



## From the desk of: Russell Hamilton, TWUA ED

The 92nd Annual School was successful. Attendance numbers are still not what we hoped but the decision to host our Annual Event in Corpus Christi through 2017 appears to be an excellent choice. The host city is just a great place to have a convention and TWUA is adjusting the conference each year and we think we are very close to finalizing a winning combination. For those who did not go or maybe have not been keeping in touch regarding the schedule of events; most of the meetings and events are now being held on Sunday evening.

The Final Board Meeting was at 5:00 PM, The Opening Session was held at 6:30 PM, and the Opening Session transitions into the Awards Program. The (4) top awards were presented at this year's Annual School: (Meritorious Service, Dan Allen, Outstanding New Professional, and Outstanding Professional).

The remainder of awards will be presented at the Regional School closest to the recipient's current resident. Immediately following the Awards Program there was a reception held in honor of all the 2009 Award Recipients. This was a little different from what everyone was use to in the past. For those who did not attend the Sunday activities– you will have to trust me and take my word; this schedule of events worked very well.

The meetings on Sunday evening are now being held at the Omni Hotel. Annual School Opening Session & Awards Presentation are now on Sunday evening and we look forward to your participation. The Ehlers Breakfast, A & AA Lunch was also being held at the Omni on Monday. Pre-registration was also held on Sunday at the Omni Hotel. Basically, the attendees did not have to make a trip to the Convention Center until Monday morning when all classes begin.

2010 is off to a very busy start with outstanding opportunities for Operator Training. We sincerely hope that you will get familiar with utilizing the TWUA website the most up to date version of the associations training opportunities. The Regional Schools need your continued support and again dates and locations can be obtained at [www.twua.org](http://www.twua.org).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**TWUA 24th Regional Conference: (June 17, & 18, 2010)**

**2010 Mid Year Board Meeting: (August 12, & 13, 2010)**

NOTE: Both of these events will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Austin located at 5th Street & IH-35. Please view the Important Dates/Notices link on our website for more information.

As you build budgets and plans for the calendar year 2011 please remember TWUA Annual School is scheduled in Corpus Christi, Texas (February 27- March 2, 2011). This will be our 93rd Annual School and we would sincerely appreciate your support and attendance. If you need any additional information or assistance regarding Annual School, please do not hesitate to contact Central Office (512-459-3124 or 888-367-8982).

If you have looked at the Regional opportunities and have difficulty locating a specific class; please contact David Moore, he will be happy to work with you to get training scheduled in your area.

I would like to continue to encourage you to attend the monthly District Meetings in your area. This is an excellent source for renewal hours and the contacts and peer to peer time is a great way to discuss issues and gather information. If it has been awhile since you last attended, I urge you to contact your District or Central Office and we will be happy to provide any information that you might need. Central Office and our Management Committee would appreciate any feedback that you might have. If we are meeting your needs and you have no concerns; please let us know. If on the other hand there is an area that is causing concern or we are lacking; please share that with us and, if possible, we will try and incorporate your input into our program. I have enjoyed my time with TWUA as your Executive Director and I look forward to many years of continued service 💧

Best regards,

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