BOARD SELCETS CEO

Brian A. Bolinger has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Texas State Historical Association by the Board of Directors. Selected after a national search, Bolinger assumed his full-time position in October.

As CEO, he is responsible for representing the Association at public and governmental functions, managing its personnel, leading strategic planning and other initiatives of the Board of Directors, and developing and implementing the Association’s annual budget and fund-raising activities.

TSHA President John L. Nau III expressed his faith in Bolinger, saying, “On behalf of the Board, I welcome Brian to his new position as Chief Executive Officer of the TSHA. Brian’s experience in both start-ups and turn-around corporate management provides the skills and leadership that are needed within today’s TSHA.”

Chief Historian Randolph “Mike” Campbell, who served on the search committee, introduced Bolinger with much enthusiasm, stating, “Brian is intelligent and energetic, and he does not do anything halfway.”

Bolinger articulated that he is honored to be chosen by the Board of Directors to lead the Association. “Along with a chance to work with Dr. Campbell and the Board, I look forward to opportunities to use proven business and non-profit strategies in furthering TSHA’s objectives,” he said. “I am excited to be associated with an organization so deeply involved with Texas history and hope to provide a solid foundation for building a bright future for TSHA.”

A Texas resident for fourteen years, Bolinger has an extensive business background. During his sixteen years in senior management, he has taken leadership roles in strategic planning to build strong business models that led to success. He draws on considerable skills in contract negotiation, human resources, team building, and customer services. As an entrepreneur, he has provided management consultation to energy enterprises in the U.S. and Canada. In senior management positions, Bolinger has succeeded in building multi-million dollar electrical energy enterprises in the North Texas region, most recently with Apollo Power and Light in Denton.

In addition, Bolinger has demonstrated remarkable success in the non-profit sector serving the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation for eleven years. Currently the international foundation’s vice-president, he has been on the board of directors for seven years. The annual fundraiser he created in 2003, Angel’s Kiss, has become the VBF’s largest annual benefit program.

Originally from Elkhart, Indiana, Bolinger earned a B.A. in History at DePauw University while lettering in varsity football each year. He attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, where he earned a M.S. in Kinesiology and was named graduate student of the year. He then received a J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law.

He is married to Natalie Bolinger, a native Texan from Holliday near Wichita Falls. With two children in middle school in Corinth, they spend much time with family, school, and athletic activities. Bolinger occasionally indulges in his other interests—golf, travel, and reading.

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—BRIAN A. BOLINGER
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Upcoming opportunities to meet Brian Bolinger

- Nov. 19, 2014, 6 - 8 p.m., at the DeGoyler Library at SMU in Dallas at book signing event for *On History’s Trail* by Light Cummins.
- March 5 - 7, 2015, in Corpus Christi at the Annual Meeting.

For invitations to events in your region, please ensure that we have your correct email address. Send updates to TSHAonline@TSHAonline.org.

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RESERVATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Hotel Registration

TSHA Meeting rate: $139/night
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
Book online: TSHAonline.org/annual-meeting
Call: 1-800-843-6664
Code: TSHA Annual Meeting

Meeting Registration

Early registration:
Late Registration:
After Feb. 1, 2015
Speaker, student, educator, guest, and one-day rates are offered.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 5 – 7

Exhibit Hall – Books, maps, documents, and more
Texana Auction

March 5

Women in Texas History Luncheon
Presidential Reception - USS Lexington

March 6

Book Lovers’ and Texana Collectors’ Breakfast
Fellows Luncheon and Presentation of Awards
Texas Independence Relay Reception
Presidential Banquet - Art Museum of South Texas

Visit www.TSHAonline.org/annual-meeting
The Texas State Historical Association continues to improve its ability to serve members with digital Texas history resources. Through our partnership with the Portal to Texas History, we proudly announce the launch of our latest, members-only digital archive, the TSHA Digital Library. It is a collection of TSHA resources spanning more than 115 years that can be researched and viewed in one central location.

The TSHA Digital Library includes:

- 106 volumes of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* (1897 – 2004)
- 341 issues of the *Texas Historian* (1941 – 2013)
- 25 TSHA Press publications, many of which are no longer in print, including:
  - *Charles Schreiner, General Merchandise: The Story of a Country Store*
  - *Army Exploration in the American West, 1803 - 1863*
  - *Through Unexplored Texas: Notes Taken during the Expedition Commanded by Captain Randolph Barnes Marcy, United States Army, in the Summer and Fall of 1864*
  - *The Portable Handbook of Texas*

...and many more!

The TSHA Digital Library boasts a user-friendly e-reader and interface and includes the ability to build custom libraries, bookmark favorite TSHA resources for easy reference, and create notes to assist in research. In addition, content from our existing publicly available Resource Center and our new members-only feature, “From the Desk of the Chief Historian,” will also be accessible through the TSHA Digital Library. The Chief Historian pieces will highlight TSHA resources on a variety of relevant topics selected by Chief Historian Randolph “Mike” Campbell.

