



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2021
Downtown Austin Hilton

Registration Opened at 0815

There were 43 preregistrations and 8 door registrations.

Call to order – The meeting was called to order by President Robb at 0900. Agendas were published and a quorum was established.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes – There was a motion to approve the published August 17, 2021 TTCF General Membership Meeting minutes by Tamara Connell. There was a second voiced by Rhonda Manor-Coombes. There were no suggested revisions or discussion, and the motion was passed.

Presidents Announcements – *Lori Robb*

Silent Auction – Ms. Robb reminded the membership of today's silent auction and to please bid on the displayed auction baskets.

2022 Strategic Planning Update – Ms. Robb informed the membership of yesterday's planning conference and introduced Kathy Rodgers as the incoming President. The membership was informed of the potential hybrid meeting format for 2022, as well as the potential meeting location venues being considered as RAC offices as opposed to hotel conference rooms. She reminded the attendees to be on the lookout for an upcoming survey monkey to provide membership input. There was also an announcement that TTCF's 30th anniversary will be celebrated at the May 2022 General Membership meeting with details TBA.

Vendors – Ms. Robb also introduced today's meeting vendors BTG (CroFab) and CSL Bering (Kcentra) and encouraged the attendees to visit the vendor booths.

Treasurer's Report – *Jacky Betts*

Mr. Betts submitted a itemized written financial report reflecting a current balance of \$15,602.93 as of November 17, 2021 and a Total L&E of \$14,852.93. In closing, Mr. Betts reminded the membership of the financial importance of vendor participation at meetings and to please contact him for vendor solicitation issues.

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TCRN Recognition – Paul Britt and James Stephens were recognized as recently obtaining their Trauma Certified Registered Nurse certification.

Registry Presentation – *Michael Shiels*

Mr. Shiels presented the membership with a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation addressing the changes in the 2021 to 2022 NTDB data dictionary. He also reminded the attendees to make sure they are using the latest publication of the dictionary dated November 2021.

Ask the Experts – The membership participated in a 45 minute Q&A session with TETAF trauma surveyors.

Committee Breakouts – The Level I/II, Level III, and Level IV Committees conducted a one hour breakout session meeting.

Lunch/Networking – The membership was provided a lunch buffet and the inaugural members conducted a working lunch with the Membership Committee leadership.

Injury Prevention and Special Populations Session – Injury Prevention Chair Ashley Kopech conducted a Q&A session with the membership and shared the Committee's focus for 2022: Fall Prevention, StoptheBleed, and Pediatrics, all anticipated for 'rapid fire' presentations. The IP webpage was also shown and referenced for its vast resources. Ms. Kopech also reported the Committee will continue to publish its newsletter. Members were invited to bring poster presentations from their programs to be displayed at future General Membership meetings. In closing, the leadership vacancies in the Special Populations Committee were announced and the membership was encouraged to consider application to the Committee.

External Reports

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) OEHS/TS – *Jorie Klein, Elizabeth Stevenson, Indra Hernandez*

Mr. Murry reported that trauma center designations and redesignations were being delayed related to the pandemic. It was noted that administrative extensions can be applied for designations and, if granted, can be extended for up to one year. It was also noted that the extension process is formal and includes a application that must be processed and initiated by the facility. The process explanation and forms can be found on the DSHS trauma website.

Ms. Hernandez reported that SB 8, the Covid reimbursement bill from the Texas Legislatures' 3rd special session is anticipated to offer \$2M to DSHS for covid response relieve, \$75M for rural hospital covid support, and also \$16.7M for Rio Grande Valley (Hidalgo and Star counties). It was stated that the above is fluid and still a working process but will be communicated once finalized. Mr. Josh Finholt was introduced to the membership by Ms. Hernandez as a new employee working with her on UCC projects. In closing, she announced the anticipated release of the next UCC application to occur in February 2022, with a return to the usual deadline schedule. It was also announced that the February 2022 GETAC meeting dates will occur the week of February 11th.

State Trauma Registry – *Petra Baumann, Judy Whitfield*

No report offered.

Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) – *Brenda Putz*

Ms. Putz introduced Mr. Aaron Rodgers as the new TETAF survey coordinator who walked the membership through the survey timeline process including timeline documents that are housed on the TETAF website.

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards announced the organization is working on 'auto drive' vehicle safety, mental care for healthcare providers, and workplace violence prevention on the national level. She announced the next Texas ENA meeting is January 15-16 in San Angelo.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards reported the ATCN hybrid stand-alone course has been adopted for permanent format offering.

American Trauma Society (ATS) – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell announced that ATS continues to offer numerous virtual educational courses including the TPM, TR, IP, and ICD10. All schedules and registrations can be found on the ATS website.

Committee/Workgroup Reports

Membership – *Rebecca Crocker / Terri Rowland*

Ms. Crocker reported the leadership met with 11 new members, who were recognized by the attendees. New member booklets will be released per individual request.

Fund Raising/Finance – *Jessica Vickers / Melanie Landerford*

Ms. Vickers and Ms. Landerford announced that they continue to take ideas for new shirts.

Level I/II – *Danielle Sherar / Sheryl Cloud*

Ms. Sherar disclosed the group discussed the ACS virtual survey process, a potential TQIP abstract submission, the Registrar survey project including IRB, and the continuation of the Texas TQIP group at today's meeting.

Level III – *Jamie Stephens / Vacant*

Mr. Stephens announced the leadership is working on the 2022 SMART goals and asked anyone who is interested in the Co-Chair position to contact him or an executive board member.

Level IV – *Janice Markwardt / Joy Henry*

Ms. Markwardt reported the committee met in conjunction with the Level III committee today for a total of 32 attendees. DSHS personnel also met with both groups today.

Public Relations – *Cathy Glenn / Vacant*

Ms. Glenn announced the Board was considering not attending the February 2023 'Capitol Day' in person but conducting a regularly formatted meeting instead.

Special Populations – *Vacant / Vacant*

The membership was made aware of the leadership vacancies and encouraged to consider the available positions.

Education – *Dawn Koepp / Rosie Bolenbaucher*

Ms. Koepp announced the proposed 2 offerings of the TTDEC course in 2022, tentatively scheduled for March and October.

Swearing in of New Officers – Newly elected and appointed officers were administered the oath of office by President Robb to include: President-Elect Kathy Rodgers, Treasurer-Elect Jacky Betts, DAL#2 Rhonda Manor-Coombes, Sheryl Cloud, Ashley Kopech, Cathy Glenn, and Jamie Stephens.

Outgoing President Recognition – Outgoing President Lori Robb was presented with a 'thank you' gift for her tenure as President by the Executive Board of Directors and the TTCF General Membership.

Announcement of Silent Auction Winners – The winners of today's silent auction were announced and recognized.

Open Forum – *ALL*

Courtney Edwards reminded the membership to anticipate the release of the 'Registrar' survey that will be shortly released and encouraged everyone to provide input via the survey.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by President Robb at 15:25.

Recorded by,

Brett Dodwell
TTCF Secretary