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It has been an exciting two months for all of our membership including the ALOA CONVENTION in Dallas this year. It has also been a very quiet month for our membership in the lack of communication from the association to our membership. A serious illness has put a damper on the publications.

The first week of May, I underwent a cardiac catheterization that revealed a problem. On May 16th, I had open heart surgery, ended up with a quadruple bypass and serious problem with my legs. Add pneumonia and internal infections have kept me in the hospital since. I was released to rehabilitation facility only to be rushed back in an ambulance to the hospital again the next day. My wife bought me a gadget to get back on the internet and send this message out to everyone...

This and maybe the next will be a temporary smaller format for the Advisor. Hopefully I will be back 100% to give you even more and new excitement.

For all of our members who have e-mail, I intend to keep a steady flow of information when it occurs. Those who do not have e-mail will get a copy of these messages once a month in the mail.

It is my promise that once I healed and normal again, that the Advisor in its new format will continue with all the exciting changes, newsworthy information, etc..

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President's Message

I have had a little bit of time since my last letter. There is so much going on and so little time. My business is so busy don't know what to say. I guess it's better than the alternative! We have issues right now with sales tax, Sunset review, ALOA convention, scam locksmiths, rogue DPS agents, high gas prices, skyrocketing parts cost, and more. I am afraid we might be losing our perspective on all the positive things occurring right now. We have road shows, national convention, great education, great board members, great members, great associates, etc.

Our board should be complete soon. Troy Maynard has rejoined TLA BOD as the secretary. Welcome Troy! We lost David Candelaria as Membership Chair because he got a job offer in Florida that he could not pass up. I believe we'll have his position filled within the month. Good luck David, you will be missed!

We had a road show in Beaumont last weekend (June 7). With 20 in attendance it was a success, even if not a huge success. Texas is a big state and I really enjoy meeting with all our members out there. I left with a feeling of accomplishment. Billy Garret, our 1st VP, put together a wonderful program. Billy is a real winner; thank him if you see him. He is invaluable to our association.

Our editor Laurie Simon has been going through some challenging health issues. Please keep him in your prayers. He's a real old time locksmith and one of the finest men I have ever met. Thank him for what he does if you have the chance. He likes to hear from members. Call him or write!

I hope everyone got their new state franchise tax in (due June 16). It is my understanding if your sales are over 300,000.00 you will owe something. I owed some. Please talk to your accountant if you were unaware of this new tax. Let us know what your results were.

The state comptroller seems to be causing us a lot of trouble right now. They have changed their stance on the professional status of your services. The code says that you are responsible to collect sales tax on services requiring a license under HB1701 and HB1702. You are required to collect tax on car openings, automotive and residential labor. The only exception is a valid tax exempt certificate from your customer. Tow truck drivers, mechanics and handy men are not required to collect tax for these services. It is not right and we are trying to correct this with This is not new, it is just a change in policy Making it worse is different responses employees at the office seem to be giving to our members. You are still responsible for the tax even if you are informed incorrectly. I recommend you collect the tax for now and we hope to get an official letter from Susan Combs (Texas Comptroller) to set this straight, her opinion is the only one that counts!

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'd

The sunset committee is meeting to decide if our licensing will continue as it currently is. I think we actually do. I believe we could do better, but we can also receive worse. Overall the PSB and DPS are doing a fair job and doing better every day. We must keep working to improve things, but also be patient. Don't miss ALOA this week. Come by the TLA and see me. I'll have lots of news! I'll have much more to report next month.

John Arnold, CML
TLA President

TLA BOARD MEETING
Southfork Hotel Plano, TX.
APRIL 26, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 9:10 a.m. by President John Arnold

Roll call of officers:

John Arnold, present
Billy Garrett, present
Rick Milliorn, present
Laura Milliorn, present
Jason Stewart, present
David Candelaria, absent
Laurie Simon, present
Bill Bybee, present

Pledge To The Flag – John Arnold

Invocation – Billy Garrett

Welcome Guest:

Glenn Koons – TLA Web Master
Dianne Arnold
Troy Maynard
Angela Maynard
Dennis Baker

New Business:

Membership BOD David Candelaria has stepped down from his position, due to moving out of state.

