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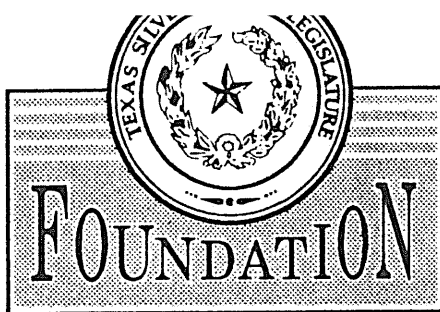


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Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Foundation

P. O. Box 90621
Austin, Texas 78709

January 18, 1998

TO: Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Foundation Members

FROM: Dan Roberts, President

SUBJECT: Teleconference - January 29, 1998 - 10:00 AM CST

There will be a phone conference on January 29, 1998-10:00 AM CST. The purpose of the call is to nominate a new member and elect officers for a two-year term. The term of office will begin this month.

The call will last approximately one hour. The call will be placed to your office number for those of you who work. Let Aliceanne Wallace know immediately if you will not be available or if you wish your call to another number.

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Minutes (copy attached)
- III. Treasurers Report
Approve reimbursement of teleconference to Aliceanne.
- IV. Unfinished Business
Financial Policy
- V. New Business
Approve a new member:
John Clemmons
State Legislation Manager
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
Austin, TX
- VI. Committee Reports
Nomination Committee for 1998 Officers
- VII. Set date for next meeting

MINUTES

TEXAS SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHWESTERN BELL AUDITORIUM
AUSTIN, TEXAS
MARCH 19, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Speaker Homer Lear who led us in the pledge of allegiance. Following the invocation by Jean McCloud, roll call was made and a quorum was declared..

We were asked to remember the following in our prayers: Jetta Roberts recently had surgery; Dr. Alice Stubbs will undergo surgery ; Ralph Teague as he continues to improve.

Visitors were recognized by the Speaker, and a letter was read from John Hawkins thanking us for the flowers sent in memory of his wife.

The minutes were approved as presented..

COMPTROLLER REPORT:

Mr. Greever indicated we had a balance of \$6,415.83. A more complete report is attached hereto. There was a motion by Gaston West and second to accept the report subject to an audit at the term end. Motion passed.

Comptroller says a problem has arisen in that the Communications Committee is short of money to complete the 7th TSHL budget cycle.. They have published more Silver Bulletins at a greater price. A motion was made to authorize an additional thousand dollars to publish two more copies of the Silver Bulletin. . Motion passed.

Mr. Greever attended the meeting of The TSHL Foundation . Last year there was a balance of \$169,000. In their account. Due to sales of the directory, they now have \$230,000.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Gaston West is moving forward with plans for the Orientation Session at Jester Hall. Parking will be a problem. The one and only, Mina Green, is to handle the room assignments again this year . You will be receiving more info on the session a little later.

Gaston mentioned the production of a photo album of TSHL members. A motion to cease publication of the album was made by Bill Sagstetter and seconded by Nikki Gatlin. After much discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed.. A motion and second were made to accept

Operations's report. Motion passed.

DIRECTORY REPORT

Due to Charlotte Parks' excellent handling of directory sales, she has been asked to chair the committee again. She accepted the challenge. It was suggested that the picture album be incorporated with the directory.

Jan Patterson, Chairman of the Aging Board, gave a most informative report on the Governor's Conference and the Department of Aging's idea of "Aging Texas Well."

Jan mentioned that they have been going through the Sunset process. One way we can help is to inform the Department of Aging concerns of the aging population.

Speaker Lear thanked Jan Patterson for her comments and had the following to say regarding the Sunset Commission.

Homer was asked by the Sunset Commission to address a series of many questions they submitted to him. He mentioned that he had responded and will elaborate on same because there has been some misinterpretation of his response.

