



Dear Colleagues:

Before we look ahead to the new association year, we must look back at the accomplishments of this past year. Many thanks to Bob Harkins and his staff for the outstanding conference held this past April at the AT&T conference center, on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. The TPA has always provided conferences full of learning, quality information and awesome networking programs. All who attend the conferences are able to gain knowledge. This past year was no different. Our programs were jammed packed with information that provided all of us with valuable information. We had 34 vendor booths with various products that serve our industry. All of our speakers were from across the parking industry, are considered as experts in their fields.

Every year the Board of Directors through nominations from the members of the TPA award the Texas Parking Association Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipient were very worthy of this distinguish honor, Mr. Peter Lang of Texas A&M University.

The board and members were honored to learn that our very own Bob Harkins has been selected as the IPI Parking Professional of the Year and will be honored at this year's IPI conference in Denver, CO.

We look forward to another busy year; we will under the leadership of Liliana Rambo, CAPP our well received Round Table seminars. This is a great opportunity to attend a day session of parking knowledge information.

Our 2010 Conference will be held in March/April in Fort Worth. The host committee is working on this conference and additional information will be forthcoming.

Thanks to all that serve and support our great association!

Regards,
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Congratulations to Our Texas Members & Their Professional Recognition at IPI

At the International Parking Institute 2009 Professional Recognition Awards Program the following Texas Parking Association Members were recognized for their accomplishments of excellence.

Parking Professional of the Year-G. Robert Harkins, Ed.D.-The University of Texas at Austin

Parking Organization of the Year-Texas A & M Transportation Services

Category III Award of Excellence-Automated Valet Parking System-Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport/Parking Business Unit & Revenue Management

Liliana Rambo, CAPP with the City of Houston was elected to the executive board of directors of IPI. This is a huge success for all the winners, and TPA is extremely proud of them all.



2009 Texas Parking Association Annual Conference

The 2009 Annual Parking Conference & Tradeshow took place March 31-April 2 and was hosted by The University of Texas at Austin campus at the state-of-the-art [AT&T Executive Education & Conference Center](#) . We were all pampered and amazed by our accommodations plus the personal touch they added for all the attendee's. We want to extend our gratitude to Dr. Bob Harkins, The University of Texas at Austin and his outstanding group of staff for all their hard work and dedication in making this a conference to remember.

TPA would also like to thank all the following presenters for their contribution to the professional development and training they provided through sharing their experience, knowledge as well as expertise.

Dr. Barbara Chance, President & CEO of Chance Management,, Mike Drow, VP of Strategic Initiatives for Standard Parking Corp., Linsey Duett, Event Manager for The University of Texas at Austin, Bruce Elfant, Travis County Constable, Precinct 5, Angela English, LPC, LMFT, Executive Director of Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, Greg Griffin, AICP, Planner for Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Blanc Juarez, Alternative Transportation Manager for the University of Texas at Austin, Kathy Keller, Accessibility & Disability Rights Coordinator for the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, Blake Laufer, CAPP, Chief of Technology & Director for Product Management of T2 Systems, Joan Minton, Systems Analyst for the Texas Dept. of Transportation, Liliana L. Rambo, CAPP, Director for City of Houston, Parking Management Division-General Services Dept., Joe Richmond, Assoc. Director for Transportation Services at the University of North Texas, Derek J. Stoltes, AIA, LEED AP, Project Manager for Walker Parking,

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Rey Suarez, Events & Guest Relations Manager , Dottie Walker, Director of Transportation for Capital Area Transportation Authority, Lynn Wiggins for Texas Tech University, Casey Wagner, P.E., Principal for Walker Parking, Special Events Manager for Texas A & M University, Clyde B. Wilson Jr., President & CEO of The Parking Network, Inc., Lana Wolken, Manager of Transit Operations for Texas A & M University.

