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AILA Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico Chapter
Meeting Minutes
Chapter Fall Conference Business Meeting
Friday November 2, 2012
New Orleans, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order – Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Chapter Chair at 12:31 p.m
- I. Approval of the Minutes from the AILA National Conference Chapter Business Meeting in Nashville, TN – Jacqueline L. Watson, Chapter Secretary
 - a. Jackie Watson proffered the Meeting Minutes.
 - b. Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the Chapter voted to approve the Meeting Minutes.
- I. Treasurer’s Report – Kelli Stump, Chapter Treasurer
 - a. Kelli Stump presented the Treasurer’s Report.
 - b. This year’s profit on the Fall Conference will be way over our usual outside conference (i.e. Playa), which make less. This conference was unusual in that it is a shared conference, nonetheless, after distributing about \$10K to the Mid-South Chapter for its share, our Chapter will rake in about \$15K in profit. The food costs here are ridiculous, though.
 - c. The Treasurer’s report was approved and submitted to the record as corrected.
7. Membership Report – Craig Miley. Membership is currently at 1103. The Chapter has broken a record and is closing in on New York in terms of membership (Miley shakes his mighty fist).
7. **AILA National Report** – Doug Stump, AILA President-Elect. Check out the UNITED WE DREAM link on the AILA National Website. National Midyear Conference will be in Panama City January 24-25; the Annual Conference in San Francisco and Doug encourages high Texas Chapter attendance for his induction. The Fall Conference will be in awesome Austin, TX, so show a good TX chapter reception. **Ben Johnson provided an AIC update:** thanks the chapter for its support of AIC and took a poll on users of litigation practice advisories. Issues upcoming: CBP, FOIA requests; look into coerced VD; fraud detection overkill on H1Bs at Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- I. Old Business – Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Incoming Chair
 - a. Texas Chapter Prosecutorial Discretion Resolution: The creation of the Resolution was approved at last meeting. The author asked that it be presented at the meeting. Resolution is to advise the administration, “Thanks, but please continue to support substantive change.” Jonathan Miller from San Antonio is the author of the memo. Laura Lichter thanks us and says the Resolution is aligned with national’s position.
- I. New Business – Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Incoming Chapter Chair
 - a. Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, on behalf of Conference Co-Chairs Jodi Goodwin and Carlos M. Garcia, gave the following report: The Conference will be in South Padre Island n the third week of April. The venue

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has not been finalized, but it will be a dual track program with optional tours of the POE, juvenile home, and local detention center. ProBar will hold a gala and silent auction the same weekend.

b. Fall 2013 Location: Mid-South Chapter hearts the Texas Chapter, and wants to join us again in the future. As for the Fall location the following nominations were made: Juan: San Antonio; Sarah: Dallas; Brian: Corpus Christi; Raed: San Juan; Dustin: Costa Rica, with the caveat that San Juan did indeed sound better. San Juan edged out Costa Rica, 28- 31 votes.

- I. Adjournment – 1:01 p.m. Parting comments by Kelli Stump, Chapter Treasurer: “Eat the ice cream, it was expensive!” Jason Mills: “Please stop by vendors so that they come back. They subsidize conferences and attend. Get their cards, say hello and introduce yourself;” and Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Chapter Chair: “Thanks to Jason for working with vendors.”