



Texas Agricultural  
Lifetime Leadership Program

TALL XIV  
Session 3 – Austin  
January 20 - 23, 2015

State Government: Issues and Policies  
“Leadership, Legislation, Laws”



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**Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership**  
**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service**

**TALL XIV - Session 3 - Austin, Texas**  
**January 20-23, 2015**

**State Government: Issues and Policies “Leadership, Legislation, Laws”**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

**Lodging: DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel**

**303 West 15<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, Texas | (512) 478-7000 | [AustinSuites.DoubleTree.com](http://AustinSuites.DoubleTree.com)**

**Note: Check- in time is 3:00 p.m. Hotel will store luggage if unable to check in early.**

**Presiding Members.....Colin Chopelas and Matt Davis**

**Attire. ....Business**

**Transportation.....Walk**

**Lunch.. ....On your own**

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony, Texas State Capitol, South Steps  
Texas Governor Elect Greg Abbott  
Texas Lt. Governor Elect Dan Patrick

12:15 p.m. Inauguration BBQ, West Grounds of the Texas State Capital

1:30 p.m. Convene in Texas State Capitol Annex, Room E2.036  
.....Room courtesy of The Honorable John Raney  
Texas House of Representatives, District 14

1:30 – 1:40 p.m. **Overview of Legislative Seminar..... Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**  
Professor and Leadership Program Director

1:40 – 2:00 p.m. ....**Mr. Joe Cox**  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Relations, Texas A&M AgriLife

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. **Appropriations, Budget Transparency and Reform, Higher Education  
and Priorities for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.....**  
.....**The Honorable John Raney**  
Texas House of Representatives, District 14

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

**Presiding Members:..... Matt Gruhlkey and Steven Kahla**

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. **“Duties and Responsibilities of the Texas Land Commissioner”**  
.....**The Honorable George P. Bush**  
Texas Land Commissioner, Texas General Land Office

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015 continued:**

- 3:45 – 4:30                  **“Responsibilities of the Texas Commission On Environmental Quality”**.....**Dr. Bryan Shaw**  
Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- 4:30 – 5:15 p.m             **“Appropriations, Border Security, Immigration and Priorities for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session”** .....**The Honorable Ryan Guillen**  
Texas House of Representatives, District 31
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.          2015 Texas Inauguration - Future of Texas Ball  
Austin Convention Center

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015:**

**Presiding Members:**.....**Barry Coker and Scott Frazier**  
**Attire:** .....**Business**  
**Transportation:**.....**Walk**  
**Breakfast:** .....**On your own**

- 7:45 a.m.                     Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.036
- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.             **“Public Health and County Affairs”**.....**The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst**  
Texas State Senator, District 18
- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.             **“Water Issues Facing Texas and the Duties of the Texas Water Development Board”**.....**Kevin Patteson**  
Executive Administrator, Texas Water Development Board
- 9:45-10:30                     **“Issues Facing Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security”**  
.....**The Honorable Craig Estes**  
Texas State Senator, District 30
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.           **“Responsibilities for the Comptroller, 2015 Revenue Estimates and 2015 Budget Projection”**.....**The Honorable Glenn Hegar**  
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.           **Walk to Texas Ag Council meeting**  
Location:                     **First United Methodist Church/Family Life Center**  
Address:                      **1300 Lavaca Street (NOTE: Enter door at Lavaca and 13<sup>th</sup> Street)**  
  
**TAC program begins at 11:00 a.m.:**  
**Introductions**  
**TALL XIII Study Abroad – “Brazil”**.....**Lindsay Kennedy**  
TALL XIII  
  
**Lunch sponsored by Texas Ag Council**
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.             Walk to DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015 continued:**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. TALL Alumni Meeting.....Houston Room

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.:

**“Issues Facing Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Health and Human Services” .....The Honorable Charles Schwertner**  
Texas State Senator, District 5

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.:

**“Overview of the Texas Railroad Commission Responsibilities”**  
**Gaye McElwain**  
Director of Public Outreach, Texas Railroad Commission

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Tall Advisory Board Meeting ..... Bluebonnet II Room

<b>Presiding.....Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz</b>
<b>Dress: .....Business</b>
<b>Transportation:.....Personal Vehicles</b>

