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Introducing the first multi-agency
organization for Public Purchasing
Professionals across the great
state of Texas

The Texas Public Purchasing Association

- This new organization will begin its journey January 1, 2008, and we would like to invite you join us.
- In November 2006, the **Texas County Purchasing Association (TCPA)** and the **Texas Purchasing Management Association (TPMA)** agreed to merge and **TxPPA** is the result. The merger resulted in the very first Texas statewide, multi-agency public purchasing organization.
- A Foundation Committee was formed, consisting of representatives from cities, counties, schools, special districts, state agencies and higher education. This Committee has been diligently working to firmly establish the ***TEXAS PUBLIC PURCHASING ASSOCIATION.***

Chain of Events

- March 1, 2006 Interest resurfaced to create a statewide, multi-agency public purchasing association
- April 19, 2006 TCPA/TPMA joint meeting to explore the possibility of merging
- June 27, 2006 Ad Hoc Group (approx. 15) gathered at 2006 Momentum Conference in South Padre endorsed a new statewide, multi-agency public purchasing association
- August 2, 2006 TPMA Board voted to proceed with soliciting a vote from the TPMA membership to merge TCPA and TPMA.
- August 11, 2006 TCPA Board voted to proceed with soliciting a vote from the TCPA membership to merge TCPA and TPMA.
- August 11, 2006 TCPA/TPMA Joint Board meeting; established the Foundation Committee
- September 21, 2006 Foundation Committee meeting

Chain of Events (continued)

- October 6, 2006 TCPA business meeting – Updated TCPA membership on status of merger
- October 27, 2006 TPMA business meeting – updated TPMA membership on status of merger
- November 13, 2006 Ballot for merger sent to TCPA and TPMA
- December 8, 2006 Foundation Committee meeting
- February 2007 TCPA Newsletter updating TCPA membership on status of merger
- February 8, 2007 Foundation Committee meeting
- March 2, 2007 Ballot for name sent to TCPA and TPMA
- April 12, 2007 Foundation Committee meeting
- April 12, 2007 TCPA business meeting – updated TCPA membership on status of new association
- April 23, 2007 Foundation Committee conference call
- May 4, 2007 Ballots due from TCPA and TPMA for proposed Constitution & Bylaws
- June 27-28, 2007 Foundation Committee meeting at South Padre Momentum Conference

The Foundation Committee

Representing Cities and TPMA:

- Carol Cooper, C.P.M., City of Garland
- Cheryl Turney, C.P.M., City of College Station
- Victor Kilman, City of Lubbock (advisor)

Representing Counties and TCPA:

- Jack Beacham, C.P.M., Tarrant County
- Frank Ybarbo, Collin County
- Sandy Bradley, City of Burleson (advisor)

Representing Higher Education:

- Narita Holmes, C.P.A., University of Texas, Permian Basin

Representing School Districts:

- Adrian Garcia, San Benito Independent School District
- Gary Kerbow, Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD

Representing Special Districts:

- Kay Foster, C.P.M., Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Representing State Agencies:

- Christy Havel, Texas Building and Procurement Commission

The Goals of TxPPA are to:

- **E**stablish cooperative relationships among its members for the development of efficient purchasing methods and practices in the field of public procurement;
- **P**romote the highest ethical standards of conduct in the performance of public and non profit purchasing;
- **P**romote uniform public purchasing laws and simplified standards and specifications;
- **P**rovide informed counsel to others who are responsible for the formulation and promulgation of policies, rules and laws which directly or indirectly affect the process of public and non-profit purchasing;
- **C**ollect and disseminate useful information for its members;

TxPPA Goals (continued)

- **P**romote the interchange of ideas and experiences within the purchasing profession;
- **E**ncourage research and investigation and to sponsor such other activities as may be useful in providing its members with knowledge for efficient procurement;
- **S**trive by all legitimate means to advance the purchasing profession; and to
- **F**acilitate open communication and cooperation among all public purchasing professionals, elected and appointed officials with whom we work, and with the public, which is ultimately served.

Association Events

- **Spring Workshop:**
 - This workshop will be held every year in Austin.
 - Educational offerings and special sessions on legislative issues.
 - Breakout sessions will be held for specific interest groups (cities, counties, state, school districts, etc.)
- **Summer Conference - Momentum:**
 - The Momentum Conference at South Padre Island is an established event that has been well-attended for over 10 years.
 - The National Association of Purchasing Management, Rio Grande Valley (NAPM-RGV) has offered to transition this conference to TxPPA.
- **Fall Workshop:**
 - This workshop will be held in a different location each year in an effort to make educational opportunities more accessible to every public purchaser in the state.
 - Educational offerings will include public procurement basics, management, and current topics of interest and concern.
 - Breakout sessions will be held for specific interest groups.

TxPPA Board of Directors 2008

President:

- Jack Beacham, C.P.M., Tarrant County

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- Cheryl Turney, C.P.M., City of College Station

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- Kay Foster, C.P.M., Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

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- Carol Cooper, C.P.M., City of Garland
- Christy Havel, Texas Building and Procurement Commission
- Narita Holmes, C.P.A., University of Texas, Permian Basin
- Gary Kerbow, Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD
- Frank Ybarbo, Collin County

TxPPA Committee Chairs 2008

Communications:

- Kay Foster, C.P.M., Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Conference:

- Adrian Garcia, San Benito Independent School District

Finance:

- Narita Holmes, C.P.A., University of Texas, Permian Basin

Legislative:

- Carol Cooper, C.P.M., City of Garland

Membership:

- Gary Kerbow, Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD

Nominating:

- Cheryl Turney, C.P.M., City of College Station

Special Assistance:

- Beth Fleming, C.P.M., Denton County

Who can join?

- **An Individual:** Any state, county, municipal, special district, publicly owned utility, school, federal (while headquartered or physically reporting to an office within Texas), or publicly-funded non-profit employee in good standing primarily responsible for the purchasing or materials management function of their respective agency, upon payment of the annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership.
- **An Agency:** Any entity as described above that is the employer of personnel primarily responsible for the purchasing or materials management function of their respective agency, upon payment of the annual membership fee, shall be eligible for membership.
- **Associate membership** may be sought by any person indirectly involved in public or non-profit purchasing meeting certain criteria, such as elected officials, department heads or employees in related fields, such as judges, commissioners, treasurers, auditors, financial officers, city managers, etc. or working for an agency or association directly involved with above described entities, such as TML, TAC, COGs, etc.

How to join

There is only one chance to become a Charter Member of this exciting new organization!

- Membership period: January 2008 through December 2008
- Dues for one year are \$50.
- If you are already a member of TCPA or TPMA, you will be sent an invoice.
- If you are not a member of TCPA or TPMA, but want to join, pick up a membership interest card today.
 - You can fill it out and return it now or you can mail it back.
 - Feel free to take a few back to the office with you and share the information with your peers.
- If you need more information before you decide, please do not hesitate to contact any TxPPA 2008 Board Member.

Committees

Sign up to be on a Committee!

- **Communications:**
 - Newsletter/News Briefs
 - List Serve
 - Website
 - Marketing the Association
- **Conference:**
 - Annual Winter/Spring Workshop
 - Annual Summer Conference
 - Annual Fall Workshop
- **Legislative:**
 - Issues, Bill Tracking and Legislative Updates

Committees (continued)

- **Membership:**
 - Marketing Recruitment, Retention, Benefits
- **Professional Development:**
 - Determining member needs and coordinating training opportunities
- **Special Assistance:**
 - Assisting smaller public purchasing departments with management issues or helping to establish public purchasing departments

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And coming soon...

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