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Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

TACRAO Winter/Spring 2015 Newsletter



Chuck's Channel

By Chuck Kettlewell, TACRAO President

Words cannot adequately express my sincere delight in addressing the TACRAO membership as the 2015 President. As an organization, TACRAO has significantly matured over the past 93 years. I look forward to assisting in that continued growth and development. Thank you all for your trust and support of the entire **TACRAO Executive Committee**.

Those of you who had the opportunity to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting in Waco were treated to amazing experience in the "Heart of Texas." Lee Owens, Navarro College, and the **Local Arrangements Committee**, "Took Charge of Change" and did an outstanding job of welcoming one and all. The session planning committees (and membership in general) stepped forward with an excellent array of presentation topics and your **TACRAO Vice Presidents** aligned those sessions to maximize our ability to benefit from them. "Sheriffs" Trey and Chris kept the hospitality "saloon" appropriately hospitable, with special thanks to Ben E. Keith! My hat is tipped to (now Past-) President **Becki Griffith** who set the bar for any annual meeting very high.

Your TACRAO Executive Committee and **2015 LAC** are already hard at work to provide an even better meeting in 2015 as we will re-emerge at the Hyatt Regency Houston "Reaching New Heights through Innovation, Imagination, and Collaboration." The meeting dates will be November 8-11. The 2015 LAC is embracing our theme and has several welcome treats awaiting everyone. Elwood and Jake, prepare to pack your dark glasses and dust off your fedoras as we tackle the House of Blues for just one of the planned fun events. Laissez les bons temps rouler! (hint!) Watch the listserv for upcoming ticklers.

TACRAO has recently agreed to co-sponsor the March 30-31 19th Annual **Texas Higher Education Law Conference** at the University of North Texas. For more information on this conference, please go to https://www.coe.unt.edu/conferences/higher-education-law-conference.

Your TACRAO **Community College Issues, University Issues,** and **Technology Committees** have been diligent in their preparation for excellent meeting topics for their respective annual meetings. The SPEEDE/EDI and ApplyTexas combined meeting will take place at the **Pickle Center in Austin on June 12**. The **University Issues meeting will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in North Austin July 14-15** and will be immediately followed by the **Community College Issues meeting July 16-17 at the same location**. *Watch for more detailed announcements soon regarding these meetings.* For future years, once the existing facilities contracts permit, the TACRAO Executive Committee is pursuing the possibility of combining these meetings into the same week at a common location.

It truly "takes a village" to make TACRAO such a successful organization – both the largest and most engaged of all the AACRAO state and regional associations. If you are new to TACRAO, step forward and pursue additional opportunities for professional development. If you are a supervisor, encourage those opportunities to your newer staff. If you are a "mossback" (and being one, that is a term of endearment!), share your wealth of knowledge and experience to not only expand our collective knowledge, but remain sharp and at the peak of your game.



Darla's Dialogue

By Darla Ingish
TACRAO President-Elect

What an exciting and humbling experience to be serving as President-Elect for TACRAO! Now that we have all kicked our spring semesters into full-swing, and are already planning for summer, fall and beyond at our institutions; it's also time to think about the premier state conference for our profession, TACRAO, which will take place November 8-11, 2015, in Houston. At our recent executive committee meeting, our wonderful and gracious hosts, Allison Dragon and LaToya Whitaker poured on the Houston Hospitality. We "sampled" some of the venues our attendees will enjoy, and we were happy to discover that the Hyatt is even renovating some of the spaces we will use.

As President-elect, one of my responsibilities is to remind, ask, encourage, even cajole, everyone to complete the "I'm Available Form" at the following link: http://www.tacrao.org/sites/default/files/files/Fillable%20TACRAO%20I'm%20Available_front_and_back-submit-2015.pdf OR navigate to www.tacrao.org, click on the Organization Tab, scroll to the bottom and find the link there. Yes! We do still need volunteers as soon as possible for *this year* to fill more roles as facilitators of sessions, committee members for planning, and even to indicate an interest in serving in a leadership role in TACRAO for the future. TACRAO is truly an organization interested in developing its members professionally and personally, and taking an active part in the conference and its preparation is a great way to enrich that development!

