

Texas Clown Association  
Annual General Membership Meeting  
August 2, 2012

Meeting was held at the Westin DFW Hotel in Irving Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Andy Anderson, president at 4:16 p.m.

Andy Anderson introduced the board members present: John Luce, Vice President; Mauri Norris, Secretary; Christie McNeill, Immediate Past President; Diana McCurtain-Talbert, South/Central Regional Director; Valerie Bandy, Southeast Regional Director; Jeanette Sanders, Northeast Regional Director; Peggy Barton, North Central Regional Director. Judy Cornett, Sgt at Arms, was not present as she had to take a convention registrant to the emergency room.

Kevin Neece of All Occasion Video, the convention videographers, announced the introduction of a Flashdrive performance option available this year. Also, he further discussed the convention videos and pocket marketing items.

The minutes from the TCA General Membership Meeting of August 11, 2011 were distributed to the members present. Voncille Hardy moved to accept the minutes as distributed and the motion was seconded by James Gill and approved unanimously.

The TCA Treasurer, Andy Quittner, was absent and no treasurer's report was available.

Special thanks were given to the current convention host – your TCA Board of Directors.

David McCullough announced that he has a box of clown items that were donated by the spouse of a recently deceased clown. He will have the items in the gallery later this evening during the jams.

#### **Old Business –**

Competition Announcements – Diana McCurtain-Talbert announced that there is still time for people to sign-up for the various competitions and we need more competitors.

**TCA Education Fund / Scholarship** – Rhea Anderson reported that no one applied for the TCA Convention Registration Scholarship this year. Be sure to watch for scholarship details in *The Joey Journal* and get applications in by the deadline. Rhea is also in charge of the Buddy (mentor) program. If you want to be a Buddy or would like to have a Buddy assigned to you, please let Rhea know.

There was a TCA Dues Renewal Contest. Members renewing their dues EARLY were entered into a drawing. Two winners were selected from the eligible names. Brennan Spikes and Diane Gauthier were the winners and each received a check for \$25.

#### **New Business –**

Andy Anderson announced the members of the TCA 2013 Convention host committee: Andy Anderson, Chair, Rhea Anderson, Judy Cornett, Christie McNeill and Mauri Norris. These folks will work closely with the new President and the new Competition Director.

Andy recognized all of the 1<sup>st</sup> time TCA Conventioneers.

TCA will be taking orders for TCA polo-style shirts. The shirts will be purple with the new TCA logo on the front left-shoulder. The shirts are \$25 (\$27 for larger sizes). Pre-paid orders will be accepted during the convention and afterwards as well. Minimum order is 12 shirts.

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***The Joey Journal* Editor search** – the Board is looking for a new Editor for *The Joey Journal*. The current Editor, Kay Quittner (assisted by Andy Quittner) would like to step down as soon as a replacement Editor can be found. Anyone interested in this position should contact the Board and submit an application with samples of their work. The Board will prepare a list of qualifications and Guidelines for the Editor's job.

**TCA Competition** – TCA is looking for a new Competition Director. Anyone interested in serving in this position should contact Andy A. or any Board member.

**By-Law Amendment** – a proposed by-law amendment was published in *The Joey Journal*. This is to clarify the membership for Junior members. Previously the by-laws included age 16 as both Junior and Regular members. The amendment makes the ages 10-15 Juniors and 16 and up as Regular. Also, the age is AS OF MARCH 31st. New verbiage proposed:

**ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 2 Junior Membership: Junior Membership shall be open to anyone ten (10) years old until reaching sixteen (16) years of age. For the purpose of renewing memberships age is determined as of March 31 of the year of the renewal. Junior Members will not have voting rights and will pay only half the regular annual dues. Junior Members are required to have a sponsoring member in good standing.**

Mauri Norris moved to accept this change. Christie McNeill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Election of Officers:** -- Ballots were distributed to each member upon entry to the meeting.

