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Calendar

January 10, 2024

9:30 – 11:00

Annual General Membership Meeting

Greater Houston United Way
50 Waugh Drive
Houston TX 77007

Agenda

- Welcome
- Regular Business
 - o Officer reports
 - o New Member consideration
- 2023 Goals
- 2024 Goals
- Elections of Officers
- Program TBA
- Organizational Announcements

Officer Nominations

The following nominations were made at the November General Membership Meeting:

Chair (2024-2025)

*Sonya Meyers
TXCDR*

Vice Chair (2025)

*Rashmi Singh
SEWA International*

Secretary (2024-2025)

no nominations received

Additional nominations will be in order at the January meeting.

Officers must be a staff member or volunteer of a TGCRVOAD Member in good standing and must be the Member's Primary or Alternate Representative.

The time commitment for each position is a couple of days per month spread out over the month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chair at chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com.

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Be a Member in Good Standing!

We want ALL our Members to be Members in Good Standing! In 2023, we unanimously adopted a Consensus of Engagement, which defines Members in Good Standing as those Members who:

- have an entry in the Member Directory,
- a signed Consensus of Engagement on file,
- have paid their 2023 dues, and
- have at least one Alert Media Account.

You must be a Member in Good Standing to vote. Please help us achieve our goal of having ALL Members be in Good Standing. We'll be pushing hard, so please forgive our "gentle reminders". 😊

As of December 12th, all Members have Member Directory entries, and have at least one Alert Media account.

Consensus of Engagement

Fifty-seven percent of our our Members have a signed Consensus of Engagement on file with the Secretary.



The Consensus of Engagement form is available on our website [TGCRVOAD-Consensus-of-Engagement-10-MAY-2023-1](https://www.tgcrvoad.org/TGCRVOAD-Consensus-of-Engagement-10-MAY-2023-1). This only has to be signed once. If you haven't signed one, please do so today and email the signed form to Sonya Meyers (sonya.meyers@txcdr.org)

We will have Consensus of Engagement forms you can sign at the Annual General Membership Meeting in January.

Need help? Please email sonya.meyers@txcdr.org.

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2023 Dues

Half of our Members have paid their 2023 dues. Thank you! If you haven't done so, please mail the checks to our Treasurer ASAP. Second notices have been sent.

2023 dues are \$50 for the year. Please make your check payable to "Disaster Aid USA" and add "TGCRVOAD 2023 Dues" as the memo. Please mail checks to

*Wayne Beaumier c/o
Disaster Aid
16310 Wytchwood Circle
Cypress TX 77429*

We will collect dues at the January Annual Membership Meeting.

Contact [Wayne Beaumier](#)



Situational Awareness Briefs

Thursday, November 30, 2023 – TGCRVOAD raised its Alert Level to 3- SITUATIONAL AWARENESS in response to a NWS forecast for severe thunderstorms and possible tornadoes.

Friday, December 1, 2023 – TGCRVOAD is lowering its Alert Level to 4 – NORMAL OPERATIONS. We have not received any Requests for Assistance (RFAs) due to the severe weather on the 30th.

Activation Levels

TGCRVOAD uses Activation Levels to communicate a shared understanding of our activities. Level 4 denotes Normal Operations, and levels 3 through 1 indicate that TGCRVOAD is in some disaster response/short-term phase. Note that the TGCRVOAD may be operating on several levels at a time. For example, we could be Level 3 – monitoring a potential threat in the Gulf of Mexico that may be a week away; Level 2 – standing by to respond to a threat

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to Matagorda County that is imminent; Level 1 – responding to a wildfire in Montgomery County, and transitioning responsibility to the local LTRC for a tornado a month ago in Fort Bend County.

TGCRVOAD Activation Levels

Level 4 NORMAL OPERATIONS



Level 3 SITUATIONAL AWARENESS



- TGCRVOAD: *Monitors the threat and identifies the need to escalate the activation level*
- VOAD Members and Partners: *Monitor the threat*

Level 2 STANDBY



- TGCRVOAD: *Monitors VOAD activity and assists with coordination activities*
- VOAD Members and Partners: *Stage resources and prepare to respond quickly as Requests for Assistance (RFAs) are made*

Level 1 ACTIVATED



- TGCRVOAD: *Conducts Coordination Conference Calls – Situation Reports (SitReps) and Coordination; Coordination with VOADS, Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs), and Offices of Emergency Management (OEMs).*
- VOAD Members and Partners: *Provide periodic Situation Reports (SitReps) and participate in Coordination Conference Calls*

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LEVEL 1 ACTIVATED – transition to LTRC

- TGCRVOAD: *Coordinates Activities of VOAD Members and Partners and Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs); Supports LTRCs*
- VOAD Members and Partners: *Ensure clean handoff to LTRCs; Support LTRCs*

Invitation

Join a TGCRVOAD Committee!

All our committees are seeking members. We want all Members to be represented and have a voice in how the TGCRVOAD operates. Do you have anyone in your organization that has a gift in these areas? Please get in touch with the respective committee chair.

COMMUNICATIONS - responsible for the website, newsletter, situational awareness, internal communications, and external communication support. Contact [Gary Flaharty](#).

EDUCATION & TRAINING – responsible for training programs for bi-monthly meetings. Contact [Amanda Groller](#).

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY RESOURCES - responsible for the Membership directory, resources by county, and gap analysis. Contact [Sarah Malcolm](#).

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT - responsible for recruiting Members and Partners and encouraging participation in TGCRVOAD events. Contact [Morgan Zeringue](#).

OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION - support enhancement of Functions in Disaster; interface with the LTRCs. Contact [Debbie Allensworth](#)

STEERING COMMITTEE – Meets six times yearly to advise the Executive Committee; the Executive Committee appoints members to the Steering Committee Contact chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Officers and Committee Chairs

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