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**LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

Dear TABCCM, Black Mayors and City Council Members,
Friends, and Supporters:

The 2011-2012 year has been a great year for me and the Texas Association of Black City Council Members. My illness in October 2011 took me out for several months. Unfortunately, and I was not present at the T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Classic, President's Luncheon nor the Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas, but I attended all of these functions through others who were in attendance. I was so proud of the way these programs were conducted and the success of each function. I am even more pleased with the leadership within the TABCCM organization during my absence.

Many of you had the opportunity to see me at our February 2012 meeting in San Antonio. At that time, my voice had not returned to normal. As of today, my voice is back and I am doing great.

The February meeting provided us with an opportunity to review our goals for the TABCCM organization and included a listing of the goals set at our February meeting in this newsletter.

Overall, the organization has had a good year. Even though we did not meet our membership goals, we continue to make progress. A large number of our members have termed out of office or were unsuccessful in their bid for re-election. Even though we were a little bit shy of our funding goal for the Annual T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Classic last year. However, the golf classic continues to grow every year and we are looking forward to growing the golf classic this year that will take place in the Grapevine area. . I want to acknowledge Jackie Levingston for her outstanding job with our scholarship program. I am happy to announce that all four scholarships have been awarded for the Fall 2012 school year and have been distributed to students across the State.

It is also our goal to continue to conduct valuable and relevant meetings and workshops. Also, we have also secured representation on the Board from all regions from across the State.

The success of TABCCM is in the hands of our existing members and our emerging young leadership. The more we pull together as a team; the greater our accomplishments will be.

Franklin (Frank) D. Moss, President

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PRESIDENT**



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T A B C C M M E M B E R S O N T H E M O V E



Tennell Atkins
City of Dallas
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

- * Elected to the National League of Cities Board of Directors
- * Serves on the National League of Cities Economic Development Committee
- * Currently serving his 3rd term as City Council Member
- * Elected to the TABCCM Board in October 2011 and serves as Secretary of the Board.



Sheryl Cole
City of Austin
Mayor Pro Tem

- * First African-American woman elected to the Austin City Council
- * Elected to TABCCM Board of Directors
- * TABCCM Representative on the TML Board of Directors
- * Earned her Accounting and Law Degree from University of Texas at Austin and she is a Certified Public Accountant
- * Former staff counsel for TML



Brian Rowland
City of Prairie View
Councilman

- * Texas NAACP: Assistant Treasurer, Membership Chair and Co-Chair for the Economic Development
- * Prairie View Chamber of Commerce - 1st Vice President
- * Secretary of the Texas State Association of African American Chamber of Commerce
- * Young elected Officials Network Texas State Co-Director
- * Alpha Phi Fraternity Inc. -Treasurer
- * Boy Scouts Troup 1906 - Assistant Scoutmaster

WANT TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER?

If you have any information or an upcoming event that you would like to include in the newsletter, please send it to:

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“ Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change we seek.”
-President Barack Obama

**T A B C C M A N N U A L M E E T I N G
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H O U S T O N , T X**

The TABCCM organization would like to say “Thank You” to everyone who came out and participated in the TABCCM events during TML. If you were not able to attend the annual meeting in Houston, you missed a treat. The TABCCM organization had one of it’s largest turnouts to date during the 2011 Annual TML Conference in Houston. Participation in TABCCM events has steadily increased every year.

At this year’s meeting, the TSU Museum provided a beautiful background for our first TABCCM President’s Luncheon at the Texas Southern University (TSU) Museum. A number of our past president’s and staff participated in the luncheon to get honored for all their hard work during their tenure. We would like to “Thank” Texas Southern University President Dr. John Rudley and Texas Southern University for hosting our luncheon. Also, we would like to “Thank” former Councilmembers Jarvis Johnson and Jolanda Jones from the City of Houston for their assistance with transportation to and from the luncheon and golf tournament.

In addition, the organization would like to say “Thank You” for those who participated in the T.J. Patterson, Sr. Annual Golf Tournament. Your presence at the tournament makes a difference whether you play golf or not. It is our goal to have more participation from the membership during the tournament in the role of a participant or spectator. It is important that we support each other and the organization and we hope to see you at future tournaments.

The TABCCM organization would like to also say “Thank You” to our guest speakers: Councilmember James Mitchell, Jr., President of National League of Cities and former TABCCM President Carroll Robinson, current Associate Professor at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University for their presentations on “Emerging Issues for Black City Councilmembers in Texas.” Also, we would like to “Thank” Dana Batiste, President of Environmental Machines & Services, LLC and Charles Marshall of the TECQ for leading the workshop on “Water Resource Issues and Opportunities for Minority Economic Development.