Please take a moment to complete the "I'm Available form" if you haven't already, and forward to me. As I close my first article as President-elect, I find myself humming the Gatlin brothers' tune in my head:

"Houston, Houston means that I'm one day closer to you."

News from Blinn College:

Student Services at Blinn College -Bryan recently moved into a newly renovated 22,000 square ft. facility. The "Tejas Center" houses Academic Advising, Admissions & Records, Enrollment Services, Business Services, Dean of Student Success, Financial Aid, and Testing.





Rebecca's Reflections

By Becki Griffith, TACRAO Immediate Past President

As I take on the responsibilities of the immediate past president, it amazes me how time is flying by. It seems like just a moment ago, I was approached about taking on the role of TACRAO president. In the blink of an eye, the president-elect and president years went by!

Once again, I want to thank everyone who participated in the planning and DOING for the Waco conference last October. Presiding over that meeting was a personal and professional highlight. As always, it was a fun and informative gathering of new and experienced professionals representing a wide variety of enrollment services roles. If you were among the 76 mentors who signed up to guide new members in Waco, remember to reach out to your mentee(s) this spring and continue to build those relationships. ***Today's new members are tomorrow's leaders.***

In the coming months, my service on the board will continue with some important tasks. First, I am planning for the audit of the Waco conference financial records. This will involve the audit committee, chaired by Irene **Robinson,** along with members **Andi Liner** and **Oscar Reyna.** LAC chair **Lee Owens**, LAC treasurer **Bobby Lothringer**, and TACRAO Treasurer **Diane Brice** will join me in facilitating this audit. This will be a comprehensive review of the income and expenses for this meeting.

Later this spring, the members of the Conference Site Selection Committee (myself, **Bobby Lothringer, and Jamie Hansard**) will consider proposals to host the TACRAO 2017 conference.

In the summer, along with the members of the Newcomer Committee (**Stephanie Matlock, Spencer Schacht, and Brenda Schumann**), I will also be engaged in planning the event for new attendees for this fall's conference in Houston.

Finally, just a note that late in 2014, I made a transition from Lee College to Tarrant County College. My new email is rebecca.griffith@tccd.edu and my signature on TCC transcript paper is Rebecca Griffith. But fear not! I'll always be Becki in TACRAO circles and that's just fine with me, because that's how I want my friends to think of me.



Trevor's Truths, Tales, Tidbits and Tantrums

By Trevor Thorn, TACRAO VP for Admissions

Greetings from East Texas! I can't believe 2014 is behind us and we are well into 2015. I guess time does fly when you're having fun. I trust that everyone has fully recovered from TACRAO 2014 in Waco, from the holidays, and from the start of the spring semester. Where has the time gone?

The 2015 TACRAO Executive Committee recently had our first meeting at the Hyatt in Houston, Texas, and planning is well underway for the 2015 conference. Although we have already had a lot of session proposals submitted and reviewed by the Executive Committee, it is not too late to submit proposals. In fact, we would love more proposals as well as some fresh new ideas.

If you have a great session idea, or a fully planned out session for Admissions, please contact me or one of your Session Planning Chairs: Chris Gore, Access and Equity; Margret Duran, Health Science, Graduate and Professional Schools; Ginnifer Cie' Gee, Strategic Enrollment Management; Patricia Hill, Student Success; or Hope Young, Undergraduate Admissions.

We are back on track this year with our Sunday to Wednesday schedule, November 8-11, so no excuses for being off track. We expect everyone to be **"Reaching New Heights"!** The Executive Committee has a great conference in store for you and the LAC has ensured that everyone will have a BLAST! Stay tuned for more updates and I look forward to seeing you all in Houston!



Paige's Post-Its

By Paige Bussell, TACRAO Vice President of Records and Registration



Howdy all from the Bois D Arc Capital – Commerce, TX. I had the privilege of traveling to Washington in December to attend the AACRAO Leadership conference with Darla and Chuck. What a wonderful opportunity it was to network with other *ACRAO members across the state!

