



**Bylaws for the Houston Chapter of  
The University of Texas-Pan American Alumni  
Association  
(Established September 24, 2002 in Houston, Texas)**

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**ARTICLE I**

**Name of the Organization**

The name of this organization is the Houston Chapter of The University of Texas-Pan American Alumni Association (referred to hereinafter in these bylaws as "The Association"), authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Association.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose**

The Houston Chapter is organized to strengthen The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) and the Association by providing opportunities for local fellowship, friendship and leadership for alumni, ex-students, and friends of UTPA.

**ARTICLE III**

**Mission**

One of the missions of the Association is to praise, promote, and protect The University of Texas-Pan American and its students, and to unite, inform, and involve alumni and friends in fellowship and support of education. Through regional Alumni Chapter activities, The University of Texas-Pan American moves towards being a world-class university, embraced as a single entity by her united and supportive alumni.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Membership and Participation**

The membership of the Houston Chapter consists of the alumni, ex-students, and friends of UTPA. All are encouraged to join the Houston Chapter and participate in the Chapter activities.

**ARTICLE V**

**Officers and Board of Directors**

Section I. All current UTPA alumni, ex-students, and friends in the Houston, Texas region are eligible for election to the Board of Directors of the Houston Chapter.

Section II. A slate of officers shall be prepared by a nominating committee consisting of at least three dues-paying Houston Chapter members. The slate will be presented at an annual Chapter meeting (held on or about March 5) for a vote.

Section III. The following officers shall be elected for one-year terms at the annual Chapter meeting: President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer (may be combined or held as separate offices), and such other officers as may be desirable.

Section IV. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, chairs of needed committees and two (2) members-at-large appointed by the President of the regional Alumni Chapter.

Section V. The Board of Directors shall prescribe duties of the officers in addition to those outlined in the Regional Alumni Chapter Leaders Resource Guide published annually by UTPA, and is empowered to replace and officer and/or committee chairperson who does not perform the duties prescribed.

Section VI. If a Board member is not able to fulfill his/her term, the President of the regional Alumni Chapter may fill the remaining term by appointment, subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Meetings**

The annual business meetings of the regional chapter shall be held on or about March 5 each year, at such and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Other meetings and activities may be held as deemed desirable by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Reorganization**

In the event an annual election of the Board of Directors is not held and there is no organized Alumni Chapter activity for two years. The UTPA Alumni Association's Chairman may appoint a new Board of Directors to reorganize the chapter.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Amendments**

This constitution may be amended with both the approval of the Board of Directors and ratification by the membership at a regular or called meeting with at least eight members signing the amendment.

Adopted on September 24, 2002 in Houston, Texas

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Chapter President

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Chapter President-Elect

The following are eight (8) alumni, ex-students, or friends of UT-Pan American. As required by these bylaws, they sign below to signify their agreement with and support or the foregoing bylaws.

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