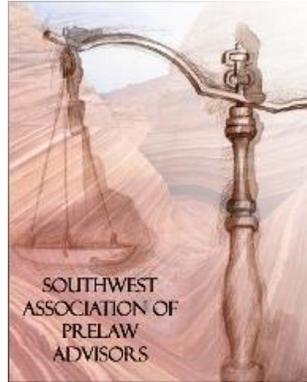


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Report from SWAPLA to PLANC November 2013

SWAPLA focused its efforts in 2013 on preparing for the annual law school caravan, which took place from Oct. 14-18, and the SWAPLA conference, which was held in San Antonio on Oct. 17-19. In addition, we provided pre-law advising at the Houston Law Forum on Oct. 12.

SWAPLA Conference and Membership

The annual SWAPLA conference was held in San Antonio Oct. 17-19. SWAPLA Vice President Jeff Robb planned and chaired the conference. We chose the Marriott Plaza Hotel as our conference hotel as well as the hotel for the law school representatives so that we could attract a good mix of pre-law advisors and law school representatives at the conference affairs. SWAPLA had 25 pre-law advisors and 10 law school representatives registered, though we also had representatives from other law schools and organizations join us for the social hours.

LSAC General Counsel Joan Van Tol updated us on LSAC affairs, incoming Dean Royal Furgeson of the new College of Law at the University of North Texas Dallas spoke about the future of legal education, and an array of pre-law advisors, law school representatives, and service and affiliate organizations comprised our panels. Finally, we had the great honor of presenting the PLANC Gerald Wilson Award for Outstanding Contributions to Pre-Law Advising to our esteemed colleague Jerry Polinard (University of Texas-Pan American).

SWAPLA 2013 Caravan

SWAPLA's annual law school caravan was coordinated by Karen Severn (Texas A&M University). The caravan began at Texas Tech Law School in Lubbock the Monday after the Saturday Houston Law Forum. Law school representatives then flew or drove to Dallas where we had a caravan hotel. On Tuesday the law fair was at the University of Texas at Dallas. Representatives

then boarded a bus to our caravan hotel in Austin where they stayed on Tues. and Wed. nights. On Wed. the bus took the representatives to College Station for the fair at Texas A&M University. On Thursday the fair was at the University of Texas at Austin. Representatives were then bused to San Antonio where they joined the pre-law advisors for a reception at the Marriott Plaza. On Friday law school representatives ended the caravan with the fair at the University of Texas at San Antonio. A total of 117 law schools participated in the caravan.

SWAPLA Board

The Board of Directors met in San Antonio in February to plan the conference and caravan, then met again on October 19 at the conclusion of the annual membership meeting.

As we noted at our March PLANC meeting, at our February board meeting the SWAPLA board discussed the 2016 PLANC conference. As PLANC continues discussion of the location for the conference, we want to reiterate our invitation for PLANC to consider San Antonio. Working with Helms-Briscoe, we are confident that we could get a great hotel deal for PLANC. Of course, San Antonio is widely known as a great convention city, so we hope that PLANC will still seriously consider San Antonio for 2016.

At the October membership meeting Jeff Robb (Texas Woman's University) was elected President and Sandy Self (Hardin-Simmons University) was elected Vice President and PLANC Designated Member. Michelle Payne (Texas Wesleyan University) was re-elected Treasurer. Anne Dutia (University of Texas at Dallas) was elected Secretary. Ana Alvarez (University of Texas at San Antonio) was re-elected Membership Director. Also re-elected to the board were Claudell Woods (Southern Arkansas University at Magnolia), Jamie Dillon (University of Houston Law Center) and Terence Cook (Texas A&M University School of Law). Gary Keith ended his term as President and joins the board as Past President.

SWAPLA 2014 Conference

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Robb

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