As Speaker, he was asked to address a series of questions regarding the operations and relationship with TSHL and the six Texas departments. Those Departments being: The Department of Health, Center for Rural Health Initiatives, Texas Department on Human Services, Mental retardation, and the Texas Department on Aging. The Sunset Advisory Commission is charged with determining if any agency's functions continue to be needed. If those functions could be better performed by another agency and if the agency statute should be changed to improve its operations.

"I was not comfortable addressing this specific question. However, the following was included in my answer to the commission."

"My observations are restricted to TDOA. However, my specific comment applies to each agency. There is no mandated leadership from the legislature. This results in each agency at all levels protecting its own turf without direction, responsibility, and/or authority."

"Yes, there is duplication of effort among groups and consolidation is apparently the answer."

I am not putting my finger on TDOA or any of the agencies. I do feel very strongly that the Legislature has failed their responsibilities in not giving direction to these agencies.

COGS generally works independently throughout the state and through TDOA the agencies do the best job they can without authority from the Legislature.

That was my comment. I was not addressing consolidation, but do feel that the Legislature

should take on the responsibility of giving a little more authority to the agencies in directing what should be done within the various groups in the State of Texas.

With the above in mind, I do completely concur with the following motion made by Tom Perkins, " That the Executive Committee of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature vote to recommend to The Seventh TSHL that the Sunset Advisory Commission that The Texas Department of Aging should remain a separate Agency of State government, to be most effective as the primary resource on aging policy issues, and to administer the Older American Act, Texas General Revenue, and othe funding to serve older Texas." This motion was seconded, but after discusssion, the motion was amended to read: "That the Executive Committee of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature make a recommendation to the full body of 7th TSHL that we recomment to the Sunset Advisory Commission that The Texas Department on Aging should remain a separate Agency of the State government..."

There was a second to the motion. Motion passed.

The letter to the Sunset Advisory Commission from Himer Lear is atached.

.AAA TSHL ELECTION STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were given by each TSHL Election Committee regarding the upcoming election. There appears to be a lot of interesst in some areas but not much in others.

COMPUTER REPORT

Tom Perkins announced that we had fourteen more computers donated by the state. Not all of these are in good working condition..

There was a motion to request that each person who gets a computer in the future pay for his/her own printer. Second by Jim Cowgill.

Perkins also moved to donate the \$500.00 allocated to him as an oficer be used for computers. This suggestion was considered inappropriate by the Speaker.

Jim Cowgill reported that we have had a computer donated by Tom Perkins. He also reported on lap top computers. He says we all need to become more computer literate.

There were a lot of questions that came up about computers ie. Printers, warranties, who gets one etc. A motion was made to table the motion made and that the committee report back at our next meeting date June 19, 1998. Motion made by Glen Peterson and seconded. Motion passed.

Speaker Lear has had several letters about the Ombudsman program from TSHL members in nursing homes. This was suggested by Dorothy McDermott. No further discussion.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 1998

Meeting adjourned

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Jean McCloud
Jean McCloud, Secretary

APPROVED;

Homer Lear
Homer W. Lear, Speaker

;



The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature



HOMER LEAR

SPEAKER

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PHONE (210) 677-8136

March 28, 1998

Mr. Joey Longley
Sunset Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 13066
Austin, Texas 78711-3066

Dear Mr. Longley,

The Executive Committee of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature (TSHL) on March 19, 1998, moved and unanimously passed the following:

"That the members of the TSHL recommend to the Sunset Advisory Commission that the Texas Department on Aging (TDOA) remain a separate Agency in the State Government as the primary resource on aging policy issues to effectively administer the Older Americans Act, Texas General Revenue, and other funding to serve older Texans."

Respectively request the Sunset Advisory Commission give favorable consideration to the above motion.

Thank You

Homer W. Lear
Speaker

cc: Jan Patterson, Texas Board on Aging

Texas Silver Haired Legislative Foundation Board
Minutes of July 30, 1998 Meeting
UT Campus – Jester Hall, Austin, Texas

The TSHLF Board met in Austin, Texas with President Dan Roberts presiding.