**PRESIDENT** -- Diana McCurtain-Talbert was the only nominee for the office of President on the published ballot. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor for the office of President. There being no further nominations, David McCullough moved to cease the nominations and elect Diana by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Nancy Arent and passed unanimously.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – John Luce was the only nominee for the office of Vice President on the published ballot. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. There being no further nominations, Sharon Huber moved to cease the nominations and elect John by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Martha Warren and passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY** – there were no nominees on the published ballot. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. Kim Grice nominated Olivia Adamson. Olivia accepted nomination. There being no other nominations, David McCullough moved to cease nominations and elect Olivia by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Earl Warren and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER** – Mauri Norris was the only nominee on the published ballot for the office of Treasurer. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominees, James Gill moved to cease nominations and elect Mauri by acclamation. The motion was seconded by LJ Lomineck and passed unanimously.

**SGT AT ARMS** – Judy Cornett was the only nominee on the published ballot for the office of Sgt-at-Arms. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, David McCullough moved to cease nominations and elect Judy by acclamation. Terry Glassburn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**AREA DIRECTORS –**

**North Central Area** – Carrie Ray, Martha Warren and Margaret Clauder were nominees on the published ballot. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Mauri Norris moved to cease the nominations. Mary Whipple seconded the motion and nominations ceased.

**North East Area** - there were no nominees on the published ballot. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. David Thomason nominated Susan Keys. Peggy Barton nominated David McCullough. Susan and David both accepted the nomination. Mauri moved to cease nominations and Voncille Hardy seconded the motion and nominations ceased.

**Panhandle/West Area** – there were no nominees on the published ballot. . Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. Sally Papasan nominated Kathy Keaton. Kathy accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations David McCullough moved to cease nominations and motion was seconded by Martha Warren and nominations ceased.

**South/East Area** - the only published nominee, Valerie Bandy, withdrew from the election. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. Patti Gilbert nominated Patsy McMillan. Patsy accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Christie McNeill moved to cease nominations, the motion was seconded by Patti Gilbert and nominations ceased.

**South/Central Area** -- Olivia Adamson was the published nominee but after being elected to the office of Secretary was no longer eligible for this office. Andy A. called for nominations from the floor. Olivia Adamson nominated Kim Grice. Kim accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Diana McCurtain-Talbert moved to cease nominations and the motion was seconded by Christie McNeill and nominations ceased.

With nominees in hand, members from each area moved into groups to elect their respective Area Directors. Election Results –

North/Central – Martha Warren	North/East – David McCullough
Panhandle/West – Kathy Keaton	South/East – Patsy McMillan
South/Central – Kim Grice	

New Board members were announced and asked to meet briefly after Sunday morning breakfast to set date for the next board meeting.

Other Goings On –

**COAI** – Kynisha Jarreau, COAI South Central Regional Vice President spoke about COAI. She is happy to take your thoughts and ideas to the COAI board. Membership is \$40/year \$30/year for seniors. Members receive the New Calliope magazine.

**WCA** – Diana McCurtain-Talbert spoke on behalf of WCA. The 2013 convention for WCA will be in Malaysia. WCA has a great magazine too Clowning Around.

**AATH** – American Assoc of Therapeutic Humor – Kathy Keaton spoke as a member and of the many benefits of membership available.

**Joey to the World** (JTTW) – 2013 JTTW will be in Hurst TX 1/25/13-1/26/13 and registration forms are available. They are using 2 nearby hotels at \$89/nt each with a shuttle to the church and airport.

2013 TCA Convention dates are not final. Several members preferred to not have convention during International Clown Week. Registration for the 2013 TCA convention will be \$120 if you register at the 2012 convention. After the 2012 convention closes, the 2013 registration will be \$145. Final dates for the 2013 convention will be determined and announced as soon as possible.

Each member attending the meeting was given a ticket for a drawing to win a one-on-one session with headliner Angel Ocasio. The drawing winner was: Pam Muenchow who gave the session to Donna Mathews. Door prizes were drawn from a pool of all convention registrants.

There being no further business, Patti Gilbert moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Margaret Clauder and the meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mauri Norris, Secretary 8/10/2012