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TMLDA COMMUNIQUE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Becky Sullivan

TMLDA will hold a business meeting at TLA Annual Assembly on

Saturday, July 8, 2006, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

If you are attending Annual Assembly please make time to attend this meeting. The agenda will include information on the TML Conference Stipend sponsored by TMLDA, information on the TMLDA booth at the TML conference, and TMLDA programs at the TML Conference.

TML Annual Conference
October 25-27, 2006
Austin TX

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Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for hotel and conference registration information. Hotels fill quickly so don't delay.

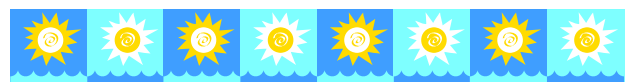
TMLDA Director's Report

Joyce Baumbach

The TML Board of Directors met on June 16, 2006 in Hurst, Texas. There are two amendments to the TML Constitution that the Board approved that will be voted on by the membership on October 27, 2006. One is to add wording on Section 3.1 that current membership dues must come from a city's own municipal funds. The other amendment is to change the wording under Section 7.1 Departmental Organizations to Affiliate Members. TML wants to be clear that affiliates are not departments of TML and therefore not liable for the actions of affiliates.

Legislation that passed in special session and sent to the governor regarding school finance does have some impact on cities. As local school property taxes are reduced, a city can expect to pay more to the central appraisal districts (CAD) for operating expenses, since CAD operating expenses are based on the percentage of taxes collected for each entity. Another bill required school board elections either in November or when the city's elections are held.

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TML has formed five legislative policy committees. They are

1. The Task Force on Municipal Revenue and Taxation.
2. The Task Force on Eminent Domain/Regulation of Development.
3. The Task Force on Utility Issues.
4. The Committee on General Government.
5. The Task Force on Intergovernmental Relations.

The reports of these committees will be forwarded to the 2006 TML Resolutions Committee for consideration at the annual conference being held October 25-27, 2006 in Austin, Texas.

The last item is a new program being funded by TML called "Texas Cities Work." This is a public awareness/education program geared to citizens informing them of what it takes to make their cities work. The initial phase of this program is getting the information researched, designing print and electronic resources, and disseminating to cities. Currently, there are no plans for TML to do any direct advertising except to provide a link from a city's web page to the Texas Cities Work website. Examples of the information TML is looking to provide is "How much it takes to equip a firefighter?" or "The cost of getting water to your faucet."

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