

NCTCA SENATE REPORT
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The TCA Senate met in Fort Worth on Nov. 9, 2011 at the Omni Hotel in downtown Ft. Worth . President Alma Leal called the meeting to order at 10:20. After introductions, Alma encouraged all chapters to call their Regional Director and invite him/her to attend one of their chapter meetings. There is \$5000 in the TCA budget to use for these visits.

Rule revisions for LPC are close to being published in the Texas Register and there is a new option on the LPC Board website which allows us to “Opt IN” to email news bulletins for Texas governmental updates. To sign up, go to : <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/counselor> then click on the link under “Email Updates”. New rules change proposals include important changes for supervision and private practice counselors.

Jan Friese reported that TCA will begin free hosting of websites for chapters and also offers free job posting for members. She also reported that because any non-profit organization that collects money must report to the IRS, the TCA attorney is working on making a plan to get chapters 501-6C incorporated and create a TCA/Chapter “marriage” making them equal share holders in the corporation . Jennifer will be the contact. She also reported TCA membership at an all-time high of 6727 in May.

By-laws committee has recommended a new membership category be established called New Professional at the rate of \$50 per year. Eligibility will be open to individuals who have graduated with a masters or doctorate in the area of human development within the past 12 months. This membership status is good for two years , or until completion of internship or associate supervision requirements, whichever comes first. Any person who has met the qualifications for this membership may attend meetings and vote, but will not be eligible to hold office.

Concerns for chapters and divisions continue to revolve around membership numbers and financial restrictions of the economy, but all in all TCA is strong financially and is continually working hard to increase membership in various ways.