



# Region One Texas CPAAA Newsletter



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## March 8 Meeting: Pearland

The Region One meeting for March will be on Saturday, March 8, 2014 in Pearland at 10:00 A.M at the Pearland Police Station, 2555 Cullen Blvd.

Going East on Highway 518 from Highway 288, stay on Highway 518 (Broadway) to Cullen Blvd (Hwy. 865) and turn left on Cullen to 2555.

Going West on Highway 518 from I-45, go into Pearland past Hwy 35 (North Main) to Cullen Blvd (Hwy 865) and turn right on Cullen to 2555. Going South or North on Highway 35, turn west on Highway 518 (Broadway) to Cullen Blvd. (Hwy 865) and turn right to 2555. Cullen Blvd is approx. 4 miles west of Highway 35 and approx. 2.5 miles east of Hwy 288. As an alternate, you can take the Cullen exit (south) from the Sam Houston Toll way and look for the police station on the left.

Park on the south side of the building (court's side lot). There will be someone at the door to let everyone in. Proceed to upstairs training room by use of elevator or stairs. If you get lost, call 281 997-4100. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.



### Meeting Schedule for 2014

- January 11 -- Angleton
- February 8 -- Galveston
- March 8 -- Pearland**
- April 12 -- Dickinson
- May 10 -- Webster
- June 14 -- Beaumont Tri-Agency
- July -- No Meeting
- August 9 -- LaPorte
- September 13 -- Montgomery Co
- October 11 -- League City
- November 8 -- Texas City
- December -- No meeting

### 2015

- January 10 -- Angleton
- February 14 --
- March 14 --
- April 11 -- Dickinson
- May 9 --
- June 13 --
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- November 14 -- Texas City
- December 12 -- No meeting



Left to Right – Waltz, Davis, Cook, Miller, Melvin

### 2014 Officers and Directors Installed in January

- President – Sandi Miller of Pearland
- Vice President – William “Dave” Davis of LaPorte
- Secretary – Richard Melvin of Dickinson
- Treasurer – Barbara Cook of La Marque
- Director – Leo Waltz of Webster

Note: Director Bob Milke of Sugar Land was not up for reelection.

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Region One mailing address:  
524 Louisiana Avenue #15  
Bacliff, Texas 77518-2106

## Where do we have a copy of ...?

Many small volunteer organizations that exist to support a cause or common interest do not have the monetary resources to maintain an office. These organizations may only meet on a monthly basis, and therefore have no place to store their current or historical documents, files or other tangible assets. Therefore they are stored in the homes of individual volunteers where they might be in the personal computers or file cabinets, or even boxes in the attics.

It is important that such organizational assets and history are kept available to the organization as long as it exists. With the turnover of volunteers, those assets must be passed along to the successor or other officers that will continue to manage and run the organization.

As our Region One Vice President, Dave Davis, stated in a recent email:

“Information that is held by a single individual can prove costly, if something were to happen to them. I think that this is something that all groups need to address, including Region 1. Data is the backbone of all organizations and needs to be secured and backed up. Each organization most likely (hopefully) has some type of plan in place, but I am now aware of at least three instances (two where data was lost and one potentially) that could have been prevented. ... Rebuilding an organization from the ground up is a daunting task especially when it comes to banking and IRS documentation.”

There are many methods to minimizing the possible loss, such as making copies of paper documents and reports or scanning paper files into electronic files, then storing them in multiple locations and in the “cloud” where access is granted to more than one person. Get a group or committee together to make a plan.

Leo Waltz



### IN MEMORY

Charles Lane Billingsley, Sr. left this Earth on January 31, 2014 to be with his beloved wife of 63 years, Jean Sorrells Billingsley. Charles was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 6, 1928. He married Jean on September 9, 1949. He was a graduate of Samford University (formerly Howard College) with a degree in Business. Charles was in the Houston Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and Region One of the Texas State Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, where he served as Director and Newsletter Editor. Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Jean and sister, Jean Arthur.

### 2014 Region One Officer Roster

President - Sandi Miller	281-489-7752	sandi.miller@flightsafety.com
Vice President - William “Dave” Davis	832-722-8428	wdavninja@gmail.com
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Treasurer - Barbara Cook	281-615-7856	bcook013@comcast.net
Director, Pos 1 - Leo Waltz	281-316-2255	Leo@TexasCPAAA.org
Director, Pos 2 - vacant	-	@
Director, Pos 3 - Bob Milke	281-617-6488	mram12922@hotmail.com
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State Rep, Sworn - Jeff Tippit	281-842-3174	tippitj@laportetx.gov

### Newsletter Staff

Composition & Layout  
Leo Waltz

Thanks to Faye  
Leonhardt for “The Flash”  
logo on the front page  
nameplate.