Newly Appointed Executive Board & Committees

President - Brad Conner – Associated Time & Parking

Vice President - Larry DeLuca - Ampco System Parking

Secretary - Eve Grubb - Texas Medical Center

Treasurer - Jerry Dinse – Parking Program Mgr - Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

Past President: Bob Harkins – Parking and Transportation Services - University of Texas At Austin

Executive Committee: Brad Conner (Chair), Dr. Bob Harkins & Eve Grubb

Nomination Committee: Dr. Bob Harkins (Chair) Chris Archer & Eve Grubb

Membership Committee: Liliana Rambo, CAPP (Chair), Barry Lohr & Jane Wilcox

Conference & Trade Show Committee: Brad Conner (Chair) local host committee

Rules Committee: Dr. Bob Harkins (Chair)

Website Committee: Dean Ahmad & Mary Mabry, CAPP (co-chairs)

Newsletter Committee: Dean Ahmad & Mary Mabry, CAPP (co-chairs)

Speaker Committee: Scott Kangas, CAPP (Chair)

Golf Tournament Committee: Chris Archer (Chair) Exhibit Hall Committee: Larry Deluca (Chair)

By-Laws Committee: Rod Weis (Chair)

Texas Parking Association 2009 Distinguished Service Award



Peter Lange was nominated and awarded the 2009 Distinguished Service at the TPA Conference on April 2, 2009. Through his dedication, accomplishments and his perpetual willingness to share his knowledge as well as expertise, the TPA is proud to share his nomination with all its members in hopes that we can continue this annual recognition of professionalism. Please view his actual nomination on our website at <http://www.texasparking.org/index.html> .

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New Members Share

Welcome new members of TPA. During the 2009 conference, we encountered several new faces and members who indicated this was their first conference and tradeshow. Some are brand new to our wonderful industry and some were coming back after being gone a while. We decided to share a few of their personal stories of how they joined us and their thoughts concerning this year's conference. We hope to add this as part of our upcoming Newsletters to encourage our members to not only share in their stories but welcome all our "new members" as well. Emails are included.

"My name is Rusty Franklyn and I manage the Maverick Parking Garage on the University of Texas at Arlington (Ridgemont Parking Systems built the garage in 1989 and currently leases it under a land-lease program). I moved to Texas in mid 2008 and although I have twenty years plus in Supervisory/Management positions, none have had anything to do with parking or garages. After sending my resume to one of the co-owners we met and decided I was a keeper. I have been having the time of my life managing the garage. We are a four story garage with 360 spaces, one elevator and two booths that are manned by real people. We do not have "on foot" or "in-lane" pay stations. We do not have our own parking enforcement officers (we rely on the UTA Police when needed). We generally do not have people cited but instead leave a note with the rules sheet attached and the violation highlighted asking that they be more careful in future. A little bit "old-school" but it works. The TPA conference this year was my first but definitely will not be my last. It was a great experience...from learning what others do to deal with violations (ticketing, towing, booting) to hearing the latest on what equipment is available and what new regulations are being proposed. One of my favorite sessions concerned audits. It is amazing how much money can be lost by just not paying attention to the tiniest details that may be staring you in the face! Does your \$8.00 an hour attendant drive a Lexus and have a tricked out pick-up to tow their ski boat with? Hmmmm...might bear looking into. Anyway, look for me at the next conference, I will be there!" maverickgarage@att.net

Derek Frantz works for Texas Technical Services, Inc.(TTSI) and they are the SKIDATA rep for Texas. "TTSI was established in 1985 and Diego Ramirez is the Owner. They have been a security, CCTV and card access company. 3 ½ yrs ago they started with SKIDATA and have been installing their equipment since. Some of their recent installs are Rice University, University of Texas El Paso and a lot of off airport parking, (Parking spot, Fast park and relax and Preflight). We are located in Houston but service all of Texas. I was born and raised in Texas. I have been in auto industry for 19yrs and had an opportunity to jump in the Parking Industry and took it. It is a funny story about how I got the opportunity to get in the business, I was Managing Legacy Ford for the last 3 yrs and after Hurricane Ike we had a sub- par month, imagine that. The owner told me that I had to stop coaching little league football. Now in the car biz you get Sunday off and 1 day during week if you are lucky. Football only took 2 ½ hours Sat mornings and since we had only 4 games left, I felt it necessary to resigned. There is no way I would ever choose a job over my family. Best decision I ever made. I wish I had been introduced to this industry a long time ago. I like the industry and the integrity of the people in it and the direction it is going. You can truly say that the parking industry is recession proof. As for the TPA it definitely was an experience. It was good to finally meet a lot of the people I had heard about and meet the competition. I think that the board did a great job of setting everything up and kept everyone interested in all the different sessions. It was a very informative conference." dfrantz@ttsi.cc