Your TACRAO Executive committee recently convened in downtown Houston at the beautiful Hyatt Regency February 8-10 to begin planning the 2015 94th Annual TACRAO Conference. The conference will be held November 8-11, 2015 with general sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Your committee chairs and members have been hard at work proposing sessions and I'm so thrilled at number and variety of topics that have been proposed have so far!!! In addition, ***FERPA King LeRoy Rooker*** has already agreed to do 3 sessions this year. It's not too late to submit a topic if you are interested in presenting! If you have session ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of your **Records & Registration session planning chairs.**

Your chairs are:

Registration and Records:
Jeff Rhodes, rhodesjh@utpa.edu

Certification and Legal Issues:
Nancy Faris, nfaris@dcccd.edu

Community/Technical College and Transfer: Mary Jane McReynolds, mmcreyno@austincc.edu

Data Collection and Technology:
Jennifer.beal@unt.edu

Management, Organization and Professional Development: Bobbie Brown, bobbie.brown@ttu.edu

Also, Lorri Morris has assumed the role of Chairing the Corporate Relations Committee. I encourage you to contact her if you have potential vendors/exhibitors who would like to join us for the 2015 TACRAO Conference. They are what help make our conferences so successful with their sponsorships and support. Until next time, stay warm and submit your ideas soon!
Lorri.Morris@angelo.edu

Regional Meeting News:

The ETACRAO meeting will be April 8th at Kilgore College.
For more information, contact Alex Knox, aknox@kilgore.edu.



Maria's Mayhem

By Maria Aguirre, TACRAO Secretary

With the first year as Secretary behind me, things will flow much smoother this year... now I know what I am doing or think that I do. :)

We had our first TEC meeting of the year in beautiful downtown Houston at the Hyatt Regency; the 2015 conference planning is well underway. During the meeting, I sent out reminder notices to colleges/universities that have outstanding balances with TACRAO. Remember that your paid status is what gives your recruitment staff access to the College Day/Night Schedule. The institutional contact is the individual with access to the invoice on the TACRAO website under Member Services. The fastest way to pay your balance is online, using PayPal. If your institution requires an invoice, you can download it from the website and send payments to:

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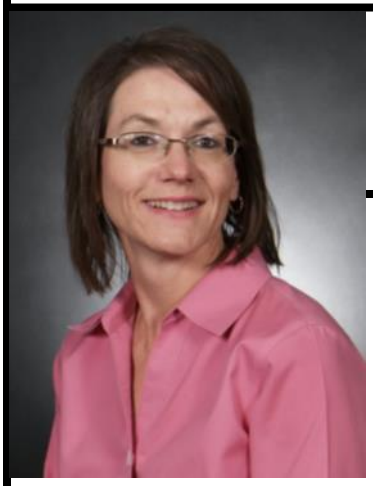
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If you need to add members to your TACRAO roster and you have already used the total number allotted, I can increase the number and update your invoice.

The High School Relations Committee has sent out the week schedule for the College Day/Night Programs and the committee is working to finalize the schedule for release late this Spring.

Membership points have been updated based on the final committee rosters and program from the Waco Conference. If you have any questions, call or email me at 325.235.7349 or maria.aguirre@tstc.edu



Diane's Dollars

By Diane Brice, TACRAO Treasurer

It was great seeing everyone at the conference in Waco!!

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer. I would also like thank Joe Papari for making my transition a great one. I definitely have big shoes to follow, but look forward to working with the new TEC as I learn everything about serving in this capacity. I hope to do a good job serving the membership and look forward to receiving your suggestions.

The past couple of months have flown by for me; I've been issuing travel reimbursements and tying up loose ends with the LAC. For now, please know TACRAO is very financially stable, and that the TEC is diligent in ensuring that we remain cost conscience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning the finances of the organization or any questions that you may have. Hope the remainder of your Spring term is a success.



North Texas News

By Dali Hatanville, Texas A&M University-Comnmerce

We are elated to announce news on behalf of our North Texas editor, **Dali Hatanville,** on the arrival of her beautiful baby girl!
Lakyn Lynn Hatanville
January 14, 2015
8 lbs., 9 oz.,, and 20 1/2 inches long
Proud parents are Bryan & Dali Hatanville



News from Midwestern State University Office of the Registrar

Congratulations to ***Linda Knox***, Assistant Registrar, who was the winner of the Outstanding Non-classified Staff Award for 2014 at MSU. Three other staff members in the Office of the Registrar were also nominated for this award: ***Kim Long,*** Assistant to the Registrar, ***Barbara Lunce,*** Assistant to the Registrar, and ***Jamie Wilson,*** Associate Registrar.