Board members present: Dan Roberts, The Hon. Oris Greever, Judge Scott Bailey, Naomi Norton, Jim Davis, Virginia Fikes, Allen Grobe, Aliceanne Wallace. Excused absence: Ronnie Ault, Dr. Jack Burton, and Claude Andrews.

Guests present were: The Hon. Tom Perkins-Deputy Speaker Pro tem, Dolores Tonsignant-TSHL Secretary of Officers, Paula Johnson-TDOA, The Hon. Charlotte Parks-TSHL Directory, The Hon. W.G. (Gaston) West-Speaker, Gina Roberts, Eva Cloud and Nina Westfall with Hill Country RSVP attended the meeting in Ronnie Ault's absence.

Election of New Members: A motion was made by Aliceanne Wallace, seconded by Alan Grobe, to elect John Commander to a full term expiring 2001. Motion carried.

John Clemens was voted by acclamation as a new board member.

Review of Financials: Dan Roberts spoke with Frank Netherton who was absent and he said that the investments were doing just fine and that our position is still good. As soon as we appoint a new treasurer and get an updated financials we will mail them to everyone.

Election of Treasure: Dan asked the group to accept Virginia Fikes resignation as the treasurer of the foundation. Motion carried.

Jim Davis, seconded by Naomi Norton made a motion, to elect John Clemmons as the treasurer to a full term expiring 2001. Virginia agreed to help John as needed.

The ad sells and all money collected for the TSHL directory was discussed. It was noted that this was not on the agenda and will be put on the next meeting agenda.

Report from Silver Haired Legislature Comptroller: Hon. Oris R. Greever, Comptroller passed out handouts Source of Application showing monies we have received and expenditures we have made during this past Biennial up until we have come to Austin for orientation. Since this date we have received additional registrations for wives or members that are attending, so that money needs to be remitted back to the treasurer.

- Only addendum to this report is the additional registration fees that I need to remit to our treasurer and a few more expense checks.
- During the year I have been remitting any monies he has received from the directory and interest on the checking account.
- Last budget that ends in August is \$51,180.00
- The group has done well and been conservative and stayed within the budget.
- Two additional expenditures that was previously approved for Communications Committee which is a quarterly newsletter & \$1,500 to work on the computers that were donated.
- Proposed Biennial Budget for the upcoming biennium September 1, 1998-August 31, 2000 – we will probably have more expenses this coming biennium.

A motion was made by Jim Davis, seconded by Judge Scott Bailey to approve the 1998-2000 Biennial Budget. Motion carried.

Mr. Guest Speaker Hon. W. G. (Gaston) West visited with the group. He also introduced the new slate of officers that make up Texas Silver Haired Legislature. Dan Roberts welcomed the SHL's to current and future Foundation Board Meetings and hoped that they would attend stating that the Foundation Board was a result of the Silver Haired Legislature.

Computer upgrade information was discussed.

Consider Investments Policy: The investment policy is always on the agenda as on ongoing consideration for the board, we can take any action we please but we always put it back on the agenda for consideration. Our investments are going very well in a very conservative mode, very secure investments at this point. Dan suggested passing on action item regarding this policy until the investor could be present at the next board meeting. Approved and seconded.

Establish A Nominating Committee for Officers: The Chair asked Judge Bailey to head up the committee, Aliceanne Wallace and Naomi Norton would serve also.

Review Silver Haired Legislature Election Results: Alan Grobe gave an overview of the findings of the Silver Haired Elections in May. The consensus of the board was that the findings which included bylaws, filing fees, policies & procedures, failure to hold elections, should be dealt with by the Silver Haired Legislators themselves.

Discussion – Paula Johnson TDOA Liaison – Training Session: Paula Johnson gave a brief overview of the election procedures. She also reported on the contract for the orientation training costs, which included room rates and parking fees. The Operations Committee negotiated the parking fees and will try to get everyone to use double rooms to save costs. Estimated room and board of 125 person @ \$151.00 each equal \$19,000.00. The Chair recommends that TSHL Executive Committee talk to the Chairman of the House of Higher Education or Chancellor of UT to see if the Silver Haired Legislators can stay free or at least give us state rates which would cut the bill in half during the SHL Orientation Conference.

