

# **Report from SWAPLA to PLANC**

## **February 2012**

### **SWAPLA Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors met in Houston on November 19 and approved expansion of the Executive Committee to nine voting members (president, vice president/president-elect; immediate past president; secretary; treasurer; membership chair; at-large; and two law school representatives. In addition, ex officio members include SWAPLA members who are PLANC officers or emeriti, and a caravan coordinator/webmaster.

Also after our executive committee meeting, we staffed the pre-law advisor table at the LSAC Houston Law Forum, talking with dozens of prospective law students.

### **SWAPLA Officers**

Gary Keith of the University of the Incarnate Word is the 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 vice president (having previously served both SWAPLA and PLANC in numerous capacities), and is SWAPLA's designated member to PLANC. Frank Rohmer of Austin College is the immediate past president. Sandy Self of Hardin-Simmons University continues as SWAPLA secretary and Michelle Payne of Texas Wesleyan University continues as SWAPLA treasurer. Membership coordinator is Ana Alvarez of the University of Texas at San Antonio. At-large member is Claudell Woods of Southern Arkansas University. Law school representatives are Jamie Dillon of the University of Houston Law Center and Susan Krinsky of Tulane University Law School. Past SWAPLA presidents Jerry Polinard, Karen Severn, and Mel Hailey continue to be involved with and advise the current SWAPLA board; Karen has also returned as caravan coordinator and webmaster.

### **SWAPLA Caravan**

SWAPLA's annual law school caravan will be held the week of October 1-5, immediately following the LSAC Law Forum in Houston on Saturday September 29. (SWAPLA members will, once again, provide pre-law advising services to attendees at the Law Forum.) Details are still in the works for the SWAPLA Caravan, but likely stops are the University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Dallas, SMU, and Texas State University at San Marcos. We will, as usual, charter buses for the law school representatives to ride from location to location, then to the airports.

## **Conference**

SWAPLA will not be holding its annual fall conference but instead is advertising the National Pre-Law Advisors Conference and encouraging our members to attend.

SWAPLA will provide a \$400 subsidy to the first 25 SWAPLA members who register for the PLANC conference, and we are advertising the LSAC HACU/HBCU subsidy as well as the Michigan State/PLANC scholarship. SWAPLA Vice President Jeff Robb is serving as a member of the PLANC conference program committee and several SWAPLA members are participating on panels.

Gary Keith

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