

## **Annual Report—SWAPLA**

For 2011-2012, SWAPLA has rearranged chairs on the deck as old and new officers have taken up new positions. Gary Keith of the University of the Incarnate Word is the new SWAPLA president and PLANC member (having earlier served as vice president and as designated member to PLANC). Jeff Robb of Texas Woman's University is the new vice president (having previously served both SWAPLA and PLANC in numerous capacities), and is SWAPLA's designated member to PLANC. Sandy Self of Hardin-Simmons University continues as SWAPLA secretary and Michelle Payne of Texas Wesleyan University continues as SWAPLA treasurer. Past SWAPLA presidents Jerry Polinard, Mel Hailey, and Frank Rohmer, along with past treasurer Karen Severn, continue to be involved with and advise the current SWAPLA board.

SWAPLA's annual law school caravan was held the week of October 3-7. The caravan stopped at the University of Texas at San Antonio on October 3, University of Texas at Austin on October 4, Texas A&M University on October 5, University of Texas at Dallas on October 6, and Texas Christian University on October 7. Since the caravan just concluded a few days ago, we have not yet compiled figures on attendance. We chartered buses for the law school representatives to ride from location to location, then to the airports in Dallas at the end. As always, SWAPLA provided a subsidy for members attending the conference, and LSAC provided a subsidy for HBCU and HACU attendees.

SWAPLA's annual fall conference was held in Ft. Worth from October 6-8. Both SMU's Dedman School of Law and Texas Wesleyan School of Law helped sponsor the conference. Program Chair Gary Keith assembled a series of panels and speakers as well as visits to the law school fairs at UT Dallas and TCU and a tour of Texas Wesleyan School of Law. Speakers included NALP President Marcy Cox, LSAC's Anne Brandt, and St. Thomas Law School's Jerome Organ.

For 2012, SWAPLA is encouraging member attendance at the June PLANC convention. SWAPLA Vice President Jeff Robb is serving as a member of the PLANC convention program committee. The new SWAPLA board will meet in Houston Nov. 19, in conjunction with the LSAC Law Forum, to begin discussion of the fall 2012 caravan—with the possibility of concluding the caravan at the 2012 Houston Forum.

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