Send all Activity reports to  
Leo@TexasCPAAA.org

## **New look to sign in for Region One attendees:**

There will be a binder with alphabetically listed Alumni Associations for each member to register attendance at monthly meetings. Go to your association page and please print information requested. After your first meeting you will only need to initial the month block that you are in attendance. This will hopefully reduce time and assure that we have correct records. If you see an error on sheets that have been digitally reconstructed please make correction. A pen is attached to the binder for ease in signing in. If you do not see a sheet for your association there are blank copies at the back of the binder for you to initiate a page. At the end of the year these sheets will be provided to the Secretary for addition to our minutes recorded file.

## **Agenda work in progress:**

The change in agenda includes time elements to assist with keeping a schedule in an attempt to close meetings around 12:30 PM each month. Hosting alumni will have the opportunity to allocate more time if needed for presentation, with a two hour block on the agenda for breakfast and opening program. There will be opportunities to include special topics for discussion that will be on the agenda as needed, possibly changing the format on occasion.

The request for a presentation on "Taxes and Non Profits" has been scheduled for our May 10th meeting in Webster and will allot time to meet and discuss process and problems that arise where non profits are concerned. We have scheduled Kathy Ploch from Harper & Pearson Company, P.C.. Since we are currently in tax season, and tax returns for the calendar year end organizations are due on 5/15, this should be a perfect time to get information about what you need and correct process to use.

Just a note to encourage everyone to get involved and enjoy the monthly meetings, Understanding that approximately 4 hours a month (not including travel time) can provide many benefits for our home associations. Not all Alumni groups can do the same things due to size, money and law enforcement regulations, but it never hurts to be aware of opportunities that may assist our communities that someone else has used. It is nice not to have to reinvent the wheel when you have resources that are rolling.

See you in Pearland.

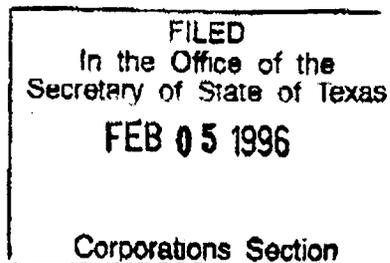
**The Region One membership renewal form, located on the Region web page, has been updated with a new address to expedite processing. The new address is c/o Barbara Cook, Treasurer 2208 Eriksson La Marque, Texas 77568**

This month's topic for education will be "Internal Affairs and Background Investigations".

Additionally, we will be showcasing (during breakfast) Author, Salvatore A. Joseph, retired after 20 years of police service, now shares his experience in "a great read if you like cops and robbers- real crime drama told by a Police Detective...in the style of catch me if you think you can." Title *CON Trails.....* he will have books and stories to share.

Looking back at the past briefly, we find the original Articles of Incorporation which are shown here and continued on pages 8 and 9. These are from a faxed copy of the original, so the quality is not too good.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
TEXAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
REGION ONE



We, the undersigned natural persons over the age of eighteen (18), acting as incorporators, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association - Region One (referred to as the Corporation) under the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act

### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the Corporation is Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association - Region One

### ARTICLE TWO

The Corporation is a non-profit corporation and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit

### ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual

### ARTICLE FOUR

The Corporation is organized to perform activities within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C)(3) and Texas Tax Code Section 11 1B(c)(1). Specifically, the Corporation is organized to foster the growth and development of new and existing Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations

This organization was formed to develop open lines of communication with Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association with in the Region and other Regions throughout the State of Texas and other states throughout the United States

The Corporation may, in the accomplishment of its goals, participate directly by the establishment of its own programs and projects or indirectly through financial assistance to other groups and organizations, public or private, having similar interests and goals

The Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of the Corporation

### ARTICLE FIVE

The name and mailing address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Mike Ruggeroli, 3132 Hunter Glen, P O Box 2191, Missouri City, Texas 77459-2191

