

TOUR GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

September 2025

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President – Dianne Honore

First Vice President – Randy Bibb

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Eshenour

Standards and Education Coordinator – Frank Perez

Newsletter Editor – Barbara Giangrosso

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF TGAGNO'S NEW "MEMBERSHIP MINUTES"

To enhance the flow, frequency, and accessibility of information, the Executive Board will begin issuing monthly updates to the general membership. These updates will be delivered electronically in advance of each general membership meeting.

We encourage all members to review the updates beforehand and bring any questions or feedback to the meeting for discussion. This approach ensures that all members—whether attending in person or not—remain fully informed and engaged in the organization's activities.

BOARD REPORTS:

President – Dianne Honore

Wow! What a year! Thank you to all our renewing members who have stayed the course and a big thank you to our new members! Our board has been nothing short of exceptional. I cannot say enough about our current hard-working team, including non-board members who have stepped up to handle certain aspects of the organization; Julie Cornwell for taking the lead with NFTGA and Marcia Curole for handling our accounting reports in the interim.

What's coming up:

We value each and every one of our members! We have not only heard you all but we have LISTENED when it comes to your needs and wants from the organization.

*We are working to ensure processes and procedures are followed and can easily be handled as future boards take the helm.

*We have also updated forms of payment, event registration procedures, our social media presence and keeping members updated on more than one platform! We even have a QR code business card thanks to Barbara Giangrosso!

*We are engaging more with the community at large through networking and making meaningful connections, announcing, and



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attending more events held by other organizations, deep diving into truly educational events while balancing with New Orleans style fun and camaraderie. We hope to see you at:

- The September 18th meeting where it's all about Storyville.
- October 16th meeting will be sponsored by Tujague's. Cocktails, eats and a history talk.
- November 6th will be the big 40th gala held at WYES! You will want to mark your calendars NOW!
- November 20th membership meeting TBA.
- December 18th will be our annual Christmas party.

First Vice President – Randy Bibb

After having served as your President, I took a short hiatus from TGAGNO and am back on your board as First VP. When I returned, I was happy to see that the committees I encouraged for TGAGNO are still in effect, and now I am hoping to strengthen our committees. You'll be hearing from me with opportunities to serve on: New Member Committee; a Nominating Committee to fill the four vacant board positions (which, by the way, **MUST** be filled) and a committee for the Holiday Party in December. I hope to see you serving your organization, because without you, it can't serve you.

Standards and Education Coordinator – Frank Perez

I've been thinking about next year's seminar, but no date or venue has been nailed down.

Social Media/Membership – Barbara Giangrosso

We had 10 new members join in August. We are up to 108 full and associate members, with 11 corporate members. I am working on creating a new page on our website called “Meet the New Members”. Be on the lookout for that. Also, if you have not seen it yet, we have a new page called “Meet the Executive Board”. If you are unsure who we are and what we do, I invite you to check out the page at:

<https://www.tourguidesnola.org/team-4>

I have been working hard and fast, along with the other Trip Committee members, Craig Henry, Marcia Curole, Mary Eshenour, and Pauline Pastore, to plan an exciting and fun educational Fall trip to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. We are thrilled that the bus trip sold out. The pre-trip lecture on Sept 11 was a huge success.

“You can live in any city in America, but New Orleans is the only city that lives in you” – Chris Rose

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 18, 2025

6:00 – Storyville Museum

4:30 – Optional pre-meeting
happy hour at Oceana Grill



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