

**MINUTES FROM CPAANT MEETING
SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2005
WACO, TEXAS
Joint meeting with CPAAACT**

CORRECTION / ADDITION to January 2005 board meeting minutes: MOTION to purchase thank you trophy for 2004 CPAANT President John Engels, made by Mansfield, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Welcome to everyone from both CPAANT President and CPAAACT President.

Introduction of CPAANT and CPAAACT boards.

Pledge of allegiance.

Terry Williams / Waco welcomed everyone to Waco. Noted that the Waco PD paid for the meeting room. Williams introduced Waco Police Chief Alberto Melis, Assistant Chief Brent Stroman, Commander Mike Hassel, Sgt. Steve Beatty, and Program Coordinator Mark Mitzel. Kathi Mulkerin / CPAANT President presented all with thank you gifts.

Special thank you to Terry Williams for coordinating the meeting, especially in the middle of planning the upcoming state convention. Williams said thank you to all Waco alumni members for their assistance.

Introduction of all meeting attendees.

Convention update from Terry Williams:

1. Dates are July 27 – July 30, 2005 (Wednesday through Saturday)
2. Location will be the Waco Convention Center
3. Banquet will be Friday night which will include an excellent presentation, followed by a bingo tournament (no dancing)
4. Closing ceremony and full breakfast will be Saturday morning with an excellent guest speaker, Steve McCroft, Director of Homeland Security
5. Booth set-up and early registration will be Wednesday 7/27 from 3pm-9pm
6. The Hilton is the host hotel
7. Shuttle to Texas Rangers Museum Wednesday 7/27 evening
8. Opening ceremonies Thursday 7/28 morning, also delegates meeting
9. Bowling tournament Thursday 7/28 evening
10. There will be no golf tournament

11. Some of the break out session topics include: meth lab, fundraising, FBI, identity theft, grants, crimestoppers, secret service, sr. citizen scams, criminal profiling, TABC, sex offenders, Texas Youth Commission, CERT, NIMS (National Inst. Management Systems), State Farm/defensive driving.

MOTION to proceed with Green Mountain meeting, tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 2, 2005 in Fort Worth prior to CPAANT meeting. Motion made by Fort Worth, 2nd by Richardson, passed unopposed.

GUEST SPEAKER was Jerry Stringer of Burleson. He discussed a website that he created:

WWW.CITIZENPOLICEACADEMY.NET

The site includes 500 links (and growing) to CPAs worldwide

Featured CPA

Offers awards for outstanding CPA websites

All information is FREE, some sponsorships will be available

Contact Stringer with any questions at:

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FEATURED SPEAKER was Chris Gescheidle of Richardson. He noted that the driving force of CPA groups is the connection of the citizens with the police officers. The alumni associations should be supporting the police depts. Alumni members can assist in straightening out negative talk about police depts. Support one another, recruit class and alumni members, and support your local police.

All meeting attendees separated into roundtable groups.

Summary of roundtable topics and ideas:

FUNDRAISERS

- *Pansy sale with HOA (Richardson)
- *Sell stadium blankets with logo
- *Sell concessions, assist with parking
- *Sell concessions at major retail store (eg Fry's Electronics in Arlington)
- *Sonic drive-in car hop (Cedar Hill – officers worked for tips and donations)
- *WWW.IGIVE.COM -- sign your organization up, then shop with their large list of online vendors, the vendors donate a portion of the sales back to your organization (similar to grocery store cards for non-profit groups)
- *Garage sale (for example Arlington hosted an overnight garage sale at the UTD campus at the start of the semester which was a huge success)

MEMBERSHIP

- *Communication—team up class members with alumni members for a “buddy system”
- *Entertain the meeting attendees, make it meaningful for them to come
- *Include everyone in group responsibilities, reduce the monopoly of a few key people running everything in the group, reach out and include the quiet members too
- *Join classes, fundraiser activities
- *Recruit from meetings such as PTA, HOAs
- *Contact media representatives, eg newspaper
- *Keep members updated by sending regular emails and/or flyers
- *Recruit via public TV channels
- *Host a media class
- *Hold school class similar to adult CPA class – examples are Arlington’s teen program, also Waco college students earn credit for completing CPA program

ACTIVITIES

- *St. Patrick’s
- *Christmas program
- *Officer appreciation
- *HOW TO MANUAL: eg fingerprinting, Casino Night
- *Cook out at each police station
- *Stake outs
- *Man a police sub-station
- *Shattered Dreams / Disaster Day at schools
- *Deliver sodas to sub-stations (Austin)
- *EMS training / First Responder training
- *CPR and defibrillator training through police dept.
- *5K run
- *Neighborhood Night Out
- *Junior Olympics
- *Scenarios / train rookie police officers
- *Host a Safety Fair
- *Santa Cop for families in need
- *Vin etching
- *Provide interface with the community and turn children around
- *Social events with food and games
- *Host a social event such as a breakfast, for example 3rd Saturday morning of the month
- *Police receptions, give gifts to officers annually
- *Goodie bags for officers, seek donated items from local businesses
- *Agility training
- *Fireworks control

ATTENDANCE

- *Continual communication to all members is key
- *Hold a social meeting now and then, for example every odd month, and a guest speaker every even month
- *Email reminders of meetings
- *”2 for 1” raffles
- *Police Chief as a speaker to provide an update of affairs
- *Juvenile subjects speaker
- *Meetings with snacks and food
- *Survey members, ask them what they want, do they want speakers or events, things to do, etc.
- *Graduation dinner for classes, provide graduates with an envelope with an alumni application, also a summary of alumni activities
- *Emphasize ride alongs
- *Have interesting speakers
- *Make the meetings fun, social with food, and a learning experience
- *Set up a telephone committee by class and have a contest (for example, largest group)
- *Pass a donation basket for assistance with the food expenses

SPEAKERS

- *Contact TABC, FBI, ATF, DEA, judges, K-9, SWAT, ID theft, social security scams, DPS, etc.
- *Predator information
- *Sexual assault information
- *Victims of violent crimes and victim assistance funds
- *Smoke alarms
- *Computer crimes
- *Missing in Action
- *Amber Alert
- *Animal control
- *”Foreign” officers / exchange students
- *Reserve forces
- *Forensic hypnotist (Larry Rollins)
- *Homeland Security
- *Crime scene protection and search
- *Traffic accident reconstruction
- *Obtaining fingerprints
- *Railroad police / K9 unit
- *Texas Rangers
- *US Marshal
- *Search and Rescue
- *Post office inspector
- *Mounted patrol
- *National Guard, Army, Air Force
- *Writing grants
- *IMS – instant management service
- *Must continue to educate
- *Speakers are a must at every meeting
- *Think outside the box when selecting speakers
- *Speaker ideas included assisting with crisis mgmt plan, train with police officers, emergency information