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IPI News You Can Use

Much was accomplished for IPI and its membership recently at its Winter Meeting, January 13-16 in Orlando, Florida. More than 80 IPI Directors, Advisors, CAPP candidates, Committee members and state and Regional association leaders participated in IPI's winter meetings. Meeting highlights include:

- IPI's Board of Directors approved funding for a second round of Emerging Leader Scholarships. The purpose of the scholarship program is to expose current state and regional association leaders with an opportunity to learn more about IPI and the industry, increase the number of first time attendees at IPI's annual conference, strengthen the value proposition for prospective members of state or regional associations, prepare talented members of state and regional associations for leadership positions in their associations and the industry and strengthen and stabilize state and regional associations.

This year 10 scholarships will be offered. The first 10 IPI allied state or regional parking associations with a qualifying scholarship program will be granted one complementary registration for the IPI annual conference to be awarded as follows.

- The award shall be matched by the state or regional association in one of the following manners: 1) award of a cash stipend of \$600 or more to the same individual to offset lodging, travel, or other costs associated with participation in the IPI annual conference, 2) purchase of a second IPI annual conference registration to be awarded to another candidate, or 3) award of a cash stipend of \$600 or more to a different individual to offset lodging, travel, or other costs associated with participation in the IPI annual conference.
- The state or regional will have a formal and well-documented application and review process.
- The state or regional association will have clearly defined award criteria that are supportive of the scholarship's purpose.
- The award will be made to an individual who has not previously attended the IPI annual conference.
- In the event that the award is made to an affiliate member, they may not work at the trade show or participate in other commercial activities.

For more information please contact Casey Jones at 303-492-9600 or c.jones@colorado.edu.

- IPI will be hosting a association "boot camp" program on Saturday, May 16, in Denver just prior to the International Parking Conference and Expo. The full-day session, geared toward association leaders will provide invaluable organizational development training specifically for volunteer associations. Topics to be covered include building strong volunteer organizations, by-law development, membership recruitment and development, communications, goal setting and strategic planning. More information on this exciting conference addition will be available soon.

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The IPI Board of Advisors will now be known as the IPI Advisory Council. The Council will serve as IPI's "think tank" and will provide a first look at issues and provide guidance to

- IPI. At this meeting the Council discussed the value of parking and transportation professionals, IPI's role in public relations for the industry and collaborative research with the International Downtown Association, state and regional associations and other strategic partners such as the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), American Planning Association (APA), Society for College and University Planners (SCUP), and the League of Cities.
- Henry Wallmeyer was introduced as IPI's new Deputy Director. Henry has extensive association experience and will oversee membership services and sales and marketing.
- The IPI Education Committee, formally the Programs Committee, has expanded its focus to cover more than just the seminar program during IPI's annual conference. Now, all facets of education are within the committee's purview including distance learning, specialized training offered through IPI and other educational efforts. Curriculum development will be done in the context of adult learning needs and process improvement will be done through evaluation and outreach directly to IPI members.
- Starting in 2010 IPI will no longer have a vice chairman position on the Board of Directors. Instead, IPI's Directors will elect a chairman-elect who will serve as the incoming chairman of the Board. The Board will therefore be electing a chairman-elect every other year and the secretary/treasurer each year. The Executive Committee will be comprised of the Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary/treasurer and the immediate Past Chair.
- IPI Technology Committee Chair Richard Easley and Mike Drow presented a session on Technology Trends in Parking. The session was developed after extensive work with IPI state and regional associations and is now available to any allied association. The session explores newly emerging technologies of the future such as credit card in/out, license plate inventory and recognition, hand-held devices, RFID (radio frequency identification) and AVI (automated vehicle identification), smart cards, central cashiering and pay-on-foot, web based parking management systems, wireless sensors, mobile phones and GPS systems, and wayfinding and variable message signs. Anyone interested in scheduling this session should contact Richard Easley at reasley@e-square.org.

