

Report to the Board

Board member: John Lamb

Event: Texas Scholastic Crime Stoppers State Meeting

Location: Odessa, TX

Date: February 20-23, 2011

Goals:

- Improve communication between CSUSA and Texas Crime Stoppers (Adult)
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- Advise as to what CSUSA's intentions are with Texas CS
- Promote CSUSA to Texas CS
- Promote and encourage attendance to our National Conference in 2011
- Answer questions about CSUSA and what we offer
- Encourage more cooperation between Texas Crime Stoppers and CSUSA

Results:

Overall I think I accomplished everything I intended to at the conference. I attended the Texas State Crime Stoppers board meeting and told them all how much CSUSA appreciates the great job they are doing. I spent time in one-on-one meetings with members of their adult board and answered questions concerning our role with them and made it clear that CSUSA was in no way attempting to circumvent the Texas State Crime Stoppers. I had a good meeting with the Executive Director of the Houston CS and discussed the situation in Dallas, TX and the impact on them.

I did run into a little animosity towards CSUSA concerning the national conference in 2010, its timing and the lack of communication with the Texas State Crime Stoppers. I addressed this directly and explained what had happened, the dynamics of what had happened and how this would not happen again. I believe what I explained was well received and it is to be considered ancient history.

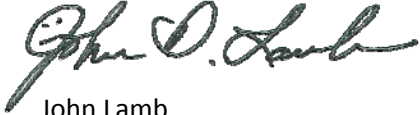
I attended all classes I could and did everything I could to promote CSUSA and the fact we were doing everything in our power to improve communications with all of the state and local organizations throughout the USA and our board was here to assist them. Not the other way around.

We had several critics concerning the 2010 conference, its timing and lack of communication with "anyone in Texas". After speaking with several of the people at length, I do feel there is a better attitude about CSUSA and an understanding about the situation. One board member even invited me to the adult CS meeting in McAllen, TX in October (they would cover the room and registration fees).

I spoke with several student CS programs and explained to all of them that they are part of the big picture, all the way to CSI. I also covered with them why their programs should belong to CSUSA.

In my opinion the trip was extremely worthwhile and there is still some work to be done to build up the trust that seems to have been weakened by events in the past. But, progress was made and I am sure the lines of communication have been greatly improved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John D. Lamb". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John Lamb
Vice Chairman

Some photos of the Texas Student Crime Stoppers conference.



Students having discussion groups



George Landry



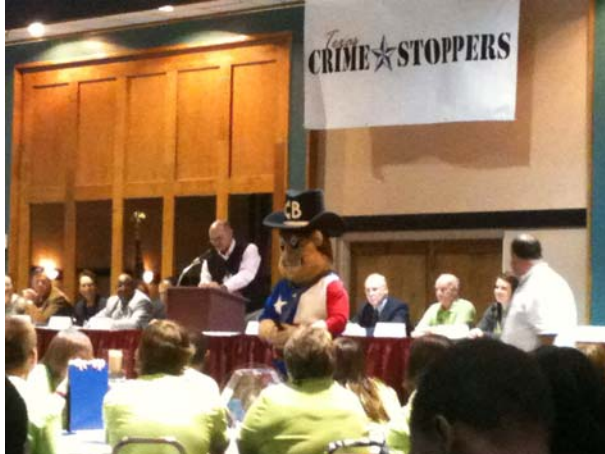
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Texas Crime Stoppers Board of Directors



Opening Ceremony



Introduction of "Crime Buster" – New Mascot for the Texas Student Crime Stoppers. Programs from all over the state turned in their entry and Laredo Student Crime Stoppers won.



Estela Teaching a class



Awards Banquet



Class on the use of Facebook



Class on Gangs



Estela teaching a class on Student Boards of Directors



Crime Buster