

# TSLA 2025

ANNUAL MEETING

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert McEwen, President

I am honored to welcome you to the Texas Surplus Lines Association's 70th Annual Meeting. This will be the 36th year that this event has been hosted at the majestic Four Seasons Austin. We are fortunate to have such a delightful setting for each year's meeting.

Tiffany Way, the 2025 Conference Chair, has organized an exciting and informative program for Monday morning. Glenn Frankel with GenRe will discuss how nuclear verdicts are affecting the reinsurance market. I know everyone is looking forward to welcoming Dawn Miller to her new role as Chief Commercial Officer for Lloyd's America. She will provide the overall market update. Also, Kyle Geoghan with Indemn will discuss Artificial Intelligence for non-insuretechs. Greg Brandon, Executive Director for the SLTX, will detail the record-breaking premiums that continue to be reported in Texas. Keith Strama, TSLA's general counsel and lobbyist, will provide a recap of this past Legislative year, including the special sessions, and what

we can anticipate prior to the next session in 2027. Finally, Jay Dean, House Insurance Committee Chair will open our speaker's program on Monday morning.

This past Legislative year provided more evidence of the importance of TSLA's PAC. I humbly encourage each one of you to contribute and help Kimmi Cantwell, the TSLA PAC Chair, reach her goal. With so much turnover in Legislative Committees, it is imperative that we educate legislators on the vital service that the E&S market provides to the Texas economy. For those that have contributed at least \$500 to the PAC, there is a special breakfast on Monday morning. Jay Dean, House Insurance Committee Chair will speak to the PAC breakfast attendees. There is still time to contribute and join this breakfast. However, whether you contribute \$10 or \$1,000, every dollar is important and directly impacts the success of our industry in Texas.

TSLA is a voluntary organization and its success is attributable to all of you who serve. I specifically want to thank all the members of the Executive Committee, Board Members, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Your commitment, talent and expertise make TSLA the successful organization that it is.

Finally, I want to acknowledge our exemplary Executive Director, Jean Patterson. She is entering her 45th year of service to TSLA and her dedication is truly unmatched.

Welcome to Austin. I am confident that everyone will enjoy this year's Annual Meeting.

### TEXAS SURPLUS LINES ASSN., INC. 2025 ANNUAL MEETING - GENERAL INFORMATION

2025 Annual Meeting Schedule & Locations

#### Sunday, November 9th

4:45 – 7:15 p.m.	Registration	FS Ballroom Foyer
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception New Members and First-Time Attendees	FS Ballroom Foyer
6:30– 7:15 p.m.	Cocktail Reception All Attendees	FS Ballroom Foyer/Terrace
7:15 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner	FS Ballroom
8:30 – 10:00 p.m.	TSLA Post Party	FS Ballroom Foyer/Terrace

#### Monday, November 10th

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Registration	FS Ballroom Foyer
7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	FS Ballroom A
8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Speakers Program/ Business Meeting	FS Ballroom B, C & D
12:45 – 4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting TSLA Officers only	Little Colony
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	TUF Blue Santa Toy Drive	San Jacinto East

**Post Party:** Full open bar, dessert bar, sizzle and ink, Spanish tile making, TV for football game and cigar roller.

Responsible Drinking Policy: The TSLA directors recognize that during our meeting, events are held that include alcohol. The directors encourage all attendees to be responsible when consuming alcohol at any event during the meeting. All events will have non-alcoholic beverages available for your convenience. We appreciate your consideration and understanding of our policy.

Crisis Management Team: While we do not anticipate any emergencies arising during the Annual Meeting, we feel it is best to be prepared. Should you need assistance, please contact Jean Patterson, Tiffany Way or Robert McEwen. Jean may be reached on her cell phone# at (512) 567-8014.

**Hotel Check-Out Time:** Please note that check-out time for the Four Seasons Hotel is noon.

**TSLA/PAC:** Personal contributions may be made at any time during the meeting at the registration desk. Personal checks and credit cards are accepted. Help TSLA/PAC Chair, Kimmi Cantwell, hit her \$50,000 goal!

Texans Under 40: We would like to welcome all our Texans Under Forty (TUF) to the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the TUF committee, or any other TSLA committee, please complete the 2026 committee volunteer form online. The TUF social event will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (separate cost to attend this social event) The TUF committee will also be putting the toys donated for Blue Santa together for delivery to a nearby fire station on Monday afternoon from 12:45 to 1:00 p.m.