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Events Calendar	Event
Saturday, Mar. 8, 2014	10:00*am Region One Meeting; Pearland * Members should arrive by 9:30 for breakfast and networking
Saturday, Apr. 12, 2014	10:00*am Region One Meeting; Dickinson * Members should arrive by 9:30 for breakfast and networking
Sunday - Tuesday, July 27- 29, 2014	State Convention; San Marcos <i>“Teaming Up With Law Enforcement”</i> Visit <a href="http://tcpaaconvention.org">http://tcpaaconvention.org</a> for information



## Activities

### Texas City CPAAA

Faye Leonhardt TCCPAAA Vice President

TCCPAAA's February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was short and sweet, approving the purchase of the following items: 10 Headsets for the TCPD Dispatchers, 4 Kevlar Helmets for the new SCU and a "Throw Phone" for SWAT Negotiators.

Sgt. Jess Colwell set up the Laser-Shot training system and as always, it was a fun time. Even the Explorers group got in on it.

On Thursday, February 13, 2014 an elderly man with dementia was immediately reported missing by family members. Texas City Police established a Command Post at the Texas City Police Department. Members of the Texas City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association who signed up for the Emergency Response Call List were called out to assist.

A coordinated search was performed by patrol personnel from two shifts, Criminal Investigators, Administrative Personnel, Support Staff, members of the Citizens on Patrol, Canine Officers from the Texas City Police Department and La Marque Police Department. Area residences were alerted via the Texas City Police Facebook page, the Emergency Management Connect System (mass phone notification system) and the local news media.

At approx. 0927hrs a resident called and reported a person was down in a small ditch containing water at that location. The ditch was not visible from the roadway. Officers responded and discovered the missing man who was deceased. There were no signs of foul play. The Medical Examiner's Office was called to the scene and will determine the cause of death.

Sgt. Colwell stated "This was an excellent turnout for the first time we used the call out system and I am very thankful to everyone who signed up for the list. I think it will be used again in the future and probably called out early on for missing persons situations like this one. The first CPA'ers who arrived immediately went out in the car and stayed near the scene to help block an intersection until the call was concluded. This is another facet added to the CPA capabilities".

Upcoming TCPD-CPAAA March event includes the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15<sup>th</sup>.



# LA PORTE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - March 2014

LA PORTE, TEXAS [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org) Deb Hathorn, Media Coordinator

## 2013 End of Year Summary

Volunteer Hours: 4254

Volunteer of the Year: President, Richard Browder

President's Volunteer Service Awards:

Gold Award - Paula Rizzuto

Silver Award- Richard Browder & Deb Hathorn

10 others received the Bronze Award



**Paula Rizzuto, Asst. Chief R. Parker, Richard Browder**

Paula logged over 800 hours throughout the year volunteering at several events, assisting with special duties around the station, conducting weekly Citizens On Patrol tours around the city, and assisting in the dispatch office several days each week by acting as a Dispatch Greeter to help citizens and relieve the dispatch team of that function. She is our most active volunteer and we really appreciate her dedication.

Board members were sworn in during our January 2014 monthly meeting. Norma Elliott also took on the role of Volunteer Coordinator/ Scheduler, previously held by Deb Hathorn. Deb will continue to handle the roles of Media Coordinator, C.O.P. Coordinator, and Volunteer Time Reporting.

**Assistant Chief R. Parker swears in our all female board for 2014!**  
**President - Brenda Pritchard**  
**1VP - Aubry Sartori**  
**2VP - Paula Wohnoutka**  
**Treasurer - Vicky Copley**  
**Secretary - Norma Elliott**



## WARRANT ROUND UP

Throughout the week of February 17th, volunteers manned phone lines at the La Porte Municipal Court, making courtesy calls to individuals with outstanding warrants. In previous years the volunteers made these calls from the LPPD and were only able to offer a number for individual to call during business hours. This year, thanks to Cathy Haney at the municipal court, a special phone bank was set up at the court. The process allowed volunteers to immediately transfer an individual to a clerk who then either took payment or offered other opportunities to clear the warrants. The process also allowed volunteers to learn "best practices" from listening to one another's calls. As a result, over 8000 warrants were handled and several thousand dollars collected.

## New for 2014

Leads Online - A small team of volunteers will start the task in March of gathering pawn shop tickets for input in the data base. We hope to see the success that others have had using this program.