Motion was made by Aliceanne Wallace that a letter be written to the current officers of the Operations Committee commending for their diligence on a job well done. Motion carried.

Announcements: A motion was made by Aliceanne Wallace, seconded by Judge Scott Bailey, that Claude Andrews and Ronnie Ault, the members not present, have excused absences.

Next Meeting Date: A motion was made by Allen Grobe, seconded by Aliceanne Wallace, that the next meeting date be, Wednesday, October 7th, at the Southwestern Bell Building or TDOA Building at 11:00 a.m. John Clemmons will check on catering lunch in and confirm meeting room and let Ronnie Ault know before the board notices are due to be mailed out. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Ault
TSHL Secretary

Approved: _____

Texas Silver Haired Legislative Foundation Board
Minutes of October 7, 1998 Meeting
Southwestern Bell Telephone Building, Austin, Texas

The TSHLF Board met in Austin, Texas with President Dan Roberts presiding.

Board members present: Dan Roberts, Ronnie Ault, The Hon. Oris Greever, Judge Scott Bailey, Jim Davis, Allen Grobe, John Commander, John Clemmons. Excused absence: Naomi Norton, Dr. Jack Burton, Claude Andrews and Aliceanne Wallace.

Guest present were: Frank Netherton, A G Edwards Co.

Recognize and Welcome New Members – Thank John Clemmons for hosting the meeting and delightful lunch.

Nominating Committee Report: Chair/Pres. – Allen Grobe, Vice Chair – Naomi Norton, and Secretary – Ronnie Ault. (also to sign checks) Allen stated that even though he has Parkinson's, he has both good and bad days, but with the help of his wife he will get the job done and is honored to do so. Nomination from floor.....Motion Carried.....Allen Grobe – President, Naomi Norton – Vice Chair, Ronnie Ault – Secretary, Treasurer – Dan Roberts (temporary fill in)

Review of Financials: Dan brought up discussion on housekeeping items: Housekeeping Business Financial Investment Policy

Financial – Frank Netherton

\$ 31,481.00 – Money Market @ 4.94%

\$130,000.00 – CDS AAA Bonds 6.09% 1 ½ - 2 years

\$ 50,000.00 – 2 Mutual Funds

Original Agreement funds – 23.73% Equity Market Mutual Funds

10-15% - 5% Cash Lat Bond Portfolio

Judge Bailey thanked Frank for his dedication in guiding the Silver Haired Legislative Board in sound financial strategies that 40% of the foundation money in long term. Frank: assets are not designated as long term eg: Lump Sum to be left to grow "Corpus" fixed amount to leave alone and not mess with.

There was discussion on fixed amounts, cash, a percentage to give flexibility to Frank Netherton, Treasurer and President. Dan stated an eg: 25% to \$50,000.00 about designated (\$50,277.) current. Dan asked about an investment policy that the cash is a percentage of a fixed income as Money Market accounts. Frank replied the decision to make – what % equity & range, establish parameter on when to adjust fixed income verses cash. There was discussion on percentages verses fixed amount for cash. Frank, I'm looking for % - Identify X # dollars & not touch it. Dan eg: \$50,000.00 % Mutual Frank: This needs to be clarified in MOU Doc. Dan: the MOU earning were stipulating for 2.4 million. Spirit of MOU use only earnings for the expenses of the \$58,000.00 this year.

DEFINE EARNINGS: Dan Roberts to get Clarification – Separate handout - maybe ready for December 1st board meeting. (include Monies made by fundraising & monies in investment – watch terminology eg: interest)

Dan: Board give me latitude to get statement in minutes. Frank: SHLB needs to give me % for guidelines. Discussion on percentage and cash for guidelines. There was a motion made to use as guidelines:

45% mutual fund long term - +- 5%

55% mid term – triple AA Bonds

5% Cash – money market

Value will be adjusted quarterly. A motion was made by Jim Davis with a second by John Commander. Motion carried.

