



TTARA Annual Membership Meeting ~ October 11-12, 2007

In Conjunction with the Institute for Professionals in Taxation
Sheraton Austin Hotel, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701, Phone: 512-478-1111

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007

- 9:30-10:00 am **Registration (Ballroom A-D)**
- 10:00-11:00 am **Recent Tax Developments in Other States**
Joe Crosby, Legislative Director, Council on State Taxation (COST)
- 11:00-11:30 am **Margin Tax Technical Corrections**
Frank Battle, Sr. Counsel for Public Policy, Lt. Governor's Office
Darlene Brugnoli, Policy Analyst-Taxes, Speaker's Office
- 11:30-12:00 pm **Pollution Control Exemption — The New Rules**
Ted Hazen, Section Manager, Pollution Prevention & Education,
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- 12:00-1:00 pm **Luncheon (Ballroom E-H)**
- 1:00-3:00 pm **Tax Administrative Update**
Mike Reissig, Director of Tax Administration, Comptroller's Office
Additional Comptroller Staff
- 3:00-3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:15-3:45 pm **The New Administrative Hearings Process**
Eleanor Kim, Administrative Law Judge, State Office of Administrative Hearings
Sheila Bailey Taylor, Chief Administrative Law Judge, State Office of Administrative Hearings
- 3:45-5:00 pm **Is Property Tax Relief Working?**
George Allen, Executive Vice President, Texas Apartment Association
Dan Casey, Partner, Moak, Casey & Associates, LLP
John Nichols, Director, State & Local Tax, Dow Chemical Company
Jim Ramsey, Director, Ad Valorem Tax, CenterPoint Energy
- 5:00-6:00 pm **Board of Directors Meeting (Ballroom F-H) [Board members only]**
- 6:00-7:30 pm **Chairman's Reception (Rojo Restaurant - Lower Level) [All attendees invited]**

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007

- 8:00-8:30 am **Registration (Ballroom A-D)**
- 8:30-9:00 am **Business Meeting**
- 9:00-9:30 am **Financing Our Water Infrastructure**
The Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Natural Resources Committee
- 9:30-10:45 am **How to Fund Texas' Growing Transportation Demands**
The Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Committee
The Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Transportation Committee [invited]
The Honorable Ric Williamson, Chairman, Texas Department of Transportation
- 10:45-12:00 pm **Texas Politics at Its Best**
George S. Christian, TTARA, Moderator
Mike Baselice, President, Baselice & Associates, Inc.
Paul Burka, Texas Monthly Magazine
Kelly Fero, Fero Hewitt Global
- 12:00-1:30 pm **Luncheon (Ballroom E-H)**
The Honorable Susan Combs, Comptroller, State of Texas

Program Concludes



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Registration Procedure

Complete your registration form as soon as possible and mail it with your registration fee to TTARA, 400 W. 15th Street, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701, in order to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this program. This seminar is an excellent forum in which taxpayers and taxpayer representatives can meet face-to-face with numerous Texas officials and other tax professionals to ask questions.

Recommended attire is business or business casual.

Hotel Information

Call the Sheraton Austin at 1-512-478-1111 to reserve your guest room. You must request a room in the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association's block of rooms to receive the negotiated room rate of \$151. **Make your reservations early to ensure availability.** The cut-off date for TTARA's group rate is September 19, 2007. Reservations requested beyond the cut-off date or after the room block is filled, whichever comes first, are subject to availability. Rooms may still be available after the cut-off date, but not necessarily at the group rate. Should you need to cancel, please contact the Sheraton Austin at least 72 hours prior to the date of your arrival to avoid cancellation penalties.

Institute for Professionals in Taxation

The Institute, an educational organization founded in 1976, is dedicated to a high degree of professionalism with a strict Code of Professional Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct for its members, to a uniform and equitable administration of ad valorem and sales and use taxes, and to minimizing the cost of tax administration and compliance.

Continuing Education Credit

CMEs will receive hour-for-hour continuing education credits for actual session attendance (based on a 50-minute credit hour) upon submittal of the appropriate continuing education form.