As we embark on the upcoming year, let’s continue to move forward. The 2012 Annual TML Conference will be in Grapevine and has the potential for even greater attendance and participation and the organization looks forward to your support.

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Picture of Past TABCCM President’s with City of Houston Councilmembers



Dr. John Rudley, President of Texas Southern University



Picture of audience from luncheon

T A B C C M G O A L S E T T I N G W O R K S H O P
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S A N A N T O N I O , T X

The TABCCM organization would like to thank Mr. Laolu Davies-Yetiman for taking time out of his schedule to lead our goal-setting workshop. We analyzed the organizations mission statement to assist us in defining new goals for the future. During the workshop, we used the goals the organization set two years ago as a tool to create tangible goals that were specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound. This workshop was critical to the organization because the result will set the tone and expectation for the organization for the next two years. Success does not just happen, it takes planning. As an organization we need to have these plans down in writing as a reminder of how we will achieve success. Below are the goals that were derived from the meeting.

TABCCM GOALS

Short Term –

1. Grow membership to 90% participation of current black elected officials
2. Foster and nurture the membership individually by providing services and training

Long Term –

1. Tap Historical Black Colleges and Universities resources for policy theory
2. Become more knowledgeable of threats/weaknesses to black community
3. Recruit individuals for political office by formalizing a mentorship program
4. Getting more involved with Texas Legislative Internship Program
4. Restoring equity in the political power base for black elected officials and the community
5. Develop TABCCM and its membership, so collectively they become effective change agents to influence public policy at the local and state level

Many “Thanks” to all of those who were able to participate in goal setting workshop. Your presence is the reason it was tremendously successful.

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T.J. Patterson Sr., Golf Tournament - October 2011: Houston, Texas
Many thanks to all who participated in the tournament.



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A LOOK AT OUR TEXAS HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

WILEY COLLEGE

Wiley College opens 139th Academic Year with President’s Fall Convocation

Dr. Strickland to students: ‘Strive to excel’

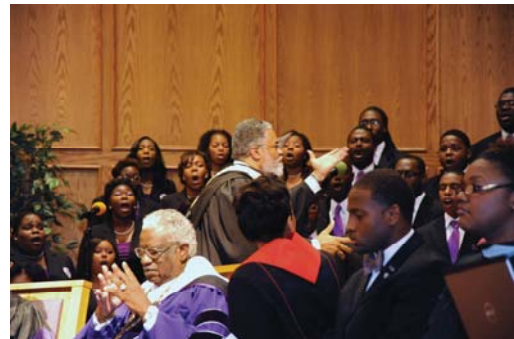
“Strive to excel,” were the compelling words Wiley College President and CEO Dr. Haywood L. Strickland shared during his address at the College’s Fall Convocation in September. Before a full house of students, faculty, staff, and alumni, Dr. Strickland talked about how doing the right thing can transform dreams to reality.

“Oh how I love ‘Hold Fast to Dreams,’” Dr. Strickland said of the anthem by Roland M. Carter that was performed by the A Cappella Choir of Wiley College during the convocation. “The song brings joy to my heart and tears to my eyes,” said Dr. Strickland. He used the song as a springboard to offer encouragement, telling the students they should always ask themselves, “Did I do today what I should have done to make myself better?”

For an audience already moved by Dr. Strickland’s words, it stood and applauded when he unveiled a rendering for the soon-to-be revamped Fred T. Long Student Union Building, part of the College’s ongoing \$24 million construction project.

While sharing in the enthusiasm, Dr. Strickland told the audience, “Transformation is not just about concrete and buildings.” He spoke of his greater desire to witness the transformation of the “hearts, souls, minds, and spirits” of the entire Wiley Family.

Wiley College, founded in 1873, is a private, co-educational institution of higher learning affiliated with The United Methodist Church and The United Negro College Fund.



** Article and pictures provided by Wiley College*

T A B C C M F E A T U R E C I T Y : D E N N I S O N

The City of Denison was founded in 1872 and was named after Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (MKT) Vice-President George Denison. The railroad has been an important part of the city and has created many economic opportunities for the city. In the 1940's, the Perrin Air Force Base strongly impacted Denison's economy. Today, the former air base is under the control of Grayson County and the North Texas Regional Airport, and serves Denison as a viable private airport and industrial park.

