



Tennessee Professional Investigators Association

P.O. Box 225, Knoxville, Tennessee 37901

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TPIA 2013/2014 Officers

Chairman: Jack Lakin - tnpci@aol.com (865) 688-4000
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TPIA 2013/2014 Board Members

Leslea Williams - l.williams@pi-tn.com	Term Expires 2015
William Clifton - wlc@esipi.net	Term Expires 2014
Garrye Marlitt - marlittpi@pvti.net	Term Expires 2014
Robert “Eddie” McCarter - robertemccarter@aol.com	Term Expires 2014
John Sturgeon - jhnsturge@yahoo.com	Term Expires 2015

TPIA 2014 Membership Meeting Schedule

March 8, 2014, following the CPE Seminar – Officer Elections

May 13, 2014

September 9, 2014

November 11, 2014

**Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.
Meetings will be at Calhoun’s on the River
400 Neyland Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee**



TPIA Annual CPE Seminar

March 8, 2014

Calhoun’s on the River

On line registration is now open. Please download the registration form and mail to:

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Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission *Address and Meeting Information*

500 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, TN 37243-1167

Phone: 615-741-4827 ~ Toll Free: 1-888-251-3997 ~ Fax: 615-532-2965

<i>02/14/2014</i>	9:30 AM	Davy Crockett Tower Conference Room 1-B	Commission Meeting
<i>05/16/2014</i>	9:30 AM	Davy Crockett Tower Conference Room 1-A	Commission Meeting
<i>08/15/2014</i>	9:30 AM	Davy Crockett Tower Conference Room 1-A	Commission Meeting
<i>11/14/2014</i>	9:30 AM	Davy Crockett Tower Conference Room 1-A	Commission Meeting

TPIA Members who attend any Commission meeting through its entirety will be credited three hours of the required continuing education.

Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission *Members*

Minnie Ann Lane Chair
Larry T. Flair, Sr.
David W. Horton
Audrey J. Moore
Jerry Richards, Jr.
Dr. Paul A Ritch
Alan G. Rousseau
Walt Valentine





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Officer Ballot for 2014/2015 TPIA Officers

We will elect new officers at our March 8, 2014, CPE Seminar. Below is our current ballot.

TPIA Chair: Garrye Marlitt, Joan Ward, and Eddie McCarter

TPIA V. Chair: Steven Williams, and W. L. Clifton

TPIA Secretary: Leslea Williams and Peggy Booth

Members who are interested in running for one of these positions should contact Bob Summit at 865-546-3825 and/or rlspi@yahoo.com. Additionally, nominations can be made at the seminar before the elections. Ballots will be available in your seminar packet.

Bios for the Officer Candidates:

Chairperson:

Joan Ward:

Joan has owned and operated Investigative Services of East Tennessee for six years. Prior to working as Private Investigation, Joan worked for a local law firm (14 attorneys) conducting worker' compensation and insurance claims investigations.

Joan has also worked with numerous non-profit organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America and the Arts Council of Greater Knoxville. In addition to being employed by several non-profits, Joan has also worked as a volunteer for several non-profits. Since 2009, Joan has served as Treasurer of the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance. She has also served on the Board of Directors of a Homeowners Association for 4 years; the Executive Committee of the Fountain City Art Center from 2006 to 2008 and as President of Fountain City Art Guild in 2006.

Joan's interest is in finding better ways to serve the membership and create better networking opportunities, and provide an atmosphere where more members are actively involved in TPIA. She is also interested in working with the State's other PI associations to support each other's mission.

Eddie McCarter:

Eddie is a lifelong resident of Knoxville and is a licensed private investigator with the state of Tennessee. He has been a member of TPIA for four years and for the last two years has served on its board. After training under Vinson Detective Agency for 2 years, he started his own successful private investigative service company, Visions Private Investigation. Eddie has experience with the Knoxville Sheriff's Department in their narcotics and corrections departments. During this time with the Sheriff's Department he proved to be effective managing inmates and gathering intelligence. During his time at the Sheriff's office, Eddie occasionally volunteered his time assisting the narcotics and drug interdiction unit where he learned target specific investigative techniques which he now utilizes in his own practice.

