

## Letter from the President

I would like to first send out a personal thank you to Debbie Stephens and all of the Austin Police Department who assisted in hosting a spectacular conference this year. Not only were we well fed, but we had an opportunity to attend several great classes, attend the Thursday evening banquet in the beautiful Texas State History Museum [see image at right ] and then finish the week off with a moot court. The jury was still out when we left, but I hear that Danny Deltoid (Steve Valdez) [see image below] was last seen running out the back door!



The newly elected board will have the privilege of kicking off the long awaited scholarship program. We are striving to put the finishing touches on the program by January 2008. Details will be available soon. If you want to donate to this program, please contact Dan Hedges, SWAFS Treasurer – [treasurer@swafs.us](mailto:treasurer@swafs.us).



Another great thing that has come out this year is the unveiling of the new journal and newsletter. It was suggested to utilize this format so we could primarily have articles in the journal and business related information in the newsletter. A big thank you goes out to Debbie Stephens, who compiled the newsletter (during conference planning I might add) and to James Garcia for all the hard work on the new look. This is simply a continuation of all the hard work done by our previous editors. The newly revamped journal has a refreshing new look and is now ready for the next phase – **articles, articles, articles!**

We are requesting that everyone search for that one article you've never taken the time to write, or a technique we could all benefit from. Case studies are always welcome as well. We urge all of you, no matter your experience, to submit something. One thing to remember is that for every journal article published, you receive two points toward becoming a Distinguished Member

Become involved. This organization has many areas where, without personal involvement from its membership, it would exist in name only. Some of the more obvious areas to become involved are the Annual Conference, Website Committee or Journal Committee. If you have an interest in helping out, click this link [Committee Information List](#), and contact me so we can discuss areas you might be interested in.

*SWAFS' 30th Anniversary – Little Rock, Arkansas...* The 2008 SWAFS Annual Meeting / Training Conference will be held in the Peabody Hotel in the River Market District. Planning of workshops is currently underway. To cap off the great event, the host committee is planning a dinner cruise on the Arkansas River. On the Arkansas Queen, you will see the Clinton Library, the metropolitan skyline and the beautiful parks along the shoreline. Our 30th will definitely be something to remember!



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