At the same awards luncheon the following service pins were awarded:

Linda Knox – 20 years
Barbara Lunce – 10 years
Bricelle Satterfield – 5 years

Congratulations to ***Jamie Wilson,*** Associate Registrar, and husband Ron, who became grandparents this fall when their daughter and son-in-law, Kaylee and Stephen Banks brought little Khloe Eizabeth Banks into this world on October 7.

News from Texas Woman's University

Laura Rocchio, Associate Registrar, retired on December 31, 2014 after serving TWU for over 24 years, the last 15 being in the Registrar's Office.

Sarah Kate Henderson was promoted to Associate Registrar on January 1, 2015.

Jenna Lee was promoted to Assistant Registrar on March 1, 2015.

Texas A&M University-Commerce expanded their Downtown Dallas location with the Universities Center at Dallas into 1910 Pacific Place, next to the Majestic Theatre. The ribbon cutting on February 6th included the Dallas Mayor, the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, the President of Downtown Dallas, as well as over 300 attendees.

The new space has over 42,000 square ft. of classroom, office and meeting space. The University has been offering degree programs at the UCD for 21 years.





SouthEast Texas Sound Bytes

By Laura Divine, College of the Mainland

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston gave ***Jerry McGauhey*** a "proper" send off on January 28th. It was a very well attended event with lots of well-wishers and love for Jerry as he began retirement. Now, several weeks later, those of us left in the office are still trying to miss Jerry..... but since his retirement he has called, emailed and showed up in the office on several occasions. If that sounds like a complaint....Not at all! When he shows up he brings kolaches and pictures of his grandsons!!

We have recently added two new faces to the Registrar's team. ***Lori Zerr***, a TACRAO veteran of 8 conferences, joined us in January as an EPM Business Analyst. In her new role Lori provides functional/technical support for both the Admissions and Student Records modules of the PeopleSoft Student System. Her positive impact in the office was immediate!



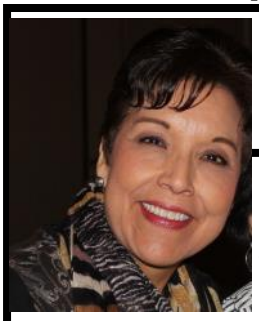
Natalie Gastineau, an early graduate from Bellaire High School in December 2014, will be with us as a Support Assistant until she heads off to begin her double major college experience at the University of Houston in August. Natalie has been trained on all things Degree Verify and will spend her summer helping us finally get to all of those conversion clean-up items that have been lingering since our implementation of Campus Solutions.

Brenda Powers and ***Stephanie Snedden,*** Associate Registrars, are currently serving on the LAC for the **2015 TACRAO Conference**. It sounds like we are going to have an ***awesome time in HTOWN*** this fall. Just so you know....Houston is a great place to be in February and March. Rodeo time and the UTHSC RO staff celebrated Go Texan Day! Truth be known, this group doesn't need much of an excuse to celebrate.....

The university is in the final testing phase of our **Campus Mobile App**. The plan is to make the app available to applicants and students in May 2015. The project calls for "out of the box" functionality, with only a couple of small customizations. Students can search for classes, enroll, add/drop, view financial aid information and account information. Applicants will be able to view their admission status and track admissions documents. We are very excited to make this available to our university community!

Galveston College recently hosted a career and transfer day. Several four-year universities and dozens of employers attended the event. If your institution is interested in this recruitment opportunity in the future, please contact Ms. ***LaToya Mills*** at 409-944-0221 or lmills@gc.edu.





West Texas Whistlings

By Andrea Rangel, South Plains College

Amarillo College: Congratulations to Amarillo College who has soared to all-new heights late in 2014 when the foremost authority on community-college achievement—Achieving the Dream—designated AC as one of 16 elite Leader Colleges for 2014. There are many other activities going on around their campus as well. **Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart,** President, had the opportunity to take part in the White House College opportunity Summit December 4, 2014 in Washington DC. **Dr. Deborah Vess** began her position as Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Amarillo College January 12, 2015. After the departure of **John Salazar** in December 2014, Amarillo College welcomed a few changes within the Student Affairs area. **Rita Wilson** was promoted to Associate Director of Enrollment Services. **Maria Juarez** was promoted to Technical Specialist in Enrollment Services. **Diane Brice** was promoted to Director of Enrollment Services/Registrar.

