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New CenTex ASPA Officers

By: James Harkins

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The American Society of Public Administration – Central Texas Chapter 32, on January 28, recently celebrated the swearing in of nine new officers, and new council members, which will serve for ____ years until (DATE).

Following in the footsteps of the legendary Texas governors' Ma and Pa Ferguson, Centex ASPA will benefit from having "two for the price of one," when it comes to the presidency, as Rosy Moore passed the title of President, after unanimous consent from members in attendance, to her husband John D. Moore.

"It is a lot of work to head an organization like ASPA. I would know after watching Rosy," said the newly installed President John D. Moore.

After taking the oath of office, the newly elected President Moore was brief with his comments, explaining that public

administrators, along with all citizens, are facing difficult times in government and public administration, and services that can be offered with such large shortfalls. "I have faith that we are going to do some good things," said Moore.

Robert Ochoa, formerly the chair of the membership committee, was sworn in as Vice President for ASPA. "I chose to become more active in CenTex because it has such great potential to be the premier public sector, and nonprofit, professional development organizations in Texas," said Ochoa. "My goal as the new Vice President of CenTex ASPA is to increase opportunities for professional development and increase membership in an already talented and diverse organization of public and nonprofit leaders."

John Sone was reinstated as Chair of the

membership committee. "My goal for the next year is to fully comprehend the range of value that ASPA offers to the Central Texas public sector, and to help current and potential members realize it," said Sone. "The CenTex chapter is incredibly vital, serving portions of 48 counties and the state capital. It's a great fusion of practitioners, academics and students with expertise ranging from the local through federal level, and this might spur the development of new communities of practice."

Also installed was Marilyn Balanoff as Treasurer, Patricia Shields as Secretary, Chet Brooks as Parliamentarian, Gabriel Cardenas as webmaster, and James Harkins and Courtney Colter as co-editors of the CenTex Times newsletter. ~

Message from the President

John Moore, President Centex ASPA

"We will have to do more with less and continue to look for more efficient ways to delivery services to the public." ~ President John Moore

In the year 2011, public managers are faced with budget deficits, decreasing revenues, increasing demand for services and an economy that is still sluggish. More than ever, we are being called on to be wise stewards of the public's money. We will have to do more with less and continue to look for more efficient ways to deliver services to the public.

Centex ASPA can serve as a resource to our

members and friends in these trying times. Centex ASPA provides its members a number of opportunities to gain practical information, discuss the latest research and trends in public administration and make valuable professional contacts. These tools assist the public manager in performing his or her job.

As the President for the upcoming year, I urge you to take advantage of your

membership in Centex ASPA to help you do your job better. Ask questions of, give advice to and listen to your fellow members. Take advantage of all of the resources that ASPA and Centex ASPA has to offer.

Remember, none of us can do our jobs without the help of those around you. ~



Former President Rosy Moore receives roses from her husband, and new President, John Moore at the officer installation ceremony. Photo courtesy of Howard Balanoff.

Message from Immediate Past President

By: Rosy Moore

It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve as CenTex ASPA President last year. CenTex ASPA sponsored several events last year at Texas State University, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, and a training session for board members of non-profit organizations to continue our commitment to professional development. In the chapter administration area, we opened new accounts for the post office box and for PayPal. Our annual banquet to honor public servants for the Public Service Recognition Week was a success with 110 attendees. I appreciate

the assistance of all the officers and council members that made this possible.

My new role as Immediate Past President is to provide continuity and assistance to the new council members and officers. The constitution of the CenTex ASPA chapter states:

"The governing body of the Chapter shall be the Council, which shall consist of the Chapter officers, the two most recent past Presidents, and eighteen (18) council

members, nine (9) to be elected in odd numbered years and nine (9) to be elected in even numbered years."

I will continue to be available to run the affairs of CenTex ASPA. I will also be a member of the Nominating Committee for the officers and council members for the following year, 2012.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Rosy Moore, Immediate Past President
CenTex Chapter of ASPA

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Immediate Past President

CenTex ASPA Sponsors State Agency Softball Tournament

By: James Harkins

In the spirit of charity, competition and fun, CenTex ASPA is one of the sponsors of the Inaugural State Agency Softball Tournament for Multiple Sclerosis.

This co-ed double-elimination tournament will be held on Saturday, March 19 at Kreig Fields in Southeast Austin at 517 South Pleasant Valley Road.

This tournament is being organized by members of

the Texas General Land Office Bike Team. For the last five years, Team GLO has raced from Houston to Austin, raising more than \$163,000 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

This tournament was designed to raise even more money for MS by pitting 16 Texas state agencies against each other on the softball field, and allowing participants a chance to associate with other public administrators in a fun, casual

environment, and providing a new opportunity to network amongst peers in state government.

CenTex ASPA is a natural sponsor for such an event, as there will be more than 300 public administrators at Kreig Field on March 19.

Vice President Robert Ochoa has organized a team for the Texas Workforce Commission, and James Harkins has

organized a team on behalf of the Texas General Land Office, meaning CenTex ASPA has two officers taking on a different role, as team captains of softball teams.

CenTex ASPA will have a table at the March 19 tournament, with information about our organization, and exposing ASPA to hundreds of local public administrators.

Please join ASPA for a day of fun and charity.

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Shields Honored Section of Women in the Public Administration

By: Courtney Colter

Dr. Patricia Shields will be honored by the Section of Women in the Public Administration (SWPA) with the Rita Mae Kelly Award for her research on women in the public sector. This Award recognizes outstanding research contributions to gender-related issues, the significant role of women in public administration, and the impact through that research on women's lives. Dr. Shield's work

focuses on extraordinary women in the public sector and the historical paths they have created. Her presentation on American Women Pragmatist Reformers takes a glimpse into the lives of women who changed history through public service, can be found on her website uweb.txstate.edu/~ps07/. She was nominated by MPA student and senior lecturer in the

Political Science Department, Sherri Mora and will receive the Rita Mae Kelly Award at the National ASPA meeting SWPA breakfast.

Council Members (Term expiring in January 2012):

- Jessica Marek
- John W. Sone
- Reuben Leslie
- Raiza M. Ruiz
- Robert Ochoa
- Kevin Scott
- Chad Nolte
- Sherri Greenberg
- Troy Houtman

About Our Organization...

ASPA, or the American Society for Public Administration, was established in 1939. It is the largest and most prominent, professional association in the field of public administration. With a diverse membership composed of more than 12,000 practitioners,

teachers and students, ASPA has emerged as the focal point for intellectual and professional interaction, thereby serving as the principal arena for linking thought and practice within the field of public administration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 11-15 – 2011 ASPA Annual Conference, "Public Administration without Borders," Baltimore, Maryland
- March 19 – State Agency Softball Tournament, Austin
- March 23 – Monthly Meeting, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- March 25 – Spring Mixer
- April 20 – Monthly Meeting, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Austin
- May 1-7 – Public Service Recognition Week
- May 5 – Public Service Recognition Awards Banquet