5:45 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby and depart in your own personal vehicle for  
*“A Tribute to Texas Leadership”* - TALL Alumni reception.  
ADDRESS: Austin Club, 110 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, 512/477-9496.  
PARKING: Parking at 823 Congress Garage - next to the Austin Club.  
VALIDATION: Have your parking ticket validated at the reception by The Austin Club.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Social**  
7:00 p.m. **Program:**  
**Opening Comments.....Jim Mazurkiewicz**  
Professor and Leadership Program Director

**Introduction of the Chancellor.....Doug Steele**  
Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

**Welcome and Remarks ..... John Sharp**  
Chancellor, Texas A&M University System

**Introduction of the Key Note Speaker .....Bill Dugas**  
Acting Vice Chancellor and Acting Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Texas A&M AgriLife

**Keynote Address.....The Honorable Sid Miller**  
Texas Commissioner of Agriculture

**Introduction of TALL XIV..... Jim Mazurkiewicz**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015 continued:**

**Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Foundation Sponsor  
Recognition.....Presented by Jim Prewitt**  
Board Chairman, TALL Foundation  
CEO, Landmark Nurseries, Inc.

**Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Distinguished Alumnus Award  
.....Presented by Tanya Foerster**  
TALL Alumni President

**Texas Agricultural Lifetime Achievement Award  
.....Presented by Jim Prewitt**

**HONOREE.....Marcus Hill**  
President and Chairman, Ag Workers Insurance

**Closing.....Jim Mazurkiewicz**  
Adjourn for the evening.

**Thursday, January 22, 2015:**

<b>Presiding Members.....Brad Lubbers and Michelle Moore</b>
<b>Attire. ....Business</b>
<b>Transportation.....Walk</b>
<b>Breakfast.....On your own</b>

- 7:45 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby and walk together to Capitol Annex Room E2.036
- 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **“Duties and Responsibilities of TxDOT”.....Lt. General Joe Weber**  
Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **“Priorities for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session”.....The Honorable Joe Straus**  
Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives
- 9:15 -9:45 a.m. **The Ag Commissioner’s Vision for Managing TDA and the  
Responsibilities of this Agency.....Jason Farneyhough**  
Deputy Commissioner
- 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. **“The Appropriations Process and Natural Resource Concerns”  
.....The Honorable Trent Ashby**  
Texas House of Representatives, District 57
- 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Visit your State Representative and State Senator and or staff.
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch at Capitol Cafeteria

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 continued:**

**Presiding.....Jonah Parker and Cuatro Strack**

- 1:30 p.m. Meet in Capitol Annex Room E2.036
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **“How to Keep the Legislature Informed of Your Issues”..**  
.....**Kody Bessent**  
Legislative Affairs Director, High Plains Water District
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. **“Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Major Initiatives and Agency Responsibilities”.....Clayton Wolf**  
Director of Wildlife, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. **Oversight and Responsibilities of the Texas Animal Health Commission .....****Mary Thiel Luedeker**  
Government Industry Relations and Assistant General Counsel  
Texas Animal Health Commission | TALL XIV
- 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. Homework Presentations

**Presiding.....Mary Luedeker and Zane Nicholson**

- 5:45 p.m. Meet Dr. Jim in the rotunda of the main Capitol building on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Reception at the State Capitol, Lt. Governor’s Reception Room**  
Location: **Second Floor, Senate Chamber, Room 2E.16**  
**East end of building and walk up stairs.**

Lt. Governor’s Reception Room courtesy of The Honorable Charles Schwertner  
Texas State Senator, District 5

**Refreshments and Hors d’Oeuvres sponsored by:**  
.....**Texas Pork Producers and Texas Poultry Federation**

**“The Texas Legislative Budget Process”.....Mike Morrissey**  
Director of Budget for Lt. Governor Dan Patrick

- 8:00 p.m. **Certified Hereford Beef Social**  
Address: 8708 North FM 620, Austin, 78726  
Travel in personal vehicles. Carpooling is encouraged.  
“Certified Hereford Beef” hors d’Oeuvres will be served
- Sponsored by :**
- **Texas Hereford Breeders**
  - **Certified Hereford Beef**
  - **Texas Beef Council**

