

## Annual Meeting Agenda Thursday, November 12, 2009

- 9:30 am Registration** - Amphitheatre 204
- 10:00 am Property Tax Reforms in Texas**  
*Honorable John Otto*, State Representative  
*Honorable Tommy Williams*, State Senator
- 11:00 am Tax Developments in Other States**  
*Joe Crosby*, Legislative Director,  
Council on State Taxation (COST)
- 12 noon Luncheon in Salon C**
- 1:00 pm Comptroller's Tax Administrative Update**  
*Rick Budd*, Special Counsel for Taxation  
*Deborah Cartwright*, Director, Property Tax  
Assistance Division  
*Kevin Koller*, Asst. Dir. of Tax Administration  
*Bryant Lomax*, Manager of Tax Policy  
*Don Neal*, Dep. Gen. Counsel-Litigation & Tax
- 3:00 pm Break**
- 3:15 pm Economic Outlook**  
*Keith Phillips*, Federal Reserve Bank - Dallas
- 4:00 pm Economic Development Issues**  
*Dale Craymer*, TTARA, Moderator  
*Gary Farmer*, President, Heritage Title *(invited)*  
*Helen Lemmon*, Principal in Charge, Ryan  
*Jeff Moseley*, President & CEO, Greater  
Houston Partnership *(invited)*
- 5:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting**  
Conference Room 301  
*[Board Members only]*
- 6:00 pm Chairman's Reception**  
Tejas Dining Room  
*[All Attendees Invited]*

**In conjunction with the  
Institute for Professionals in Taxation**

## Annual Meeting Agenda Friday, November 13, 2009

- 8:00 am Registration** - Amphitheatre 204
- 8:30 am Business Meeting**
- 9:00 am Texas Fiscal Condition**  
*Honorable Susan Combs*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts
- 9:20 am State of Public Education in Texas**  
*Honorable Florence Shapiro*  
Chair, Senate Education Committee
- 9:40 am Finance Issues on the Horizon**  
*Honorable David Dewhurst*  
Lt. Governor of Texas
- 10:00 am Perspectives from the House**  
*Honorable Joe Straus*  
Speaker of the House
- 10:20 am Transportation - What Comes Next?**  
*Bill Allaway*, TTARA, Moderator  
*Honorable John Carona*  
Chair, Senate Transportation & Homeland  
Security Committee  
*Deirdre Delisi*  
Chair, Texas Transportation Commission
- 11:00 am Political Banter**  
*George S. Christian*, TTARA, Moderator  
*Mike Baselice*, Baselice & Associates, Inc.  
*Kelly Fero*, Political Consultant  
*Ken Herman*, Austin American Statesman  
*Wayne Slater*, Dallas Morning News
- 12 noon Luncheon in Salon C**  
*Honorable Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas

## Registration Form

**Mail form and check to: TTARA, 400 West  
15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Austin, TX 78701**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I will attend (please check all that apply):**

**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tax Sessions (10:00 am – 5:00 pm)  
Amphitheatre 204 *[All attendees invited]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon (12:00 noon – 1:00 pm)  
Salon C *[All attendees invited]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)  
Conference Rm 301 *[Board members only]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman's Reception (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)  
Tejas Dining Room *[All attendees invited]*

**Friday, November 13, 2009**

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Meeting (8:30 am – 12:00 noon)  
Amphitheatre 204 *[All attendees invited]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Luncheon (12:00 noon – 1:30 pm)  
Salon C *[All attendees invited]*

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I will send my payment separately \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## Registration Fee Information

	Both Days	One Day
Pre-Registered	\$345	\$195
At the Door	\$370	\$220

**NO REFUNDS AFTER NOVEMBER 6**

*Continuing education credit will be awarded from the following organizations: State Bar of Texas, Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, and the Institute for Professionals in Taxation.*

Online payments can be made on the TTARA website at [www.ttara.org/annualmtgreg.htm](http://www.ttara.org/annualmtgreg.htm). If you pay online, please fax your registration form to 512-472-2636.

Payment should be made by November 10. After that date, please fax your registration to 512-472-2636 and bring your payment to the meeting.

To make a reservation in the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association's block of rooms, call the hotel at 512-404-3600 or use promo code TTARAA1109 at [www.meetatexas.com](http://www.meetatexas.com). **Room rate is \$139. Deadline to reserve a room is October 28, 2009.**

Parking is available in the AT&T Conference Center garage at a rate of \$18 for a full day. Valet parking is available at a rate of \$12 per day.

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# Annual Membership Meeting

Texas Taxpayers and Research Association (TTARA)



**November 12-13, 2009**  
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