The TSHA Digital Library is available FREE for use by all TSHA members by logging in with your email address at [www.tshaonline.org/digital-library](http://www.tshaonline.org/digital-library).

If your email address needs to be updated or is not on file with our membership office, please call (940) 369-5200 or email TSHAonline@TSHAonline.org.
Programs produced by the Association are made possible by our many supporters. We appreciate all who donate to TSHA and also the organizations that provide grants and funding for our programs.

Most recently, your substantial contributions enabled the Association to end the fiscal year on August 31 on a strong note and with a near-record number of new memberships. Those who donated generously on the September 18 North Texas Day of Giving multiplied your gifts of nearly $20,000 with the available portion of matching funds.

Donations support our mission to further the appreciation, understanding, and teaching of the rich and unique history of Texas. Your gifts have enabled TSHA to:

- Reach more than 1,028,000 students in state-wide programs such as the Texas Quiz Show, Texas History Day, and Junior Historians.
- Support educator workshops produced around the state.
- Produce the annual meeting where hundreds of historians discover the latest research in Texas history.
- Expand the 26,000-article Handbook of Texas that provides Texas history to an ever-growing audience of millions around the world each year.
- Publish the Texas Almanac 2014 - 2015 and expand www.TexasAlmanac.com, viewed by 700,000 users annually in a steeply increasing trend.

With your support, we can continue to produce these vital programs and more.

As 2014 draws to a close, End of Year giving provides a tax-saving way to promote the history of Texas. Our office will be open through December 23. Online giving for tax year 2014 is available through December 31, 2014 at TSHAonline.org.

Dallas area members are invited to join us on November 19, 6 - 8 p.m. at the DeGoyler Library at Southern Methodist University. Celebrate the release of On History’s Trail: Speeches and Essays by the Texas State Historian, 2009 - 2012 with author Light Cummins and the Association’s CEO Brian Bolinger. Cummins will discuss his latest book, about his time as Texas State Historian, when he spoke to groups all across Texas. Greet Brian Bolinger and discover why he is passionate about Texas history and the Association’s vital work.

Texas History Evening
In Dallas on November 19, 2014, 6 - 8 p.m.
DeGoyler Library at Southern Methodist University

Watch your email for your invitation or RSVP now to TSHAonline@TSHAonline.org
**NEW FROM TSHA PRESS**

**On History’s Trail: Speeches and Essays of the Texas State Historian, 2009–2012**, by Austin College history professor Light Cummins, features speeches and essays from his time as Texas State Historian. The collection displays the love of history that inspired his talks to groups throughout Texas and beyond and features the warmth and humor that is Cummins’ hallmark. Former TSHA president Larry McNeill describes the creation of the honorary office in the foreword. **Red Water, Black Gold: The Canadian River in Western Texas**, by Amarillo-based historian Margaret A. Bickers, describes how the 1920s discovery of oil in the Panhandle gave new urgency to the search for permanent water supplies. Bickers’ research adds to West Texas scholarship, especially regarding the use of river and underground water, a timely topic for all Texans.

300 pp., Paper, $30.00  
TSHA Price $19.50

**Order now at SHOP.TSHAonline.org**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP!**

This year, share your love of Texas history with a friend, co-worker, or family member by giving them the gift of TSHA membership. Gift memberships are available for as little as $25, and the recipient will enjoy all of the benefits of a full membership, including:

- **Four issues of the award-winning Southwestern Historical Quarterly.** This publication has been continuously published since 1897 and is widely regarded as the premier source of scholarly information about the history of Texas and the Southwest.

- **Four issues of the Riding Line Newsletter.** This content-packed newsletter will keep you in the loop about local historical happenings, recent publications, and other resources that TSHA is working to make available every day.

- **Special invitations to attend exclusive events like our Annual Meeting.** Hosted in a different Texas city each year, the Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of its kind for Texas history enthusiasts.

- **Access to members-only content like the TSHA Digital Library.** Enjoy 25 TSHA books, 106 volumes of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 62 editions of the Texas Almanac, 341 issues of the Texas Historian, and more, all in a searchable format.

- **And much more!**

Learn more about our Gift Membership Program today by visiting our website at:  
www.TSHAonline.org/membership/gift
Redesign, Graphics Add Pizazz to Almanac Teacher’s Guide

Changes to the Texas Almanac Teacher’s Guide and additional graphics will benefit both teachers and students. Texas Almanac Editor Elizabeth Alvarez has re-edited all the lessons and added many activity sheets and guides that can be printed for student use.

Bolder typography enables teachers to easily scan lessons to search for just the right activity when teaching on the many topics covered in the Almanac. The addition of more photographs and graphics will appeal to students. Alvarez also created colorful mini-posters for many of the lessons.