Charlotte Parks stated that the TSHL Directories will be published and available by January 15th 1999 and that they have \$9,000.00 in ads currently.

Frank stated a need to get signature cards updated. Dan Roberts and Ronnie Ault were put on the signature cards.

Dan: There was discussion with John Clemmons on conflict with Southwestern Bell Foundation Officer in being an officer on the SHLB as an officer. John Clemmons stated that it would be a conflict and that he could not be the treasurer or an officer since the SWB Foundation grants money for the SHL orientation. Dan asked for nominations from the floor.

Report from Silver Haired Legislature Officers and/or Comptroller: NOMINATION: Dan Treasurer – AG Edwards Dep Bank – Bank One – Columbus. Dan stated the was being replaced as President but would agree to be on signature card to fit on roll . #4 Greever Compt. – Goal is to utilize \$57,000.00 from funds to pay for total orientation costs 2 years from now. Report - \$6,648.74 7/27/98 balance

Tom Perkins, Deputy Speaker Pro tem, – Commitment from TSHL Pres. – SHLFB members to be fund raisers. The TSHL need more funds and are very conservative with our dollars. We pay general session & hotel costs. The TSHL and Board need to be active in fundraising – grants. Other suggestions were:

- Resolution Handbook – not selling – work on that
- Memorial card for TSHL
- Gifts request thru wills
- Honorariums
- Speakers give speeches & ask for honorariums to SHL
- 1 Letter get \$1,500.00 – donations

Tom Perkins, SHL Deputy Speaker Pro tem, stated that a TSHL member made an embarrassing remark to Dan Roberts and he wanted to apologize for that. Dan said no apology was necessary.

The TSHL's have not seen the Charter/By-Laws of Foundation Members. Judge Bailey stated that a copy of the TSHL Charter can be obtained from the Secretary of State Office for \$1.00 1st page.

Dan's response to the President and new members of the TSHL. There are 116 members of the SHL. The SHL do not look at themselves as fundraisers but its their job. The Foundation members are not the fundraisers – the SH Legislators are – As a potential State Legislative member. They would have to raise their own money for their election so the SHL Legislators themselves should raise their own money. It is not the single responsibility of the SHL Board.

A recommendation was made to write Bill Sagstaedler a column in the Silver Bullet on TSHL and the Board and provide information on rules and regulations and Charter Information. John Commander asked if we have ever applied to other foundations? Allen: Phone Card to use for calling through a certain 1-800 number to generate income for the SHLB foundation. Oris agree with what you said, keep trying.

Speaker Gaston West asked Oris to find if there would b a problem with someone be financially funding the Guest Quarters. Discussion on obtaining grants from corporate, etc. to help defray costs.

Additional Business: 1) Clean up Operations Comm Letter, Dan will do. 2) UT – Ralph Teague/Clay Davis

Minutes approved as presented – Dan Roberts

Next Meeting Date: December 1, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. during the Governors Conference on Aging at the Austin Convention Center. Paula Johnson to get meeting room number.

Fundraiser Committee: John Clemmons and John Commander – Allen to Chair

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Ault
TSHL Secretary

Approved: _____

There was discussion on fixed amounts, cash, a percentage to give flexibility to Frank, Treasurer & President.

Texas Silver Haired Legislative Foundation Board
Minutes of December 1, 1998 Meeting
Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas

The TSHLF Board met in Austin, Texas with President Allen Grobe presiding.

Board members present: Dan Roberts, John Clemmons, Jim Davis, Ronnie Ault, Allen Grobe, John Commander. Excused absence: Dr. Jack Burton, Judge Scott Bailey, Naomi Norton, Aliceanne Wallace, and Claude Andrews.