The residents of Denison are dedicated to preserving it's unique history, that in 1988 Denison started the Main Street Program which was officially designated a Texas Main Street City by the Texas Historical Commission in 1989. The 30-block area of downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many homes in Denison have preserved their original character and design. Historic walking and driving tours guide visitors through neighborhoods and the historic downtown arts district. The Texas Commission on the Arts endorsed Denison as one of the original arts and culture districts in the spring of 2009.

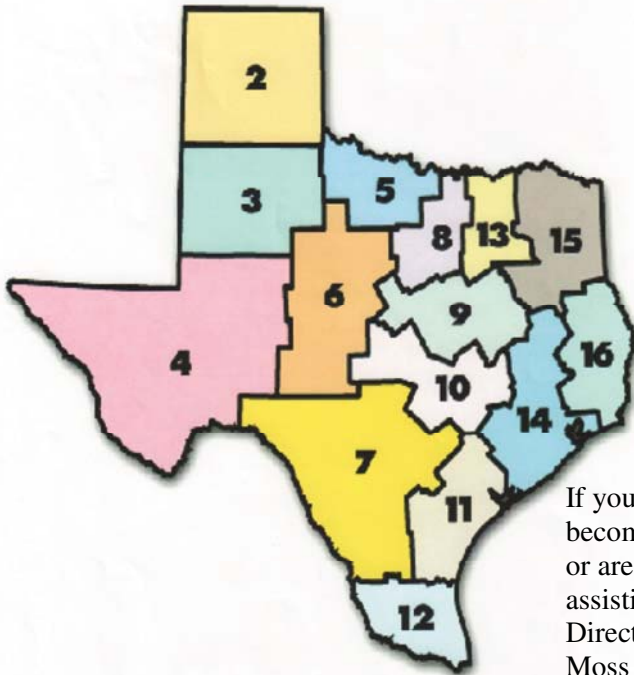
The City of Denison has a couple of local heroes. President Dwight David Eisenhower was born in a simple frame house next to the Katy Railroad where his father worked as a wiper, cleaning steam engines. Also, Chesley Sullenburger was born and raised in Denison. Mr. Sullenburger is best known for landing U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River in January 2009.

What many people do not realize is that Denison is known for their Wine Industry. Thomas V. Munson became one of the leading experts in Native American grape species. Because of his research and study, he was instrumental in saving the European grape and wine industry during the late 19th century. To honor Mr. Munson research Grayson County College has a T.V. Munson Viticulture and Enology Center next to a vineyard and now the City of Denison has a Sister City Program with Cognac, France.

** Article provided by Former Councilman Obie Greenleaf, City of Denison and the City of Denison website*

R E G I O N A L D I R E C T O R S

TML Municipal Regional Map



If you are interested in becoming a Regional Director or are interested in assisting the current Regional Director, please contact Frank Moss at 817-925-2182.

Area Regional Directors

Region	Director's Name
2, 3, 4, and 6	Billy Cleaver & Kenneth Williams
5 and 8	Frank Moss
7, 11, and 12	Floyd Felder
9	Jackie Levingston
10	Vacant
13	Tennell Atkins
14	Vacant
15	Freddie Taylor & Gloria Moon
16	Audwin Samuel

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S A N D M E E T I N G

August 2012: TABCCM Quarterly
Membership Meeting and Workshop -
Prairie View, Texas

November 13 - 16, 2012: Annual TML
Conference and Exhibition - Gaylord
Convention Center, Grapevine, Texas

November 13, 2012: T.J. Patterson, Sr. Golf
Tournament - TBD

November 14, 2012: President's Luncheon -
Paul Quinn College, Dallas, Texas

November 15, 2012: Annual TABCCM
Meeting and Workshop- Gaylord Convention
Center, Grapevine, Texas

H O W T O J O I N T A B C C M

You can join TABCCM by going online and down-
loading an application and mail it to us or join online
at: <http://www.txabccm.org/join.html>

The membership categories for TABCCM are:

Council Member in a city with a population under
50,000—\$65.00

Council Member in a city with a population over
50,000—\$125.00

Students—\$10.00

Former Council Members—\$25.00

Associate Member—\$50.00

Corporate Roundtable—\$250.00

Additional benefits offered to TABCCM members
include the following publications at the Affiliate rate:

TML Magazine—\$15.00

TML Directory—\$30.00

We are grateful for your support and participation in
TABCCM. If you have any questions, please contact
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