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John Arnold nominates, Troy Maynard for TLA Secretary the nomination was seconded by Jason Stewart. Full BOD approval. Troy Maynard accepted the position.

Discusses possible hotels for 2010 convention, John informed the board of issues with other hotels:

The Sheraton - did not bid.

The Hilton - canceled, due to busy week.

The board toured the Southfork Hotel upon completing the tour; the full BOD approved this location for the 2010 TLA Convention. The hotel has given us a room rate of \$79.00 and shuttles to the Convention Center should we need to hold the show at that facility. No charge for Internet use for the convention. They will also supply a Hospitality Room at no charge.

Start looking for a new Membership Chairman; Laurie has volunteered to temporarily take over the position.

Chase Bank business for authorized signers on TLA account are as follows: John Arnold, Bill Garrett, Laura Milliorn, & Troy Maynard

Bill Bybee will work on education scholarship for 2009

All new membership apps. Voted on and approved, to be listed in the April Advisor.

Past members wanting their old membership number back can do so by donating \$100.00 to the legislative fund and paying their current dues. This was voted on and approved by the BOD

The BOD discussed raising membership dues, Jason is going to look into what we need to do to achieve this. Can the board make this decision or do we have to do this at a general membership meeting? Also adding to the membership format i.e.: Company fee, for Company and employees with 1 vote per company. And discount for TLA classes to the employees.

Dan Fleck will be putting a golf tournament together.

ALOA convention in Dallas, Jason will help find people to man the TLA booth 12-4 PM and help Laurie.

·	TLA Road shows:	8/16/08 Harlingen, TX.
	6/7/08 Beaumont, TX.	9/??/08 El Paso, TX.
	8/9/08 Shreveport, LA	11/??/08 Lubbock, TX

BOARD MEETING

NEW TLA LOGO

The BOD voted to keep the new logo, with the words Safes, Locks, Autos, & Security, YES votes, John Arnold, Billy Garrett, Rick Milliorn, Troy Maynard, Laura Milliorn, Jason Stewart, Laurie Simon. NO votes, Bill Bybee.... 7-1 in favor of new logo.

Board Reports:

President – No Report

1st. VP – No Report

2nd VP – No Report

Secretary – No Report

Treasurer – Checking status of CD rate and amount, CD @ Citizens Bank
PO Box 1009 Henderson, TX. 75653, Acct. 503290 amount \$58,077.72

Names to be put on the CD are the President, Secretary, & Treasurer

Parliamentarian – No Report

Editor – No Report

Sergeant- At- Arms – No issues or grievances, ALOA has given Bill hardware to sell for the ALOA education fund.

Web Master – Discussed the cost of Conference calls placed by the Board for Teleconferences. The rate runs .05/min and the bill will be submitted by the Web master and reimbursed expenses. Glenn brought up putting Surveys online to the

Membership for input/opinion on topics discussed in Board Meeting. Surveys results can be published in the Advisor and on the Web site. Also removing Elite CEU from the web site..

New Membership packets will be sent out with Each Patches & Decals.

BOD, discussed TLA Lobbyist Past due amount of \$15,000.00, The BOD wants to pay this amount to Jim Warren, and keep him on board with TLA @ \$1500.00 mo. Providing he keeps us up to date with the legislation and provides Laurie with an article for the Advisor every month.

Bill Bybee made a motion on this matter and Troy Maynard gave a second. The BOD approved.

The BOD is looking into hiring an administrative assistant. To be discussed at the next board meeting.

BOD Conference call May 20, 2008 @ 8:00pm Next Board Meeting to be set at this time.

Old Business: None Meeting adjourned @ 6:15pm

Troy Maynard / TLA Secretary