From TAPIA President Lorinda Mikesell



YOU are invited to a very special upcoming event, exclusively for public adjusters. We are just a few short weeks away from TAPIA's 2018 Spring Conference taking place in Houston, February 27 thru March 1. That's right around the corner!

I know we are all busy helping policyholders after the destruction wrought by Harvey, but I hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity. We need to join forces, share our war stories, and learn something valuable that we can take home and put into practice while planning for the future of public adjusting in Texas.

TAPIA is applying for seven continuing education credits on claims adjusting topics. You will be treated to great cocktail parties, karaoke, golf, and delicious food and beverages throughout, all for under \$200! It's a great value and an important opportunity for public adjusters in Texas to unite.

It's Up To Each of Us To Make A Difference

TAPIA has met a number of milestones in our brief existence. It was in 2010 that TAPIA was created to protect our industry and build a voice. Today we serve a diverse membership and we enjoy representation in the Capitol. I am proud of you and of TAPIA We've come a long way, but there is so much more to do, and we need your participation.

Each of you play an important role in representing policyholders through the insurance claim process. TAPIA plays an important role in representing our industry and providing you with an opportunity to add your ideas to strengthen our voice through collaboration and unity.

One industry with one voice. We must stand strong and united to face the numerous challenges we are confronted with year-round. To those of you who have recognized and met the challenge through membership with TAPIA, I thank you. Our small industry would have no voice, or a smattering of differing voices that would go unnoticed, if it weren't for you.

To those of you who have not yet experienced the value of joining

forces with other professionals in our industry – I invite you, especially, to join us in Houston to see what you're missing. I'm confident you will see the value in the work TAPIA is doing for you and will choose to join the fight for our industry and the policyholders we represent.

I am honored to serve as TAPIA's President. I will be reaching out to each of you to get your feedback and suggestions on what TAPIA can do to continue to be a valuable resource to you and your business.

We all know there is strength in numbers. So one of my goals is to not only continue the great work of our Past Presidents in protecting and furthering the interests of public adjusters, but also to make a concerted effort to strengthen TAPIA. For in strength, we can accomplish all things. I am asking each and every one of you to reach out to your fellow public adjusters who have not yet joined TAPIA. Ask them to help play a role in protecting our industry by joining TAPIA.

It's up to each one of us to help make a difference. *See you at the conference!*