Guest present were: Frank Netherton-Financial Advisor, Evelyn Grobe, Paula Johnson-TDoA, The Hon. Charlotte Parks-TSHL Directory, The Hon. Tom Perkins-Deputy Speaker Pro tem, The Hon. W.G. (Gaston) West-Speaker, The Hon. Oris Greever, Albert Campbell-TSHL (Brazos Valley).

Charlotte Parks: Ads for TSHL Directory - \$20,800.00 sold \$17,450.00 collected more money has been collected by different people, but not yet deposited. Closing ad sales December 15, 1998, goal of \$50,000.00.

Financial: Frank Netherton

Dan - \$21,000 Jester Ctr - Rent Room Board - TSHL Orientation \$40.00 Paula P.O. Box reimbursement. Check \$500.00 - Tarrant Co. AAA - SHL

Treasurer Report: Oris Greever - See Sheet \$6,640.00 -bank \$4,065.00 ending balance to be paid (\$1,233.50 Printing Resolutions - bill) (from Ex. Comm. Of TSHL)

Comp Allen - Accts Rec (-Dep. For next fall) \$75.00 individual double \$65.00 includes 3 meals.

September 14-17th, 1999, TSHL Orientation - 9 miles out of Navasota

Minutes: Corpus - Earnings - Motion made by Dan to amend motion to include:

Explanation: earnings become part of Corpus & any needs for expenditure that money will come out of earnings which is the original corpus & earnings 2nd by Jim Davis.

Discussion on fund raisers: John Clemmons: prepaid calling card. Cost TSHL/.40 cents for 500 - then sell brochures for \$1.00. 2000-.15 cents each, 1000-.35 cents each, 500-.40 cents each and they can call 1-800 number to access (too many busy) & use their own calling card. Not feasible too expensive. Circle K's, Wal-Mart, Sam's and most convenience store. Recommend: Don't Do - Target Corp. for Donation - Bad Image & Don't make enough money. John Clemmons - GTE use to give & haven't revisited.

Gaston West - Address Label Packet doesn't require a lot of work, eg: Disable Vets - address labels - mail outs - to selected groups. Eg. 25,000 6% return. .85 cents/name - \$12.00 contribution. Get information & bring to next meeting and give to John Clemmons and John Commander.

Combined Fed. Campaign - put ad in brochure for Federal Employees will get more information. Also, Golf Tournament - State Wide Golf Tournament now nets \$200,000.

Charlotte Parks: See about Card in Grocery Stores - Randall's, Kroger's Grocery Store, Brookshire and SuperOne. 1% neted \$3,500.00 for National TSHL Congress Randalls
Allen Grobe suggested restaurant chain donate 10% of one day's receipts.

Charlotte Parks asked about the Tax ID # and the Charter # and discussion on where it was and how to get it. Oris Greever said the Charter # is 770092-1 and IRS# 7424193-98 501(c)(3).

Selection of Treasurer – Dan suggestion: Poppy Hulsey – nominate for new TSHL Fnd. member and ask her to be Treasurer.

Charlotte Parks suggested Sue Craig new SHL ---- 915/523-2385 Consensus: Dan will ask Poppy then if she refuses he will talk to Sue. Dan will call on behalf of Allen.

Additional Business: Tom Perkins – fundraising very positive between org TSHL & Foundation Board. U.T. – shouldn't charge TSHL it should be a donation & they should host the TSHL's. Thank TSHL Orientation Committee.

Discussion on TSHL Directories past cost. Directories: 50 dir/for \$100.00 = @ \$2.00/directory \$1.87 printing, 50 directory for \$50.00. Last printing 7,500 – 1,500 possibly sold. A motion was made and passed, that the directories would be available 25 directories for \$50.00.

Next Board Meeting - March 11th maybe Southwestern Bell – Ex. Comm. TSHL 10:00 Southwestern Bell 1:00 TSHL F Brd – 1616 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Ault
TSHL Secretary

Approved: _____