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What's Happening:

**February 23 \*Date Change\* - General Meeting  
(Zoom info below)**

**March 2 - First Tuesday at the Capitol from your home  
([register now](#))**

**April 10 - Party with a Purpose**

**April 20 - General Meeting**

**May 14 - [TMAF Virtual Gala](#)**

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**Note from Christina  
Fenrich,  
TCMA President**



Hello Alliance Friends,

As we warm up and recover from a week of freezing temps and water outages, I hope everyone now has both warmth and water restored to their homes with minimal damage done.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, we will have a brief General Membership Meeting (rescheduled from Feb. 16) with important bylaws amendments to vote on, so please join us. We need to see your faces to know that you are safe and we need your vote on these measures! The Agenda, Minutes to approve and Financials are attached for your review.

To give the contracted floral business time to recover and to ensure that flowers arrive safely and in good condition, we are postponing our Alliance flower arranging program. Please see Lara's message below for further details.

The winter storm also made it impossible to have our TCMS/Code4 Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics last week. Volunteers will be notified as soon the clinics are rescheduled.

See you Tuesday on Zoom! Stay warm and safe!

**Join us on Zoom here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85909725909>

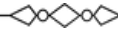
**Agenda**

**Foundation Budget**

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## Alliance Budget

## October 2020 Minutes



### Bylaws Changes

The TCMA Executive Board considered and approved the following two proposals at the board meeting on Tuesday, February 9. The general membership will be asked to vote on these items at the general meeting on Tuesday, February 23. Please review the proposed amendments to the bylaws concerning virtual meetings and voting, and a proposed change in the TCMA dues structure. In addition, a vote to approve the proposed TCMAF 2021-2022 Executive Board will be held at this meeting.

#### **Vote #1 – Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

To Article IX - Meetings:

A meeting of the Executive Board or any committee or council designated by the Executive Board or a general membership meeting may be held by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment, another suitable electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the internet, or any combination of those means, as long as the system permits each person participating in the meeting to communicate with all other persons participating in the meeting. If voting is to take place at the meeting, every person voting by means of remote communications shall be sufficiently identified and a record of any vote or other action shall be kept.

A remote member vote on any matter may be conducted by mail, by facsimile transmission, by electronic message, or by any combination of those methods, in addition to the communication methods cited in the paragraph above.

## **Vote #2 - Membership Dues Change**

Dues for medical students and medical residents and their partners will be changed from \$18 to \$0, to follow the TMAA's structure, hoping to encourage membership from these groups.



# Proposed 2021/2022 TCMAF Executive Board

I am pleased to announce the 2021/2022 slate of Executive Board members which will be presented for approval to the TCMAF general membership at the upcoming February 23rd General Meeting. Thank you to each and every one of you who has agreed to stand up and serve. -Wendy Propst, *Parliamentarian*

President	Jenny Stern
President-elect	Shannon McNeil
Secretary	Amy Whited
Treasurer	Beth O'Farrell
Treasurer-elect	Verlaine MacClements
Communications	Karen Teneriello
Financial Development	Patty Hernandez
Financial Development-elect	Christina Romaine
Programs	Christi Dammert
Membership	Lori Benold
Membership-elect	Renee Stanley
Medical Affairs	Julie Cowan
Community Service	Deneitra Hutchinson
Community Service-elect	Elaine Agatson
Enrichment	Olguita Santiago
Parliamentarian	Christina Fenrich



**Special  
Announcement  
for  
Tuesday  
February 23  
General Meeting**

**We will be having our  
General Meeting on  
Tuesday February 23  
at 9:30 am on Zoom.**

**However due to the**

Due to the historic winter storm and shipping delays, we will **not** be able to have The Flower Social Class.

We will reschedule The Flower Social Class, and let you know as soon as we can on the new date.

Hope everyone is well and safe!  
Take Care and look forward to seeing you on Zoom next Tuesday!

Any questions,  
please email  
Lara Norris at  
[larisalee1968@aol.com](mailto:larisalee1968@aol.com)



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## **Medical Affairs/Advocacy Update**

**\*\*87th Legislative Session\*\***

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**AT THE CAPITOL**

**Goes Virtual**

**March 2 \* April 6 \* May 4**

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**Contact Beth O'Farrell, VP Legislative  
Affairs: [bofarrell21@gmail.com](mailto:bofarrell21@gmail.com)**



**CAPITOL WATCH**



# ADVOCACY

The 87th Legislative Session is still in its early stages, but it's never too soon to think about grassroots advocacy. David Wilhelm, Administrative Director of TMA's Division of Advocacy, shared the following list of nine easy steps you can take *now* to strengthen your relationship with your elected officials, so you're ready when things heat up:

1. Find out [who represents you](#).
2. Set up a virtual meeting with your legislator by contacting their capitol office.
  - \*Look [here](#) to find your state Senator's office contact information.
  - \*Look [here](#) to your state Representative's office contact information.
3. Add your legislators' contact information to your phone for easy use.
4. Follow your lawmakers on social media.
5. Review [TMA's legislative priorities](#).
6. Review [TMA's legislative one pagers](#)
7. Participate in the next VIRTUAL [First Tuesdays at the Capitol](#) on March 2nd.
8. Read [TMA's Legislative News Hotline](#) in your daily Texas Medicine Today email.
9. Respond to Action Alerts when we need time sensitive help contacting legislators. Action Alerts are posted in our Grassroots Action Center. You'll receive them via email and can respond right from your phone via [VoterVoice app](#).

Bookmark this TMA webpage and follow our efforts throughout the

session: [www.texmed.org/legislature](http://www.texmed.org/legislature).

Need help setting up a meeting with your legislator? Contact your local CMS Executive or [email a TMA staff member](#).



## **Support Wonders & Worries**

Help support youth in Central Texas and nationwide! Wonders & Worries, based right here in Austin, provides professional, mental health support to children and teens whose parents have a serious illness. The Wonders & Worries Envision raffle has 10 amazing packages totaling over \$175,000 worth of prizes.

Help us support this amazing organization and the youth in our communities.

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