Name of Association: Southeast Texas Association of Paralegals

Date of Report: 6/01/17

Number of Members: 34 Active; 6 Associate; 7 Student; 5 Sustaining

Association web address: www.setap.org

EDUCATION (you may use the back of form for additional space or attach additional sheets):

SETAP held its third speaker meeting of this fiscal year Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the law firm of Strong Pipkin Bissell & Ledyard in Beaumont, Texas. The topic of Mediation and Dispute Resolution was presented by Attorney Kip Glasscock, 550 Fannin, Suite 240, Beaumont, Texas. There were 16 in attendance. One (1) hour of continuing legal education credit was offered at the speaker meeting.

SETAP held its fourth speaker meeting of this fiscal year Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the law firm of Strong Pipkin Bissell & Ledyard in Beaumont, Texas. The topic of Civil Litigation From the Plaintiff’s Perspective was presented by Attorney Jane Leger of The Ferguson Firm, located at 350 Pine Street, Suite 1440, Beaumont, Texas. There were 32 in attendance. One (1) hour of continuing legal education credit was offered at the speaker meeting.

The spring seminar for SETAP, entitled “Essential Strategies for the Evolving Paralegal” was held Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza. Speaker topics and speakers included Mastering the Mediation Process, Kara Hawthorn of Dispute Resolution Center of Jefferson County; The Baby Olivia Case, Attorney Malachi Daws, The Daws Law Firm; Federal Rules, The Honorable Keith Giblin, Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas-Beaumont Division; Trial and the Psychology of Communication, Attorney Richard Hatfield, The Hatfield Law Firm, PLLC; Cell Phones & Smart Devices: Forensic Analysis for the Courtroom, Marcelo Molfino,
Co-Owner, Cell Forensics, LLC and Assistant Chief Criminal Investigator for the Jefferson County D.A.’s Office of Beaumont, Texas; and *Immigration in the News*, Attorney Ronda Harkey, Orgain Bell & Tucker, LLP. Six (6) hours of continuing legal education credit was offered at the seminar. There were 35 in attendance.

**ACTIVITIES (service, pro bono, or other activities):**

SETAP’s Annual Christmas Luncheon was held Thursday, December 8, 2016 in the Strong Pipkin Bissell & Ledyard conference room. This year SETAP’s charitable organization was Southeast Texas Food Bank. SETAP collected monetary donations for the organization before and during the luncheon.

**ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

SETAP members participated in the Veteran’s Legal Clinic on February 25, 2017, sponsored by the Jefferson County Bar Association. The event was held in Orange and three SETAP members volunteered.

A complete roster is attached.

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Fiscal Year Begins: July 1, 2017  
Ends: June 30, 2018  
Date Officers Elected: May 18, 2017  
Annual Meeting Date: May 18, 2017

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