TPA is creating an IPI page on all updates and industry news – we will keep you posted.

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SEND US YOUR TEXAS PARKING INDUSTRY STORY

Have a parking story, updates concerning the industry, experience, promotions or member moves you would like to share? Please email them to the TPA Co-Chairs, Dean Ahmad dahmad@dfwairport.com or Mary Mabry, CAPP mabry@uta.edu. It's all about you & Texas

Words from TPA Newsletter Co-Chairs

We would like to thank all who assisted in the creation of this newsletter and making the last publication a success. In addition, we would like to congratulate our newly appointed Board and Committee members and look forward to the contributions each will make during this busy upcoming year.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Gerald Robert Harkins and his staff for all their hard work and effort to host one of the most fulfilling and entertaining TPA Conferences in recent history. From the hotel rooms to the educational sessions, the entire program was sensational and we owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Harkins and all others involved in the planning and execution of the conference. With that said, it is no surprise that Dr. Harkins was selected as the IPI Parking Professional of the Year.

We are proud to report that there will be three roundtable and networking sessions this year hosted by the TPA. The first session will be held on July 20, 2009 at the University of Texas at Arlington located at 300 W. 1st Street, in the University Center-E. H. Hereford Carlisle Suite. The subject will be **Facilities Management and Legislative Updates** and the time of the event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please visit www.texasparking.org for further details. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

As always, we encourage all members to share information concerning their business and personal successes, operational and technological enhancements, or any other information that would be helpful to the industry. Your input and expertise will allow this publication to be a valuable source of information for those who are in the parking business. If you are not currently a member of the TPA, please visit our website at www.texasparking.org to discover all the benefits and features this association can provide for you and your company now and into the future. Please forward any information such as articles, information, accommodations, promotions etc. to mabry@uta.edu or dahmad@dfwairport.com.

Sincerely,

Dean Ahmad and Mary Mabry, CAPP

81st Legislature Regular Session Filed Bills

Bill Number	Summary	Status
HB400	<p>The court shall dismiss a charge for parking in a disabled parking space without a valid placard if:</p> <p>(A) the vehicle displayed a disabled parking placard that was not valid as expired;</p> <p>(B) the defendant remedies the defect by renewing the expired disabled parking placard within 20 working days from the date of the offense or before the defendant's first court appearance date</p> <p>(C) the disabled parking placard has not been expired for more than 60 days</p> <p>The court may dismiss a charge of unlawfully parking a vehicle in a space designated specifically for persons with disabilities, if at the time of the offense the defendant's vehicle displays a disabled parking placard that has been expired for more than 60 days.</p>	Passed out of the House
HB618	<p>Parking privileges: certain veterans and military award recipients: A vehicle on which license plates issued under Section 504.202 (POW, Purple Heart, Congressional Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Silver Star) are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of the person eligible for the specialty place.</p>	Voted favorably out of House Committee
HB2020	<p>A vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities if displays license plates issued by <u>another state</u> of the United States that indicate on the face of the license plates that the owner or operator of the vehicle is a disabled veteran of the United States armed forces.</p>	Voted favorably out of House Committee
HB2346	<p>An employee designated by the municipality may be authorized to request the removal of a vehicle parked illegally in an area designated as a tow-away zone in a residential area where on-street parking is regulated by municipal ordinance.</p>	Referred to Transportation Committee
HB3095	<p>White on a blue shield for a placard issued to a person with a permanent disability White on a red shield for a placard issued to a person with a temporary disability</p>	Left Pending in Transportation Committee
HB3507	<p>If the initial application for specialty license plates under this section is made by or on behalf of a person with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate, the written statement required by Subsection (d) may be issued by <u>a person licensed to practice chiropractic in this state or a state adjacent to this state.</u></p>	Left pending in Transportation subcommittee
HB4349	<p>Relating to certification of a person as eligible for disabled parking privileges: has another debilitating condition that limits or impairs the person 's ability to walk.</p>	Referred to Transportation Committee

