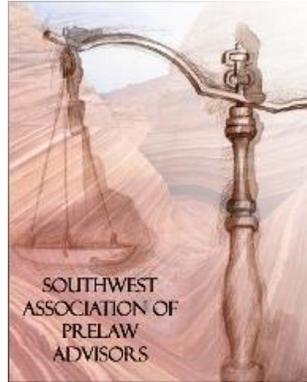


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Report from SWAPLA to PLANC March 2013

SWAPLA Board

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Association of Prelaw Advisors met in San Antonio on February 1 and 2. We welcomed our newest board member, representing law schools: Terence Cook from Texas Wesleyan School of Law. Our next board meeting will be in October, when we will elect new officers.

SWAPLA 2013 Caravan and Conference

SWAPLA's annual law school caravan will be held the week of October 14-18, immediately following the LSAC Law Forum in Houston on Saturday October 12. The caravan will begin at Texas Tech (Lubbock) on Monday Oct. 14, then proceed to UT Dallas on Tuesday, Texas A&M on Wednesday, UT Austin on Thursday, and end at UT San Antonio on Friday. Last year a total of 134 law schools participated in the caravan, and we anticipate similar participation this year. We always have additional locations that desire to be included in the caravan; thus we move around some of the locations from year to year.

The annual SWAPLA conference will be held in San Antonio Oct. 17-19, in conjunction with the caravan finishing at UT San Antonio on Oct. 18. SWAPLA Vice President Jeff Robb is planning the conference. We have chosen the Marriott Plaza Hotel as our conference hotel as well as the hotel for the law school representatives, so we anticipate that we will have a good mix of pre-law advisors and law school representatives at the conference affairs.

SWAPLA 2014 Conference

In 2014, SWAPLA and SAPLA anticipate holding a joint conference, probably in New Orleans. Leaders of our two APLAs will be discussing this and coordinating with law schools over the coming months.

PLANC 2016 Conference

At our February board meeting, our primary task was touring San Antonio hotels and making our choice of site for this fall's conference. As noted, we chose the Marriott Plaza. However, we were also greatly impressed by San Antonio's Crowne Plaza Hotel as a venue for a larger gathering than ours. Thus, as PLANC deliberates the 2016 national conference, traditionally west of the Mississippi after last year's east of the Mississippi gathering, SWAPLA believes that San Antonio would be a very attractive location—and likely more affordable. The Crowne Plaza would be an ideal location, located as it is on the San Antonio Riverwalk and close to all the downtown amenities. SWAPLA and PLANC have both been using the services of Helms-Briscoe in site selection and coordination; they helped us find the hotels that we toured and are familiar with the Crowne facility and personnel. See <http://www.crowneplaza.com/hotels/us/en/san-antonio/satps/hoteldetail> . In our discussions with them, we came away confident that we could get a great deal from them for PLANC.

Of course, the city of San Antonio is widely known as a great convention city, so we hope that PLANC will seriously consider San Antonio for 2016.

Gary Keith

President, Southwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors (SWAPLA)