Heavy Trash Notice Added to C.O.P. Program - The city has seen an increase in the number of complaints for excessive or constant heavy trash along roadways prior to the scheduled pickup days. In an effort to encourage citizens to follow the assigned schedule, the patrol team will now document violations as part of their weekly patrols.

C.O.P Training to be added to Advanced CPA Class - The January class is expected to graduate in early April and the May Advanced class will now include the classroom portion of the C.O.P. training. Following graduation, students will then have an opportunity to take the street portion of the training and become certified as a C.O.P. team member. The change is geared toward increasing the visibility of the C.O.P. vehicle within the community while providing a higher degree of communication with citizens.

New Animal Adoption & Shelter Center - LPCPAAA will have opportunities to voluntarily staff and assist with adoptions once the center is open. Members have also been asked to help design and create a playground area for dogs. This activity will get underway shortly as the center is slated to open in the Fall.

*January Hours: 163.00*

"Like" us on Facebook at *LA PORTE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION* or find us on the web at [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org)

# 16th Annual National Citizens Police Academy Association Conference

April 28– May 1, 2014  
Tucson, Arizona



Partnering with Marana, Oro Valley and  
Tucson (AZ) Police Departments



## Join The NCPAA As We Journey West To Tucson!

Our conference workshops are presented for both law enforcement officers, as well as community alumni participants. You can earn agency applied POST credits from certified instructors while learning about expanded CPA applications.

Every cost has been evaluated to allow your attendance for the least amount of expenses for any national conference available.

After class activities are numerous and allow personal networking on all levels. Don't miss this great opportunity to visit the historic Tucson area, where excitement awaits you and your family.

Host Hotel: Hilton Tucson East  
7600 East Broadway  
Tucson, Arizona, 85710  
TEL: 1800 Hiltons (445-8667)- Group Code NAPOLI

Registration forms may be mailed to:  
NCPAA Conference  
PO Box 241  
South Bend, IN 46624

Please visit our website at: [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org)  
for up to date conference information

## Conference Topics

(subject to change):

- Tucson, January 8, 2011 Shootings De-brief
- Starting a Citizens Police Academy (CPA) / Maintaining a CPA
- Starting an Alumni Association / Maintaining an Alumni Association
- Open Forums: Law Enforcement & Alumni
- Types of Problem People as CPA Students
- Coordinator Certification Advanced/Update Coordinator Certification
- Use of Volunteers in Your Agency
- Border Patrol CPA's
- Organizing a Youth Academy
- Hot Cars/Kids/Pets
- Human Trafficking
- REDDI (Report Every Dangerous Driver Immediately)
- Drug Endangered Children
- Desert Search and Rescue
- How We Communicate with Victims
- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)
- Yellow Dot Program



Continuing with the original Articles of Incorporation, this page shows the initial directors of Region One.

### ARTICLE SIX

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is five (5) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are

- Druce Neal, 2602 South Main, Stafford, Texas 77477
- Charlotte Siems, P O Box 741, Missouri City, Texas 77549-0741
- Becky Bosse, P O Box 682, Brenham, Texas 77834-0682
- Mike Ruggeroli, P O Box 472, Sugar Land, Texas 77487-0472
- Jim Rice, 5 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

### ARTICLE SEVEN

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall ensure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE FOUR hereof. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE EIGHT

Notwithstanding any other provision of these ARTICLES, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### ARTICLE NINE

Upon the Dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, or scientific purposes as shall be the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall be disposed, or by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

### ARTICLE TEN

A Director is not liable to the Corporation or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Texas.

### ARTICLE ELEVEN

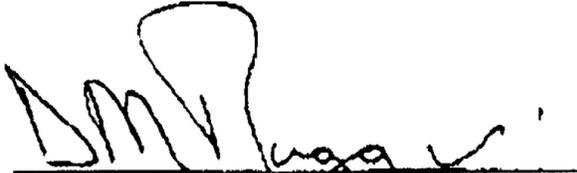
The names and address of each incorporator is

- Bruce Neal, 2602 South Main, Stafford, Texas 77477
- Charlotte Siems, P O. Box 741, Missouri City, Texas 77549-0741
- Becky Bosse, P O Box 682, Brenham, Texas 77834-0682
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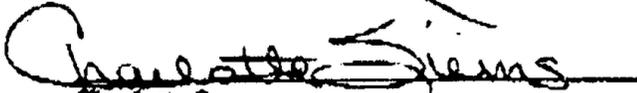
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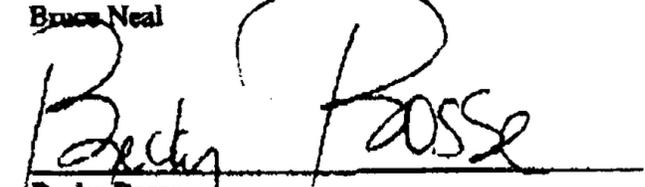
And the signature page from the original Articles of Incorporation.

