



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 30, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM  
at Joanne's house**

**Attendees:**

Joanne Richards (president)  
Mary Patrick (board member)  
Diane Owens (treasurer)  
Dan Eckam (secretary)

**Discussion items:**

**1. Minutes approved.** We confirmed that the minutes of our last meeting were approved by the board via email.

**2. Treasurer's report.** Current balance: \$1067.43, same as last month.

**3. Report on anti-corruption coalition Integrity Texas.** Joanne informed us about developments in the new incarnation of the Texas Anti-Corruption Campaign, which was active during the last Texas legislature.

- new name inspired by Integrity Washington
- TACC logo recognized by legislators from 2014 -- maybe keep graphic parts, but change words?
- core group met; hoping to add groups such as Libertarian Party, LULAC, NAACP, a union group.
- next conference call: Monday; Joanne will participate
- questions to be resolved: how pro-active should the group be? should it write any new bills? or focus on follow-ups to 2014 bills?

**4. Sept. 10 general meeting:** We agreed we'll invite a representative from Wayne Christian's campaign since he is unable to attend. No response from Grady Yarbrough, the Democratic candidate. Candidates Miller (L) & Salinas (G) are on board. We also hope to have Carol Birch (Public Citizen) as an expert for the panel. Mike will be the moderator. Dan will play Joanne's usual role of opening the meeting.

**5. Board recruiting efforts:** The board discussed our ongoing attempts to recruit new members to the board. Dan reported on 3 friends he asked, who declined, and one new prospect. Joanne is hopeful to add Brian Jackson, who is an intern for Leslie Pool and student at the LBJ School. She will also approach Char Dison who has expressed praise for what we do and frequently attends our meetings.

In opening the Sept. meeting, Dan will mention that we're looking to expand our board members, and also mention other ways for people to get involved, such as helping with our blog or Facebook page, or organizing a Meetup group for us.

**6. October meeting plans:** We decided to have a debate on the merits of the National Popular Vote (NPV) interstate compact. We need to recruit experts to speak on both sides. We'll also allow for audience questions, and poll the audience which side they favor both before and after the debate. (An idea inspired by Intelligence Squared's debates.) Michael Faber from Texas State was suggested.

**7. November meeting plans:** We decided to have a panel discussion on methods of representation -- at-large vs. single or multi-member districts. We'd like to discuss this in relation to Austin city council elections (former at-large system vs. 10-1), Texas Supreme Court and Criminal Court of Appeals judge elections, and legislative elections, as well as in general terms. Dan mentioned an [article](#) he recently published on the history of multi-member districts in US House and Texas House representation.

**Addendum:**

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