SB52	<p>Relating to the penalties for the illegal use of a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities:</p> <p>An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$750; if it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted one time of an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$550 or more than \$800 and 10 hours of community service.</p> <p>If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted two times of an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$550 or more than \$800 and not less than 20 or more than 30 hours of community service.</p> <p>If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has been previously convicted three times of an offense under this section, the offense is punishable by a fine of not less than \$800 or more than \$1,100 and not less than 20 or more than 50 hours of community service.</p>	Bill passed out of the Senate.
SB793	A written prescription for a disabled parking placard can be issued by a person acting under the delegation and supervision of a licensed physician.	Voted favorably out Senate Committee, being scheduled for public hearing
SB1021	<p>Relating to a prohibition on parking a commercial motor vehicle in certain residential subdivisions:</p> <p>After 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m., a person may not park a commercial motor vehicle or leave the vehicle parked in a private driveway that is located in a residential subdivision.</p>	Voted favorably out Senate Committee
SB1984	Identical to HB4349	Voted favorably out Senate Committee, being scheduled for public hearing
SB2153	Relating to booting of vehicles by private entities in parking facilities; providing penalties.	Voted favorably out Senate Committee. Public Hearing 4/15/09

TPA Roundtable and Networking Session Scheduled

TPA's Roundtable and Networking Sessions will be held on July 20, 2009 at the University of Texas at Arlington located at 300 W. 1st Street, in the University Center-E. H. Hereford Carlisle Suite. Please click this link <http://www.uta.edu/maps/map?id=UC> for the online map with directions. Parking will be provided in lot #40 listed on the map, parking is free of charge for this event so permits will not be needed. The topic will be Facilities Management and Legislative Updates and the time of the event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please refer to our website at <http://www.texasparking.org/> for all additional information.

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Membership Has Its Privileges

The Texas Parking Association offers three different levels of membership. They include:

Regular.....\$125 [Voting privileges] (Representatives of municipalities or other government bodies or parking authorities, transportation authorities, boards, bureaus, commissions or departments, also including universities, colleges, airports, hospitals, stadiums and auditoriums, or other institutions having similar responsibility for the establishment, operation, maintenance, control or direction of public parking..)

Affiliate.....\$150 [Voting privileges] (Representatives of corporations or consultants, private developers or individuals engaged in supplying goods or services to the parking industry or interested in or involved with the operation and development of institutional or municipal parking, whether for profit or otherwise and who support the objectives of the Texas Parking Association.)

Associate.....\$75 [No voting privileges] (Representatives of the Regular and Affiliate members or any other individual, corporation or Association that the Board may elect.)

A download of the application can be found at www.texasparking.org.

TPA Board

The foundation of the TPA is that it is a volunteer based organization designed to enhance the parking industry within the State of Texas. Listed below are the current 2009-20108 Board:

President - Brad Conner – Associated Time & Parking

Vice President - Larry DeLuca - Ampco System Parking

Secretary - Eve Grubb - Texas Medical Center

Treasurer - Jerry Dinse – Parking Program Mgr - Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

Bob Harkins – Parking and Transportation Services - University of Texas At Austin

Liliana Rambo, CAPP – City of Houston Parking Mgt

Chris Archer - Associated Time and Parking Controls

Rod Weis – Transportation Services - TAMU

Scott Kangas, CAPP - University of North Texas

Mary Mabry, CAPP – The University of Texas at Arlington

Dean Ahmad – DFW International Airport

Coming Next Issue:

Roundtable at UT-Arlington and Legislature Updates