These Articles of Incorporation of the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association - Region One was executed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995

  
Mike Ruggeroli

  
Bruce Neal

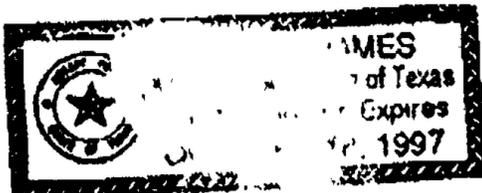
  
Charlotte Siems

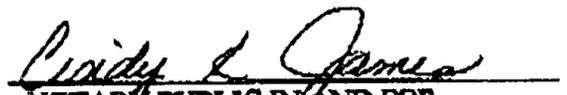
  
Becky Bosse

  
Jim Rice

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Mike Ruggeroli, Bruce Neal, Charlotte Siems, Becky Bosse and Jim Rice, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association - Region One, and being by me first duly sworn, severally declared the statements therein contained are true and correct

Given under my hand seal of office on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995



  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
THE STATE OF TEXAS



Webster CPAAA Pancake Breakfast

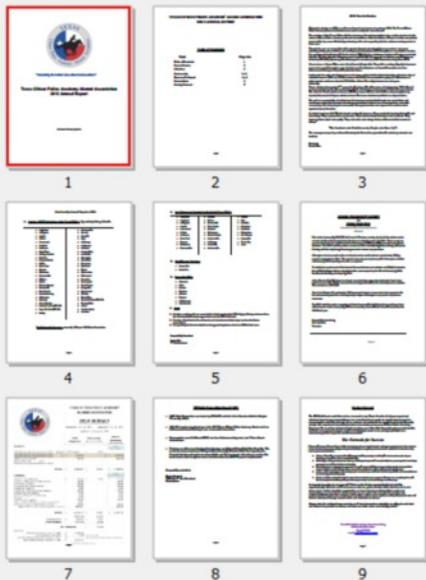
8-11 am, Saturday April 26

Webster Civic Center

## State News

The Texas CPAAA has just posted its 2013 Annual Report to the state website.

To view the report, click this area if you are viewing this on a computer, or visit the state home page at <http://TexasCPAAA.org> or directly via this link: <http://TexasCPAAA.org/board/2013AnnualReport.pdf>



## Committee News

### Committees

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**ByLaws**- Vacant

**Membership:** Phillip Ferguson, 281-917-3044; [Pferguson@Comcast.net](mailto:Pferguson@Comcast.net)

**Merchandise Sales:** Karen Jarrette, Chair, 281-793-9955;  
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**Nominations:** Richard Melvin, Chair, 281-489-8623; [ramelv@comcast.net](mailto:ramelv@comcast.net)  
Billy Boehlke, 409-925-2043; [bbelkey@verizon.net](mailto:bbelkey@verizon.net)

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Evalyn Phillips, 936-377-3891.

This newsletter edition does not contain many activities of the Region CPAAA's simply because they were likely sent to Charles Billingsley, and we don't have access to his personal files nor his mailing list. Future activities should be sent to Leo Waltz, the Region One and Texas CPAAA web manager, at the following email address: [Region1News@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Region1News@TexasCPAAA.org) and see the box below for info on the mailing list.

### Region One Email List

In February, we started an email list like the one used by the state, and this new list is for all CPAAA's, their members, liaison and coordinators, police dept personnel interested in Region One activities. This newsletter will be emailed to those on the list. Of course the newsletter will be available on the Region website as soon as it is published, but we recommend that you get your email address on the list to receive more timely information also. There is a link on the Region web page or you can visit this link:

<http://lists.tcpaaconvention.org/mailman/listinfo/regionone>

## April Meeting

Date: Apr. 12, 2014  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Place: Dickinson

Region One website:  
[TexasCPAAA.org/Region1](http://TexasCPAAA.org/Region1)



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Deadline for  
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Mar 25, 2014