Executive Director's Perspective: Board Motions - By Joseph A. Martinez

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The TCDLA Board met on December 5, 2015, in Austin. The following motions were made and action taken:

> **MOTION:** September 12, 2015, Minutes
> Motion to adopt the minutes from the TCDLA Board Meeting in Dallas on September 12, 2015, made by Mark Snodgrass, seconded by Susan Anderson?motion carries.
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> **MOTION:** TCDLA DWI Trial Lawyers Certificate
> Anyone who attends five TCDLA-sponsored DWI seminars within two years will receive a TCDLA DWI Trial Lawyer certificate. Motion made by Mark Thiessen, seconded by Keith Hampton?motion carries.
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> **MOTION:** Allow Corrections Committee to get the word out and work with the board to get training in place, made by Dave O?Neil, seconded by Craig Jett?motion carries.
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> **MOTION:** Voting Privileges of Past Presidents
> A motion was made to leave bylaws as is, wherein all past presidents retain voting privileges. Motion made by John Convery, seconded by Laurie Key?motion carries (1 abstained).
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> **MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 12:22 pm
> Made by David Ryan, seconded by Susan Anderson?motion carries.

Special thanks to Justin Kiechler, Frank Sellers, and Philip Wischkaemper (all of Lubbock), course directors for the 36th Annual Prairie Dog seminar, held in Lubbock in January. We thank Frank Sellers, president of Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (LCDLA), for once again allowing TCDLA to co-sponsor their CLE, held at the Texas Tech School of Law. Thanks to everyone?s help we had 197 attendees.

 Special thanks to Dean Darby Dickerson of the Texas Tech School of Law for allowing TCDLA and LCDLA to hold the seminar at the law school. Special thanks to Professor Pat Metze, who serves as our liaison with the law school. Special thanks to Michael King, course director for the Federal Law seminar held at the Texas Tech School of Law. Thanks to his efforts we had 51 attendees. Special thanks to Chuck Lanehart and Philip Wischkaemper, our course directors for the Nuts and Bolts seminar also held at the Texas Tech School of Law. Thanks to their efforts we had 83 attendees. Unfortunately the very cold weather and snow prevented the Outlaw Grillers from doing their annual barbecue meal.

Thanks to Constance Filley Johnson and Jani Maselli Wood, our course directors for the Upholding Justice One Client at a Time held in Victoria in January. Thanks to everyone?s help we had 28 attendees.

Thanks to Rick Wardroup (Lubbock), our course director for the CDLP Capital Litigation/Mental Health CLE in Houston in February. Thanks to everyone?s help we had 100 attendees. Thanks to David Ryan (Houston) for helping us get the word out through HCCLA.

Weren?t able to attend last year?s Rusty Duncan event? You can order the DVD and get CLE credit. Please go to our website for more information and to order. Do you need CLE credit and can?t attend our seminar training? Please call the Home Office (512-478-2514) for a list of the DVDs and accompanying CLE credit.

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Good verdicts to all.
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