

DECEMBER 2007

### From the President

As the year comes to a close, I would like to wish all of our TASC members a Happy Holiday and Best Wishes for 2008. 2007 has been a transition year for TASC and I am happy to report that we are on target to become a better organization as we strive to represent the interests of our members:

- We have instituted a full suite of on-line reservation and membership options that permits the use of credit card payments for our membership dues and events.
- Our Speaker Program has been extremely successful, thanks to the efforts of our Program Chair, Bill MacDonald of SAIC.
- We have set new attendance records this year and hope to continue that trend in 2008.
- Our Membership database and on-line tools have been upgraded thanks to the efforts of our Membership Chair, Ms. Mary White of KIS, and our Information Technology Chair, Ms. Beverly Arviso of Antech Systems.
- Our bylaws have been revised and updated thanks to the efforts of our Bylaws Chair, Mr. Joe Yurso of QED.
- We have a Strategic Plan in place to guide us through 2008 and achieve even greater things as an organization. The efforts of Mr. Steve Liberman of S.W. Liberman and Associates have guided us through this process that has helped the board focus on the future of TASC and how we can better serve our membership.

These are just a few of the major accomplishments of 2007 and the people responsible for their success. The TASC Board remains committed to serving our membership and we welcome any and all recommendations you may have to improve the service we provide.

Memberships are what make our organization function and we need the support of all current and former members to maintain the momentum we have generated. We have completed a "scrub" of the membership database generated by our new system and found that many memberships have lapsed because our notification process was not working properly. You may be contacted soon by a Board member regarding the status of your membership.

Please help us ensure that our records are accurate and that your membership status is correct. I would ask that you renew your membership if it is inactive (corporate or individual) and help us to maintain an active role in the community. We need your participation and the participation of colleagues in order to maintain our position as the leading local representative of our industry in the area. Please assist us by encouraging your business partners and associates to become active members of TASC. Thank you for your continued support of TASC.

Dennis Garcia,  
President

## OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

For those TASC members who would like to participate in setting policy and the distribution of funds you have the chance to put your name on the ballot for one of the following positions.

President  
 Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Various committee chairpersons (Call Don Remy 339-7243 for further information)

For any person who might be interested being a representative on the Tidewater Government/ Industry Council, the following positions are up for election in March 2008:

Small Business Representative  
 8A/Small Disadvantaged Business Representative  
 Large Business Representative  
 (2) At-Large Business Representatives  
 Education Representative

Since the election is at the TASC meeting in March (3/19/08) it is important to make your intention known by February 2008. Please contact Don Remy at 339-7243 or email me at [dremy@tcc.edu](mailto:dremy@tcc.edu).

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### Monthly Meetings at a Glance

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| <b>TASC Board Meeting</b>           | 1st Wednesday | 7:30 A.M.  | Town Point Club   |
| <b>TGIC Exec. Committee Meeting</b> | 2nd Thursday  | 8:00 A.M.  | PROSOFT   |
| <b>TASC Luncheon Meeting</b>        | 3rd Wednesday | 11:30 A.M. | Registration, Meeting begins at Noon<br>Airport Hilton - Reservations Suggested |

Luncheon Fee: \$25.00 (Fee is still due if you make reservations but do not attend.)

#### TASC Officers/Committee Chairs

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| <b>President</b>                             | <b>Dennis Garcia</b>  |
| <b>Vice President</b>                        | <b>Glenda Bluhm</b>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                             | <b>Bill Shelton</b>   |
| <b>Secretary</b>                             | <b>Joan Grippio</b>   |
| <b>Councilor/<br/>TGIC Industry Co-Chair</b> | <b>Steve Kelley</b>   |
| <b>Councilor/Nominations</b>                 | <b>Don Remy</b>       |
| <b>Councilor/<br/>Strategic Planning</b>     | <b>Steve Liberman</b> |
| <b>Information Systems</b>                   | <b>Beverly Arviso</b> |
| <b>Membership</b>                            | <b>Mary White</b>     |
| <b>Newsletter</b>                            | <b>Emile Husson</b>   |
| <b>Speakers Bureau/<br/>Publicity</b>        | <b>Rachel Blair</b>   |
| <b>FACT Liason</b>                           | <b>Jeff Bruner</b>    |
| <b>Bylaws/<br/>Financial Assessment</b>      | <b>Joe Yurso</b>      |
| <b>Arrangements</b>                          | <b>Butch Bondoc</b>   |

#### SPEAKERS ARE STANDING BY

Do you know a group of people who could benefit from membership in TASC? If so, let me know. As the chairperson of our Speakers' Bureau, I am always looking for ways to get the word out that TASC exists and what the benefits of membership are. We have speakers who are ready, willing and able to make a brief presentation at your service club, school or professional organization. Please contact Rachel Blair at Progressive Graphics at 368-3321 or [rachel@progressivegraphics.com](mailto:rachel@progressivegraphics.com).