**Friday, January 23, 2015:**

**CHECK-OUT OF HOTEL!**

**NOTE: Check out of hotel - be ready to leave immediately after Dr. Grant's presentation!**

<b>Presiding Members.....</b>	<b>Chloe Nunley and Rebecca Rivers</b>
<b>Attire.....</b>	<b>Business Casual</b>
<b>Meeting Location.....</b>	<b>Doubletree Guest Suites: Bluebonnet II Room</b>
<b>Breakfast.....</b>	<b>Served in the Bluebonnet II Room</b>

**NOTE TO PRESIDING MEMBERS:**

**Dr. Grant will have a power point presentation.**

**Presiding members, make sure the following equipment are set up for Dr. Grant:**

**(Dr. Jim will have the following equipment. Make sure this is put in his vehicle after the presentation.)**

- **Flip Chart**
- **TALL projector**
- **TALL laptop (This is only for a back-up. Set up only at Dr. Grant's request)**
- **Hotel will provide screen, A/V table, power strip and extension cord.**

6:45 – 7:30 a.m. Breakfast sponsored by **Texas Association of Dairymen**

7:30 - 9:30 a.m. **“Psychological Types: Practical Applications”.....Dr. Richard Grant**  
Psychologist

9:30 - 9:40 a.m. Break

9:40 - 11:00 a.m. **“Psychological Types: Practical Applications” resumes.....**  
.....**Dr. Dr. Richard Grant**

**CHECK-OUT OF HOTEL!**

**Session is adjourned - Have a safe trip home!**

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**West Texas Session Agenda**

**Presiding.....Blaine Junfin and Mariano Lerma**  
**Transportation.....Personal Vehicle**

**Friday, January 23, 2015**

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.      Travel to Sonora, TX in personal vehicles

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.      Check in motel, (Comfort Inn) freshen up  
Address: 311 Hwy 277 North, Sonora, TX 76950

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.      Visit Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum  
Address: 202 Water Ave, Sonora, TX 76950

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.      Dinner at Sonora’s Historic Train Depot  
Address: 450 East Mulberry, Sonora, TX 76950

Keynote speaker ..... **Bob Malone**  
President & CEO, Sonora Bank



**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

**Presiding Members:.....Travis Thorne & Eric Turpen**  
**Transportation..... Bus**

- 7:00 a.m. Load bus for travel to Texas A&M Research Station
- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Chuck wagon Cowboy Breakfast @ Research Station
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome & History of Sonora Research Station...  
.....**Dr. Charles “Butch” Taylor**
- 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Water Conservation, Sutton and Menard Counties Underground Water  
District’s.....**Jim Polonis and Caroline Runge**
- 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Report on USDA Wildlife Services  
-Predation in Edwards Plateau and Hill Country  
-District supervisor..... **Alan Armstead**  
-Rancher, Business owner..... **Stan Cottle**
- 11:00 – 12:00 a.m. Tour facilities: Information on Breeds of Sheep & Goats  
-Rancher, Wool & Mohair Warehouse Manager.....**Seco Mayfield**  
-Rancher, Manager High Cross Vineyard..... **Dr. Erika Campbell**

**Presiding Members:.....Wes Chandler & Sandra Choate**  
**Transportation..... Bus**

- 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. Chuck wagon Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Oil & Gas Production in the Region .....**Terry Crawford**  
Production Manager, ENERVEST
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Tour & Discussion of Prescribed Burning-  
Pre/post burn with livestock..... **Dr. Charles ”Butch” Taylor**  
Prescribed Burning Associations .....**Curry Campbell**
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Travel to Deer Breeding Facility
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Tour Deer Breeding Facility- Dermody Ranch
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Travel back to motel in Sonora to freshen up

Saturday, January 24, 2015 continued

<b>Presiding Members:.....Cody White &amp; Steven Akers</b>
<b>Transportation..... Bus</b>

5:45 – 10:00 p.m. Load bus to travel to X Bar Ranch  
- Diversity in ranching .....**Stan Meador**  
-Christoval Winery  
- Dinner, Meet & greet

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Check out motel & breakfast on your own

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