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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 5, 2016

6 p.m.

Schlotsky's

One Hour CLE

Kyla Baker with Trilogy Guardian Services

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday, August 3

5:30 p.m.

Rosa's on 50th and Gary

Lexicon

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President's Message

Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS



Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS
President
West Texas Paralegal Association

I want to personally invite everyone to come to the July 6, 2016, West Texas Paralegal Association Membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. to be held at Schlotzsky's 3715 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Sharon has scheduled a wonderful speaker, Kyla Baker, Trilogy Guardian Services. Hope to see everyone there!

Thank you all for your continued support of West Texas Paralegal Association. We have some outstanding members and many amazing friends that continue to support our organization. I truly believe that we can do great things with this organization if we all just participate by attending meetings, giving input on the goings on of the organization and just being an active member in this group. New ideas and suggestions are always welcomed. I hope that all our members will come out and support our great WTPA organization.

Treasurer's Report **Elma Moreno**



Treasurer's Report is distributed to the Membership by email with Agenda or at the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

WTPA HOSTING 2017 TAPA CONFERENCE

April 7 and 8, 2017

If you have any ideas or suggestions,
please pass on to Andrea!

WTPA – TAPA
2017 Conference
Committee Sign-up

Name	Email	Phone	Vendor/CLE/ Door Prizes

Contact Andrea with any questions
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 4, 2016

6 p.m.

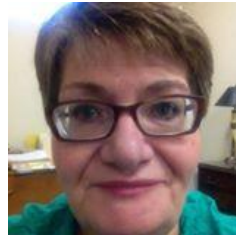
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Secretary's Report

Lola Smith-Gentry, ACP



Minutes of

**West Texas Paralegal Association Fourth Bi-Monthly Membership Meeting
2015-2016 Fiscal Year**

May 4, 2016

President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS began the Fourth Bi-Monthly Membership Meeting by introducing Stacey Barber, Attorney at Law. Ms. Barber presented one hour of CLE on Adoptions.

Following Ms. Barber's presentation, President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS called the Fourth Bi-Monthly Membership Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Logan's Roadhouse, Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas. Lola Smith-Gentry, ACP advised there was a quorum (six members in attendance).

Consent Agenda Items Presented:

1. Minutes of March 5, 2016 Bi-Monthly Meeting as published in Lexicon.
2. Treasurer's Report as distributed.

The Consent Agenda was adopted.

President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS requested any further reports. Kimberly Fox, ACP will be the new Paralegal Division Liaison as she is the new Paralegal Division Director. Lexicon deadline will be June 13, 2016.

An open discussion was held regarding the TAPA Conference on April 7 and 8, 2017. The State Board wants to know if we want to host. Interest, participation, and amount of work was discussed. It was decided to table the issue until further information was received.

The Next Membership Meeting will be held July 6, 2016 at 6 p.m. Speaker and location to be determined. Members in attendance voiced concern about the low attendance at our Bi-Monthly CLE Meetings.

There being no further business, President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Lola J. Smith-Gentry, ACP

WTPA 2015-2016 Secretary

Minutes

Fifth Bi-Monthly Executive Committee Meeting

June 8, 2016

(Rescheduled from June 1, 2016)

President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS called the Fifth Bi-Monthly EC Meeting of the West Texas Paralegal Association to order at 5:34 p.m. at Rosa's, 3115 50th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Officers in attendance at the start of the meeting were Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS Andrea Griffin Darland, PP, PLS, Sharon Whirley, CP, PP, Lola Smith-Gentry, ACP, and Gloria Martin, CP. There was a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Minutes as distributed.
2. Treasurer's Report as distributed.

No items were moved from the Consent Agenda and the Consent Agenda was adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

1. An extended discussion was held regarding the TAPA Conference scheduled April 7 and April 8, 2017 and whether WTPA should host. President Cynthia Martinez will send out an email to the Membership requesting a response and opinion. Our answer whether we want to host must be made soon.
2. A short discussion was held on the WTPA website and how we should administer. President Cynthia Martinez will send out an email to the officers to request information on who might be able to administer.
3. Next Membership Meeting will be July 6, 2016 at Schlotzsky's. One hour CLE by Kyla Baker with Trilogy Guardian Services.

4. Next EC Meeting will be August 3, 2016 at 5:30 at Rosa's.

There being no further business to come before the EC, President Cynthia Martinez, PP, PLS adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Lola Smith-Gentry, ACP

2015-2016 Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your membership. A Renewal Form is attached.

You can mail the form and the renewal fee to WTPA, P.O. Box 93103, Lubbock, TX 79493.



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2015 - 2016

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Membership Renewal for _____ - _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL RENEWING MEMBERS:

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

(Please place an asterisk (*) by your preferred mailing address)

Email address(es): _____

Membership Status:

Active ____ Associate ____ Student ____ Life Member-Active ____ Life Member-Retired ____

Member of NALA? Yes ____ No ____

Member of Paralegal Division of State Bar? Yes ____ No ____

Please indicate the year you joined WTPA: _____

Please indicate the committee on which you would like to serve by numbering 1, 2, and 3 in order of preference.
(Both active and associate members may participate)

Membership _____	Newsletter _____
Legal Education _____	Finance _____
Public Relations _____	Audit Committee _____
Bylaws and standing rules _____	Scholarship Committee _____

Return this Renewal and \$20.00 annual dues (dues waived for Life Members) to the following address as soon as possible but no later than October 31: West Texas Paralegal Association, Attn: Membership Chairman, PO Box 93013, Lubbock TX 79493

ATTORNEY-EMPLOYER ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that the renewing member is employed by me and is recognized as a paralegal and that he/she is under the supervision and direction of an attorney.

Signature of Attorney/Employer: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by membership committee:

____ This Renewal has been approved for ____ Active ____ Associate Membership

____ This Renewal does not meet the qualifications for membership.

Date determination made: _____

Membership Committee

By: _____

Vice President, Membership

____ Payment received and accepted – Check No. _____ _____ Payment returned to applicant