



TPEA INTERNAL AWARDS



TPEA's President, Judy Powe presents the President's Award to Jim Bob Swinney for his years of dedication and commitment to TPEA.



Woody A. Jumper (DSHS, Big Spring State Hospital, Chapter 52) receives the Ed Riedel Award from TPEA's Past Membership Chair, Irene Webster and TPEA's President, Judy Powe for his dedication and tenure in TPEA over the past 10 years.



The Joe G. Hanover Award was given to Gloria J. Feddersen (DSHS, Big Spring State Hospital, Chapter 52) for her membership recruitment efforts over the past five years.



Irene Webster and Judy Powe presented a Top Hand Award to Woody Jumper for his outstanding efforts and dedication to membership recruitment over the past year. Ruben Renteria (TxDOT, Lubbock, Chapter 3) also received a Top Hand Award but was unable to attend the conference.



Woody Jumper and Judy Powe presented a Top Hand Award to Debbie Chapa (TxDOT, Bayou City, Chapter 6), for her outstanding efforts and dedication to membership recruitment over the past year.



The swearing in of TPEA's Executive Committee (from left to right) Delvin Dennis, President; Gilbert Jordan, Vice-President; Jan Thomas, Treasurer; Irene Webster, Secretary and Chano Falcon, President-Elect.



Judy Powe turns over the Presidency to Delvin Dennis of Houston, Texas for a one-year term from September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008.

TPEA SPECIAL AWARDS

2007 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

At our recent Professional Development Conference in Corpus Christi, TPEA honored its 2007 Legislator of the Year. State Senator Robert L. Duncan (District 28 - Lubbock) was honored because of his leadership in the Senate on all three of the main issues affecting state employees and retirees this past session. Senator Duncan serves as the Chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee. He is seen as the number one problem solver in the legislature. Senator Duncan is willing to make politically difficult choices when they are necessary. This trait is a rare commodity among legislators. Ultimately, it is Senator Duncan's character that makes him such an exceptional legislator.



Senator Robert L. Duncan receives the 2007 Legislator of the Year Award from TPEA's Executive Director, Gary Anderson.



2007 Agency Administrator of the Year Brad M. Livingston receives his award from TPEA's Executive Director, Gary Anderson.

2007 AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

TPEA also honored Brad M. Livingston, Executive Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Mr. Livingston has done an amazing job in running TDCJ smoothly and efficiently. Under his leadership TDCJ has sought to improve the safety of staff and inmates alike through improved training and professionalism of TDCJ correctional staff. Mr. Livingston recognizes that any organization is only as good as its people and he's working hard to assure his employees have the training, equipment and skills to maintain safety and security in a chaotic and violent environment. Based on his strong and effective management of TDCJ, and his leadership in helping to improve state employee compensation, Mr. Livingston was selected as TPEA's 2007 Agency Administrator of the Year.

"I am honored to receive this award from the Texas Public Employees Association (TPEA). The real credit must go to the hard working men and women who work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). They are remarkably dedicated public servants. It is an honor to serve as their leader.

Receiving this award from TPEA is particularly meaningful to me, given the association's steadfast support for the thousands of individuals who dedicate their careers to public service." – Brad M. Livingston