**CE Credit:** Under a law and TDI rules, members of a state or national insurance association may receive self-study credit of up to four hours toward satisfying the continuing education requirements for license renewal for attending the educational presentations during a convention. Email Jean if you want a copy of the form.

**Business Meeting:** The Business Meeting is open to all TSLA members and non-members. Voting is open only to TSLA voting members.

**Business Meeting Updates/Presentation:**Tyler Spears, BKCW, Chair-Elect, IIAT

Business Meeting Giveaways: There will be several giveaways at the end of the Business Meeting on Monday morning, including registration to the 2026 Mid-Year and 2026 Annual Meetings. Only TSLA members are eligible to win the free Mid-Year & Annual Meeting registrations. Your name will be automatically entered into the drawing. You must be present to win.

**Evaluation:** Your 2025 Annual Meeting evaluation form will be available after the conference. I will send out a notice when available online. Your comments & suggestions are important to the officers and directors, and they are reviewed at the next board meeting.

2026 Joe Vincent Registration: The Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT) have donated a free registration to the 2026 Joe Vincent Seminar being held in Austin on January 25-27, 2026. A drawing will be held during the business meeting and one voting member firm in attendance will win the award. Our sincere thanks to IIAT for providing TSLA with this free registration.

2026 Committee Volunteer Form: We need your help in 2026! Please consider volunteering to serve on a TSLA committee. The committee volunteer form and committee descriptions are available on the TSLA website at www.tsla.org. Please see Jean if you have any questions.

**2026 Mid-Year Meeting:** Plan now to join us for the 2026 Mid-Year Meeting being held June 21-24, 2026. This meeting will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Nashville, TN.

**Kudos:** TSLA would like to thank 2025 Conference Chair, Tiffany Way, for all her hard work this year on both the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings.

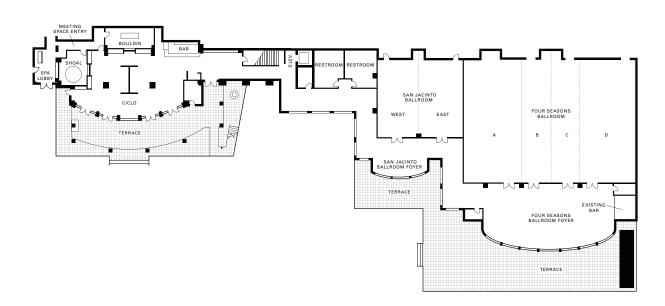
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# 2025 Annual Meeting - Speakers Program

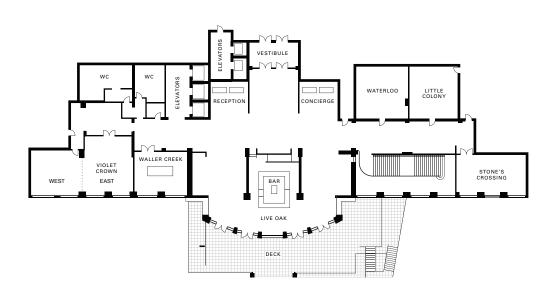
Monday, November 10th

8:15 – 8:20 a.m.	President's Welcome	Robert McEwen President, TSLA	
8:20 – 8:25 a.m.	Sponsor Recognition	Tiffany Way Conference Chairperson, TSLA	
	SPEAKERS PROGRAM		
8:25 – 8:30 a.m.	"Chairman's Perspective on the 89th Legislative Session"	<b>Jay Dean</b> Chair, House Ins. Committee State Representative	
8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	"Emerging Claim Issues"	Glenn Frankel SVP, Head of North America P&C Claims Gen Re	
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	"SLTX Update"	Greg Brandon Executive Director, SLTX	
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	"Fax, The Internet, and AI: A Career in Three Acts"	<b>Kyle Geoghan</b> Co-Founder & CEO, Indemn	
10:15 – 10:35 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK		
10:35 – 11:05 a.m.	"2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION POST REVIEW"	<b>Keith Strama</b> TSLA General Counsel Graydon Strama Lucio	
11:05 – 11:30 a.m.	"Unlocking Opportunity: The Power of Surplus Lines in Today's Dynamic Risk Landscape"	Dawn Miller Chief Commercial Officer, Lloyd's & CEO, Lloyd's America	
11:30 – 12:30 p.m.	TSLA BUSINESS MEETING		









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