

# 63rd Professional Development Conference

June 25-26, 2010 - AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center - Austin, Texas

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, June 25th

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3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Registration

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Opening General Session: ERS Update

This session will answer the WHY, WHAT, and WHEN of recent and looming ERS benefit changes. A representative from the Employees Retirement System of Texas will explain the changes in the ERS health plan due to take effect September 1, 2010.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### President's Reception honoring TPEA President Gilbert Jordan

*Sponsored by Lilly*

6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### MAX'S Wine Dive

*Sponsored by Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc.*

MAX's Wine Dive evokes memories of your favorite neighborhood "dive bar." Max's serves comfort food, but it is comfort food served in an upscale, chef-driven style, often with an innovative twist. Dinner will be served in MAX'S Underground located in the trendy 2nd street area of downtown Austin.

Note: Transportation to and from MAX's Wine Dive plus dinner are included in your registration fee. Cash bar will be available for those interested. For spouses and children not registered for the conference, extra tickets are available at \$25/ticket.



### Saturday, June 26th

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8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### Registration

8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

#### Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

#### Silent Auction Open (bidding hours)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

#### Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

*Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas*

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

#### Cyber Café

Visit the Cyber Café to learn how to connect with TPEA online.

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

### **General Session: The Economy, Revenue Projections and the Budget**

What are the key challenges for the Legislature this coming session? Is there any way we will dodge the budget bullet? Some detailed discussion of the looming state fiscal shortfall and how the Legislature will attempt to address this situation.

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### **Morning Break with Exhibitors**

*Sponsored by Scott & White Health Plans*

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

### **Cyber Café Open**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **General Session: I Can Do That!**

*Suzie Humphreys is a motivational and inspirational humorist/professional speaker.*

Suzie has a way with laughter, poignant stories and jump-start inspiration, of confirming that fear doesn't have to be the motivating force that stops us from living life to its fullest. We say we will "one day!" One Day comes and goes and we are left regretting that it was not life that passed us by at all but rather our decision to LIVE IT! This is about saying "yes" instead of "no."

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **General Sessions: TPEA's 2011 Legislative Agenda**

*Andy Homer, MBA, Director of Government Relations for TPEA*

*Ray Hymel, Lobbyist for TPEA*

- Support Equitable Methods to Resolve State's Budget Deficit
- Preserve Affordable ERS Health Benefits
- Improve Standard of Living for ERS Retirees
- Enhance State Employee Pay

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### **Awards Luncheon: Recognizing and Rewarding Public Service ... Even in Difficult Times**

*Commissioner Tom Suehs, Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner*

*Sponsored by Pfizer*

A downturn in the economy means special challenges for state agencies. There's an increased need for services at a time when resources are even more limited. How do agencies prepare their workers to meet that challenge? You need a long-term vision to make sure you provide services during the crisis and are able to retain your workers when it's over.

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **Afternoon Break with Exhibitors**

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **Cyber Café Open**

2:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **TPEA Annual Business Meeting**

5:00 p.m.

### **Meeting Adjourns**

## Exhibitors

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At the TPEA conference you can visit with the following exhibitors:

Association Member Benefits Advisors	Texas State Securities Board
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	Texas Workforce Commission's Training and Development Department
LaQuinta Hotel Management, LLC	The University of Texas Professional Development Center
Liberty Mutual	University of Phoenix
Texas Legal Protection Plan	

## Sponsors

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The companies listed below made generous donations to TPEA for the 63rd Professional Development Conference. Without their support, this conference would not be a success. TPEA is grateful for their commitment to Texas state employees.



## Advertisers

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TPEA will print a full color official program for the 2010 conference. Each registrant will receive a copy upon check-in. You will see the following advertisers (plus more) in the conference program.

Association Member Benefits Advisors	Texas Legal Protection Plan
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	The University of Texas Professional Development Center
LNV, Inc.	

## Silent Auction Contributions

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The Silent Auction helps raise money for TPEA's Political Action Committee (EMPACT). Many great items will be donated and collected for the auction. So far, the following companies have committed:

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center	Marriott Houston South at Hobby Airport
Doubletree Hotel Austin	Omni Hotels and Resorts
Hilton Americas – Houston	Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin-Town Lake
LaQuinta Hotel Management, LLC	Tito's Handmade Vodka

## Accommodations

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**Hotel Information:** The AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center will host TPEA's 63rd Professional Development Conference. The hotel is located within the University of Texas at Austin campus, 1900 University Avenue, 78705. It's within walking distance to the Blanton Museum of Art, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum: IMAX Theatre and "The Drag."

**Hotel Reservations:** To make reservations, please call the hotel directly at 512-404-3600 local, 1-877-744-8822 toll free, or log onto their website at [www.meetatexas.com](http://www.meetatexas.com) and enter promo code TXPBEM0610 no later than **Friday, June 4th** in order to receive TPEA's reduced rate of \$85/single or double.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Texas Public Employees Association  
63rd Professional Development Conference  
June 25-26, 2010 - Austin, Texas

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter #: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Employed by State: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

I am (check one)     TPEA Member     Delegate     Alternate     Non-Member

## Registration Fee

Form & Payment received **before June 4th**

Member/Delegate/Alternate: \$95    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \$75    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member: \$150    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinner Ticket(s): \$25    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Late Registration

Form & Payment received **after June 4th**

Member/Delegate/Alternate: \$125    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \$100    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member: \$190    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Dinner Ticket(s): \$25    x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Select Method of Payment:

Credit Card: Fax to 512-476-1338     Visa     Mastercard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Card I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (please print) : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Money Order: Made payable to TPEA.  
Return completed form and payment to:  
Texas Public Employees Association  
512 East 11th Street, Suite 100  
Austin, Texas 78701

Please check here if you have a disability and may require an accomodation. Please attach a description of your needs.

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**Conference Information:** For questions, please contact DJ Kyle at djkyle@tpea.org or 512-476-2691.

**Cancellation Notice:** A written notice of cancellation must be received on or before June 10, 2010; \$25 handling fee will be applied.

*Please photocopy and return your completed form to TPEA.*