The core set of 46 regular lessons were designed to be used with all sections of the Texas Almanac, and 16 Special Lessons were created for feature articles unique to each Almanac from 2006–2007 through the current 2014–2015 edition. All list the TEKS and STAAR requirements that they fulfill.


The Texas Quiz Show is back and better than ever! After the program’s digital makeover, the changes are dramatic. Prior to the 2014-2015 school year, Texas Quiz Show competitions have been held in classrooms and schools, and then at regional contests before winning teams would advance to the State Championship Round.

Now, the Texas Quiz Show has moved online with a series of digital quizzes available for students in 4th-8th grade. In the new structure, students compete as individuals in a series of progressively more difficult online quizzes. The quizzes are posted in March to align with Texas History Month. The 36 students with the highest scores will be invited to Austin to compete to see who knows Texas best. TSHA will also launch several practice quizzes in the fall and winter so students can test out the new format. The second quiz is available online now. Check out all the changes at www.TexasQuizShow.org.

Exploring Texas workshop series

Discovering Texas History Conference • Nov. 13-14, 2014 • Austin
Encountering Texas History Conference • Feb. 12-13, 2015 • Houston
Webb Society Fall Meeting

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society hosted their annual Fall Meeting, October 24-25, 2014, in Mount Pleasant. During the meeting, Webb Society chapters from all over Texas explored the rich heritage of one of Texas's great small towns. Attendees toured the historic Concord Missionary Baptist Church and Cemetery, then enjoyed a presentation by Board Member and former TSHA President Walter Buenger of Texas A&M University on the history of East Texas. Later, they visited the Northeast Texas Heritage Museum and the Mid-America Flight Museum.

The Webb Society works through colleges and universities in Texas to encourage students to discover, research, write, and publish the history of Texas. The Webb Society meets twice a year at various locations in Texas. Visit the Webb Society webpage to find out how to start a new chapter or to affiliate your current student history organization with the Webb Society. Contact JoNeita Kelly at joneitakelly@TSHAonline.org for more information.

Nominations for Bryan Award

The Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award is given annually to recognize an outstanding history educator in Texas. Middle school, high school, and college educators are eligible for the award. The 2014 winner will be presented a certificate and a check for $5,000 at the Association’s Annual Meeting in March 2015. Any individual may nominate a full-time educator presently teaching history in a Texas school or college. Letters of nomination sent to the award committee must be postmarked on or before December 12, 2014. Information link: www.tshaonline.org/awards-and-fellowships/54

Smallwood Memorial Scholarship

In honor of the career of Dr. James Smallwood, the Walter P. Webb Historical Society, the TSHA, and Abigail Press will recognize one student who shows excellence in the study of Texas history. Open to both undergraduate and graduate students, a $500.00 scholarship will be awarded in conjunction with the Caldwell Memorial Awards at the TSHA Annual Meeting. Applicants must be currently enrolled or have recently completed a Texas History course, with preference given to students who have written on a Texas history topic in the past 12 months. Entries must be submitted online by January 31, 2015. Submission Link: www.tshaonline.org/smallwood

Call for Papers for Caldwell Award

Each year the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society recognizes excellence in historical research and writing with the C.M. Caldwell Memorial Awards, open to both undergraduate and graduate students with papers on state and local topics. Entries are due by January 23, 2015, with award recipients announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting in March 2015. Cash prizes range from $75.00 to $400.00, and all entries are considered for publication in the Webb Society’s journal, Touchstone. Options for undergraduates to publish are rare, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity! Information link: www.tshaonline.org/education/students/webb-society/300
This summer the Handbook of Texas launched a new site for one of its most popular features—Texas Day by Day. Readers have long enjoyed this chronology of Texas history, one day at a time. This new site offers easy-to-click searches for every day of the calendar year as well as the ability to share Day by Day entries on social media. History lovers can also personalize a piece of the Lone Star State’s story to other buffs by sending an eCard. A free subscription delivers each new entry to your inbox every morning.

When Texas Day by Day was created, the Handbook editors endeavored to present glimpses into Texas history that covered a spectrum of topics and time periods. Each day of the year contains an average of three or four different stories. While major events such as the fall of the Alamo and battle of San Jacinto are recognized, readers will also discover some of the entertaining and lesser-known vignettes in Lone Star history. Such tidbits include the first documented mention of the distinctive Mexican circuses in Texas (November 8, 1852), the first planes landing at Kelly Field in San Antonio (April 5, 1917), scientific observation of a total solar eclipse from Fort Worth (July 29, 1878), and the day María Coronel, the mysterious “Lady in Blue,” took her religious vows as a Franciscan nun (February 2, 1620).

Subject matter ranges from significant happenings to birth dates and death dates of historical figures. All entries include listings and links of related articles in the Handbook of Texas, thereby highlighting the state’s diverse cast of characters and events.