

THSADA NEWSLETTER

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THSADA State Conference and Professional Development Program 2019 Conference Review

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The 48th annual THSADA State Conference and Professional Development Program concluded a successful four day Conference in Waco at the Naco Convention Center. This was the third year in a row that the THSADA hosted a Conference in Waco. The State Conference next year will also be held at the Naco Convention Center April 3-6, 2020.

The THSADA State Conference saw record 412 attendees during the four-day Conference that included Athletic Administrators, Head Football Coaches and Athletic Staff members. There was also a large turnout of Athletic Directors/Head Football Coaches that attended. The TradeShow was also the largest that the THSADA has ever had with 300 Exhibit Booths on display in the Chisholm Hall. The TradeShow has grown significantly over the years and another large turnout is expected next year.

THSADA membership's reflection of the interest and participation of Athletic Administrators throughout the State of Texas. THSADA membership has reached 3,124 and consistently increases each year. The immediate goal of 3,500 member is within reach.

The 2019 State Conference also featured the 2nd year of the Texas Athletic Administrators Certification program. The significant increase in attendance can be traced to the TAAC program as many first-time attendees came to the Conference to go through the TAAC program. Participation in the TAAC pro-

gram at the Conference far exceeded expectations and the THSADA has spent a good deal of time recording and cataloging all the TAAC cards that were collected.

The State Conference opened on Sunday with a meeting of all THSADA Committee Chairs that was followed by a meeting of all eight THSADA committees.



The Texas Athletic Administrators Certification program got started with two Sunday sessions featuring Mr. Jim Walsh of the law firm Walsh College, Fortine House and Life PC who gave an excellent presentation on those legal issues that are critical and conclusive to Athletic Administrators. Mr. Walsh's presentation was followed by the annual Sunday Night Kick-off Reception that was held in the McLennan Ballrooms and hosted by Environmental Tect Services. This event has become a very popular way for both attendees and exhibitors to share some significant social time together before the start of the Conference and attendance by both attendees and exhibitors was outstanding.

Monday morning featured the an-

nual presentations by both the UIL and TAPPS. Each Executive Director and staff members addressed their respective attendees as they were split between UIL attendees and TAPPS attendees. Both UIL and TAPPS conducted both to back TAAC sessions that were highly attended.

Attendees came back together for the rest of the Monday TAAC sessions which started with a presentation by Pangea Sports Constructors President William Chaffin. Mr. Chaffin presented a valuable session on Construction, Installation and Renovations. Scott Galloway of White Settlement ISD and Dr. Thomas Blount of SMSU presented a well attended session on Construction Management. Re-certification and Re-education presentations by both UIL and TAPPS followed next with good turnout at both sessions. Long-time sponsor FBR Sports presented on Capital Project Planning with Tony Schneider and Juan Lopez presenting. In response to the high number of Head Football Coaches attending, THSADA conducted 2 separate panels on the organization and administration of the Athletic Administrators/Head Football Coach position. One panel was comprised of THSADA coaches while the other panel was AA/TAPPS and below.

The Monday keynote speaker was Kevin Dillman who is a very well known motivational and character development speaker. Kevin delivered a great message to the attendees as many of them commenced afterwards on his prompts.

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