Eddie is passionate about helping people grow through training. His vision is to continue TPIA's current membership growth and to continue providing excellent training opportunities to TPIA members



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Garrye Marlitt

Both I and my company, Aable Detective Services became licensed in 1996. That same year I joined TPIA, rarely missing a membership meeting since. Over the past 18 years I was elected as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer. I have often been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for TPIA, and am currently a member of the board, rarely missing a board meeting.

I have often happily served in an unofficial capacity when others have needed help, whether it was assisting other officers, committees, or organizing components of our CPE/ annual membership meeting events. I have shown proof of my experience as well as my dedication by my continuing willingness to roll up my sleeves and do what needs to be done on behalf of TPIA.

Vice Chairman:

Steven Williams

Steven Williams is the co-owner of Premier Investigations in Knoxville, TN. Steven has been an investigator in the private sector since 2008. He has worked on notable assignments including: a joint effort with the FBI for the successful recovery of a missing Roane County child, stopping an equipment fraud ring which potentially saved wireless carriers millions of dollars, as well as, leading an investigation on a reality TV show. Prior to becoming a private investigator, Steven has worked as a sales manager for a Fortune 500 company, worked in the insurance industry and worked as a law enforcement officer.

William Clifton

William has worked as a Private Investigator since 1994 and is a Charter member of TPIA. He has owned and operated Electronics Surveillance & Investigation since 2008. William specializes in covert and surveillance operations. He also sponsors “Gadget Corner” for TPIA, offering his expertise to other investigators.

In addition to his work as a Private Investigator, William worked for 42 years with the telephone company. He also owned and operator “Clifton Landscaping & Mowing” until 2002.

Secretary:

Peggy Booth:

Peggy has been a member of TPIA for approximately twelve years and has served as secretary three different term limits. She has also served as a board member during her tenure.

Peggy has held a Private Investigator’s license in Arizona, South Carolina, and Tennessee. In 1996 she received her formal training in Scottsdale Arizona at Discovery Detective Academy. She was a member of SCALI (South Carolina Association of Legal Investigators) during her years in South Carolina.

In 2001, Peggy returned to her native home in Sevier County Tennessee where she opened her business, Detective Services in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. She continues to work in various fields of detective work as well as Process Service in East Tennessee.



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Leslea Williams:

Leslea is the co-owner of Premier Investigations in Knoxville, Tennessee. Leslea is a graduate of the University of Tennessee- Knoxville. She has been a licensed private investigator since 2008. Prior to becoming a private investigator, Leslea worked at Anderson County Sheriff's as an E-911 communications officer. Leslea is eager to help build TPIA stronger and grow upon the foundation it's built on.

Investigator of the Year Award

Anyone who wishes to nominate someone for Investigator of the Year, please visit the TPIA website (www.tpia.com) and log into the Members Only Section. A nomination form can be found in this section.



MEMBERS

This year we have made changes to our contact information for TPIA. If you wish to contact TPIA you may do so by:

Email: contact@tpia.com

Mail: TPIA
P.O. Box 225
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We have noticed that several TPIA members have never logged into the website and we encourage each of you to log in and review your information on the TPIA website directory (www.tpia.com). If you have never logged in to the website, please email Dan Sherrod at dsherrod@sherrodinvestigativegroup.com to have your password reset. Please put "TPIA website password reset" in the subject line. Additionally, if you have any changes and/or corrections, email those to Dan at the same address as above.

The application page of the Newsletter can be used for new members and/or renewal applications. Just print it out, complete it, and mail it back to us. Be sure to include your member name and PI license number on your checks.





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New Member Member Information Update Member Renewal

Type of membership: \$50.00 Active/ Licensed PI \$25.00 Associate/Non-Lic. Individual

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Middle (Year optional)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Phone # _____ Cell _____ Fax _____ 800 _____

E-mail Address: _____

Web Address: _____

TENNESSEE LICENSURE INFORMATION

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

COMPANY NAME: _____ OFFICE HELD: _____

COMPANY LICENSE NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

POST INFORMATION ON WEB SITE? YES NO

All information submitted by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

Please check the appropriate box, fill out and mail to us at:

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