Auditing Committee, TOCTA Committee, and as CTAT Historian. And has previously served as Region 7 Director, Sector Director 2, and has been the CTAT "Newsletter" editor from 1995-2011. CONGRATULATIONS Michelle!!









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Texas Association of Counties www.county.org

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Local Government Code www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes

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Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov

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Jim Thorp Parker County Treasurer

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## Texas Association of Counties 41<sup>st</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Seminar

May 13 - 16, 2013Sheraton Austin at the Capitol

#### Monday, May 13, 2013

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration Opens

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Legislative Committee Meeting

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Fundraising Committee Meeting

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. CTAT Board Meeting

#### **Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Opens

7:00 – 8 a.m. Morning Coffee and Continental Breakfast

#### **Opening General Session**

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Call to Order, Welcome, Announcements

8:20 – 10:00 a.m. Lessons in Leadership

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Refreshment Break with the Exhibitors

10:20 – 11:10 a.m. HR Hot Topics

11:10 – 12 p.m. Open Records Requests

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break (On your own)

#### **General Session**

1:00 – 2:40 p.m. \$\$\$ The Revolution of the PFIA and Changes Made During the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session

2:40 – 3:10 p.m. Refreshment Break with the Exhibitors

3:10 – 4:00 p.m. What's Happening with Your Retirement?

#### **Breakout Sessions**

4:00 – 4:50 p.m. What Software Company is Being Used in the Treasurers' Office?

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception and Silent Auction

#### Wednesday, May 15, 2013

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Morning Coffee and Continental Breakfast

#### **General Session**

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. \$\$\$ Depository Contracts

8:50 – 10:30 a.m. Roundtable Discussions by Population

10:30 – 11:40 a.m. Region Meetings

11:40 – 12:40 p.m. CTAT Treasurer of the Year Nominees & Scholarship Recipient Announcements & Luncheon











#### **General Session**

12:40 – 1:10 p.m. Networking Break

1:10 – 2:00 p.m. \$\$\$ Paving the Way to Economic Recovery

2:00 – 2:50 p.m. Unclaimed Property

2:50 – 3:20 p.m. Refreshment Break with the Exhibitors

3:20 – 4:10 p.m. Tax Forms Required by Treasurers

3:20 – 4:10 p.m. FLSA Myths – 10 Things You Might Not Know

#### **Thursday, May 16, 2013**

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration and Information Desk

7 – 8 a.m. Morning Coffee and Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 9:40 a.m. \$\$\$ Let's Discuss Your Core Duties and Investment Policies

9:40 – 10:30 a.m. Legislative Update

10:30 – 10:50 a.m. Refreshment Break

10:50 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Finding Vienna: Preventing Burnout and Becoming an Emotional Survivor

11:40 a.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Sessions marked with "\$\$\$" will apply as Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) training.

Application will be made for persons attending all sessions to receive twenty (20) hours of educational training.

Sponsored as a program of the Texas Association of Counties, in cooperation with the County Treasurers' Association of Texas.

This program is a draft and is subject to change.

# REMEMBER TO BRING SOMETHING WARM TO WEAR, AS SOME OF THE CLASSES CAN BE A LITTLE COOL!



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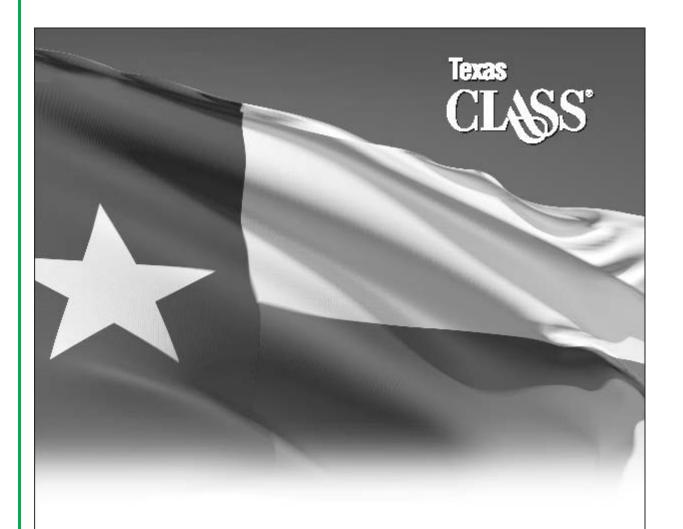












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Public Funds Investment Act, Houston
Public Funds Investment Act, Arlington
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Public Funds Investment Act, Arlington
TCDRS Annual Conference, Sheraton Austin at the Capitol
Public Funds Investment Act, Lubbock
Nacho's Annual Conference & Exposition, Sheraton at Fort Worth
Mid-Management Leadership Training, Austin
Public Funds Investment Act, San Antonio
Public Funds Investment Act, Arlington
TAC Pre-Legislative Conference, Austin
Public Funds Investment Act, Plano
65 <sup>th</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Conference, Beaumont

TAC – Texas Association of Counties <a href="www.county.org">www.county.org</a>

Public Funds Investment Act <a href="https://www.unt.edu/cpm/schedule.htm">www.unt.edu/cpm/schedule.htm</a>







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Conference Cancellation Deadline: August 26, 2013 minus \$50.00 cancellation fee

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## \*\*\* WE NEED ONE FORM PER PERSON ATTENDING (Spouse, Guest, Assistant etc) \*\*\*

	Monday Night - Casino Trip to L'Auberge Casino, Lake Charles,											, I	Ja	
		Tuesday Luncheon - Honoring President Dolores Ortega Carter & Texas Outstanding County Treasurer Nominees												
		Tuesday Evening - Gladys City w/ Dinner & Entertainment												
		Wednesday Luncheon - CTAT Business meeting w/lunch provided												
	Wednesday Night - Banquet & Installation of Officers													
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