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Schedule of Events

Monday, January 30 th	
9:30 am–1 pm	Board Meeting & Luncheon (<i>Four Seasons Stone's Crossing</i>)
TALHI Texas Legislative Forum* (<i>Four Seasons San Jacinto Ballroom</i>)	
2:00–2:30 pm	Harvey Kronberg, <i>Quorum Report</i>
2:30–3:00 pm	TALHI Priorities, <i>The TALHI Team</i>
3:00–3:45 pm	TDI's Biennial Report, Melissa Hamilton, <i>TDI</i>
3:45–4:05 pm	Networking Break
4:05–4:45 pm	Outlook for the 85th Legislative Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Schnautz, <i>Speaker's Office</i> • Luke Bellsnyder, <i>Governor's Office</i> • Jesse Sifuentez, <i>House Insurance Committee</i> • Andrea Stingley, <i>Chairman Smithee's Office</i> • Stacey Chamberlin, <i>Senate Business & Commerce Committee</i>
5:00–6:30 pm	Reception (<i>San Jacinto Foyer & Terrace</i>)
Tuesday, January 31 st	
7:30–8:30 am	Breakfast / Capitol Visit Prep Meeting (<i>Four Seasons Stone's Crossing</i>)
8:30–9:00 am	Transition to Capitol
9:00–11:30 am	Meetings with Legislators & Staff at Capitol
11:30 am	Come-and-Go Lunch and Informal "Capitol Visit Download" at New TALHI Office (<i>1005 Congress Avenue, Suite 995</i>)

*The Forum is approved by the State Bar of Texas for 2.5 hours of MCLE credit

Presenters

Harvey Kronberg has been the editor of *Quorum Report*, the Newsletter of Political Texas, since 1989. *Quorum Report* is a nonpartisan online publication covering state politics and government from an insider's perspective at www.quorumreport.com. Originally a contract writer for *Quorum Report*, Kronberg bought the publication in 1998 and converted it to the first exclusively online subscriber-based publication covering Texas politics and government for political professionals. He also runs *Texas Energy Report* and is a political analyst for Time Warner Cable News and a regular on their nightly *Capitol Tonight*.

Jennifer Cawley is the Executive Director for the Texas Association of Life and Health Insurers, a position she has held since 2008. Prior to joining TALHI, Jennifer was the Senior Associate Commissioner for the Life, Health & Licensing program at TDI, and served as an advisor to Governor Rick Perry. Jennifer has worked in and around the Capitol since 1997.

Mike Meroney of Meroney Public Affairs LLC was recognized and ranked as one the top 100 "Hired Gun" Lobbyists in Texas by the online political magazine *Capitol Inside* in both 2011 and 2013. Prior to that, he was the state and federal lobbyist for Huntsman and a member of Austin-based Public Strategies, Inc.

Shannon Meroney brings ten years of experience as a multi-state lobbyist based primarily at the Texas Capitol and ten years of courtroom legal expertise to her dynamic government affairs consulting practice, Meroney Public Affairs LLC. Prior to that, she spent six years as a Senior Government Relations Manager for Aetna.

Jay Thompson is a partner with the firm of Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons, LLP, in which capacity he serves as TALHI's General Counsel. He practices primarily in insurance regulatory and legislative areas, as well as litigation matters which affect both life/health and property/casualty insurance companies. Jay brings over 30 years of legislative and regulatory service to TALHI.

Melissa Hamilton started as Government Relations Director for the Texas Department of Insurance in October 2012. Prior to her tenure at TDI, she served as staff counsel for then-Senator Glenn Hegar, as well as a Regulatory Attorney for Nationwide.

Luke Bellsnyder is the Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Greg Abbott, a position he has held since January 2015. In the past 10 years he has also served as the Texas Senate State Affairs Committee Director and Chief of Staff for Senator Shapiro.

Stacey Chamberlin is in her second session as the General Counsel for the Senate Business & Commerce Committee. In the past seven years she has also served as General Counsel for Senators Kevin Eltife and Jeff Wentworth.

Jon Schnautz has served in government for 13 years, and currently holds the position of General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor for House Speaker Joe Straus. Prior to that, he served as Policy Advisor for then-Senator Todd Staples.

Jesse Sifuentez has served as the Committee Clerk for the House Committee on Insurance for the past two years. In his seven years of government service, he has also served as clerk for the Ways & Means and Urban Affairs committees.

Andrea Stingley is the Chief of Staff for Representative John Smithee, having served in his office for a combined total of 11 years. In her 20 years of government service, she has worked for three other legislators (Robby Cook, Tony Goolsby, and Brian McCall) as well as in Government Relations at the State Bar of Texas.

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