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If You Ask Me, January 9th Can't Come Fast Enough.

You did it! We did it! We all survived a humdinger of an election. I hope there aren't too many runoffs you have to deal with before the holidays.

So now let's get ready for our [TAEA Mid-Winter Conference in at the Sheraton Austin-Georgetown in Georgetown, TX](#) (the draft agenda accompanies this newsletter). Our overflow for this event is the [Best Western Plus Georgetown Inn & Suites](#).

Registration for the Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday REO courses can be done [at this link](#). That Wednesday morning course is a continuing course that 2016 graduates MUST take to maintain their certification. 2017 graduates MAY also take the course and have their certification extend to January 2023. A list of 2016 & 2017 REO graduates will also accompany this newsletter.

We're once again asking attending counties to bring a couple of gift basket items for door prizes. The more representative of what your county has to offer, the better!

Wishing you a restful & warm Thanksgiving holiday this week!

-Chris Davis



SOS 2018 Election Law Seminar Cities, Schools & other Political Subdivisions:

November 28 – November 30, 2018

Treasurer

Phew, I'm so glad that the #MidTerm2018 is now a thing of the past! I don't know about you guys but we received an abundance of statement of residence, Provisionals and limited ballots that must now be processed. I'd like to thank Pam Hill and her girls in San Patricio County for bailing me out when I ran out of provisional ballot supplies. I can ALWAYS depend on you guys! Now, let's all stand up, stretch and take several deep breaths! As for those of you who have a Dec 11th election, I will be praying for you.

Attached you will find the agenda for our upcoming Mid-Winter conference in January as well of REO classes being offered. The REO renewal courses for those of you who graduated in 2015 will be available, as well.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope that you are able to spend it surrounded by those you love the most.

- Michele Bennett

Legislative Chair



Hello everyone! I hope everyone's election went well. It did for us; we were very busy but no hiccups! I want each of you to know I am going to miss you very much, but not the "election" part! I have had several "last" things happening, but I think the first one that hit me was the last day of early vote. I always get here early and get everything turned on & ready, and as I started turning on the voting machines & IPADS, I realized this is my last time to do this. I was very very sad for a few moments, but that feeling passed, and since the election is over, I just can't seem to wipe the smile off my face! I am so excited to get to retire and enjoy myself.

Many of you have become dear friends over the years and I will miss seeing y'all at the conferences & catching up.

I was also very saddened to hear of Suzy's passing. I did not know her that well but I know she was in our circle for several years, and the comments I've seen show she was very passionate about her job, which seems to be a trait of those of us in the election business. She was taken far too early, and I know she will be dearly missed.

On a brighter note, I hope all of you have a wonderful & blessed Thanksgiving, and remember what we are on this earth for. To love those we are close to and be a kind person.

Love y'all and hope every one of you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Mina Cook

Secretary



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Continuing Education

TAEA is again partnering with the Election Center to offer REO (Registered Election Official) classes at the mid-winter Conference in Georgetown. Classes are January 7- January 9 and the conference begins on the afternoon of January 9. Courses 1,2,3, & 5 are being offered along with a renewal course # 13 which deals with Election Security. Registration information is on our TAEA website www.taea-elections.org

CERA classes will also be offered again in Houston this spring, Courses 9,10,11, & 12 will be taught March 18-23,2018 at the Westin Hotel Memorial City. Registration information will be posted on our website in mid December.

Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels to all.

- John Oldham



Conference: Wednesday, January 9th – Friday, January 11th
 REO Classes: Monday, January 7th – Tuesday, January 8th
 REO Renewal Course: Wednesday, January 9th



[House Bill 362 Filed by Celia Israel](#) – Create a Voting System Fund in the Secretary of State’s Office

Numerous bills are being filed for the 86th Legislative Session – November 12, 1st day to file bills



Blanco County is accepting applications for an Elections Administrator. Description of duties and responsibilities and application is below. Applications must be submitted to the County Judge’s office on or before November 30, 2018.

[Elections Administrator](#)

Location: Johnson City, TX

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