South Plains College:

The Texans won the National JNCAA Regional Basketball Tournament in Brownwood and earned a spot in the NJCAA Men's National Basketball Championship. The Texans will play against the winner of Vincennes and Cochise on March 17th. Coach Steve Green will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The SPC Men's and Women's Track and Field teams won the NJCAA Indoor Championships held recently in Albuquerque, N.M. Coach Chris Beene was named Coach of the Year and SPC Assistant Coach Blaine Wiley was named Assistant Coach of the Year.





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Texas Tech University: WTACRAO will host its Spring Meeting at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Monday, April 20, 2015.

Registration & Agenda will be coming out soon.



East Texas Eavesdroppings

By Jeremy Thomas, Blinn College

Panola College is currently under a great expansion with the Health and Natural Sciences Building (pictured bottom right) and the Charles C. Matthews Foundation Student Center. (pictured bottom left) **The buildings will open Fall 2015.**

In other **Panola College** news, ***Jeremy Dorman*** announces that there is a new Pony arrival for Recruiter/Advisor ***Jessica Walker***. Maximus Truett Walker arrived March 1, 2015 at 11:31 a.m. to Nicholas and Jessica Walker. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the Walker family!





SFA Registrar's News:

The Registrar's Office is finally back up to full steam with all positions filled. New to the office are ***Morgan Smith, Verifications Specialist, and Aly Hudspeth, Grades and Roster Specialist***. We are embarking on a renovation project for our registration/verification/grades/transcripts side of the house that we hope will make our area more student/client centric. Our online attendance process has now survived a long semester and can be considered fully operational. We did experience little snow in our area, but you had to look quickly before it melted. Here's a photo of some of our staff snow enthusiasts ...***Aly, Shelby*** and **Jacy** (note the snow flakes in their hair)!

SFA Admissions News:

The Office of Admissions would like to introduce three new team members that started with us in the summer:

Channing Moore

Kara Haney

Amy Kobuck-Dallas Area Regional Recruiter.

These three have been a great addition to our team and have been super fast learners. Please introduce yourself as you see them out and about.







The 4th largest city is proud to host the 2015 TACRAO Conference November 8th - 11th 2015 (Reaching New Heights: Through Innovation, Imagination, & Collaboration) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in beautiful downtown Houston. This year's event will provide admissions, enrollment, recruitment, registrars and other student services staff the opportunity to network, gain knowledge, receive updates, discuss best practices, and battle for the best region! Downtown Houston is home to dramatic 20th Century skyscrapers housing the offices where many of downtown's 140,000 workers are employed, a world-class Theater District, a growing residential population, a popular nightlife scene centered in the Historic District, world class restaurants, light rail, an enhanced convention center and numerous new hotels. We look forward to seeing you in Houston!

Houston LAC Co-Chairs

Allison Dragon - 713-467-5100 **Latyoya Whitaker - 713-798-3098**







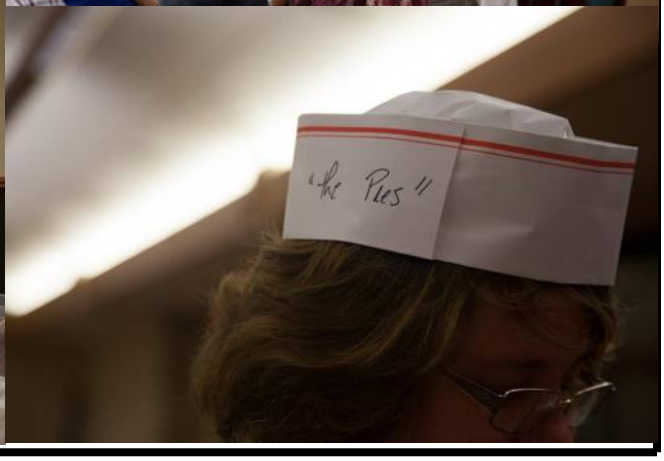

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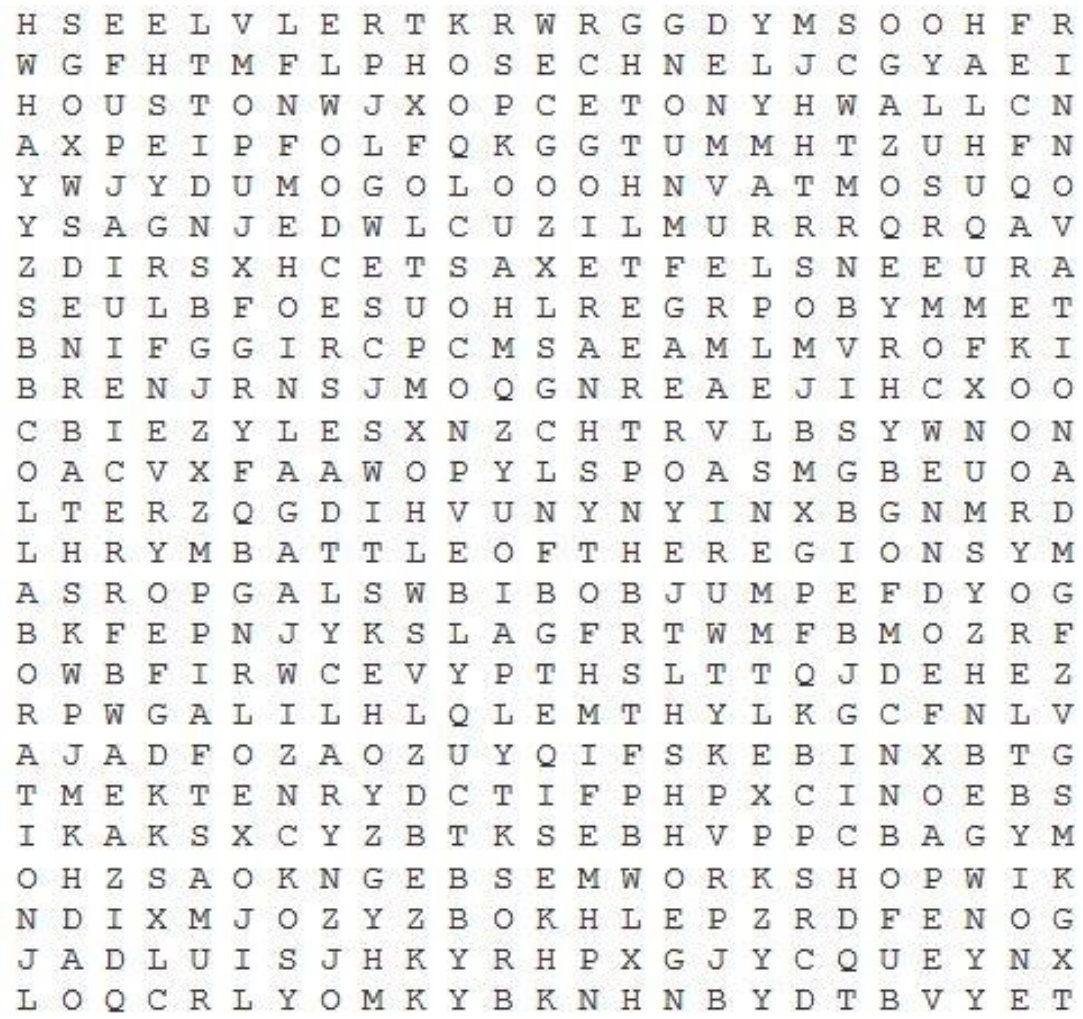

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The TEC visited the House of Blues in Downtown Houston, during their Executive Meeting in February, which is the site of the Big Event during this year's Annual Conference!

TACRAO 2015 Annual Meeting Word Search



Words and phrases to find:

Battle of the Regions
Baylor COM
Collaboration
Elwood
Fun Run
Hobby Airport
House Of Blues
Houston
Hyatt Regency
Imagination
Innovation
Jake
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