

TOUR GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

November 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

BOARD REPORTS:

President – Dianne Honore

First, let me thank you for a wonderful turnout at our 40th anniversary celebration. It was wonderful to connect with so many members and supporters from over the years. It was an honor for the organization to receive a proclamation from the City of New Orleans for everyone's collective and continuing hard work as ambassadors. "We know the history and we tell the stories!"

It has been an eventful year from a brand-new board to our educational events, a great seminar and fabulous field trip to being hosted by New Orleans top restaurants and newest event spaces.

Through the year the board has faced the same struggles that we have faced over many years now. We have had resignations for reasons including personal and professional, not to mention the death of our beloved member and 1st Vice President, Angela Carll. It has been a difficult lift for the remaining 5 of 9 board positions still held, to continue working to diligently carry out the organization's mission. We have often requested assistance whether on committees or filling vacant board positions to simply volunteering at events. We get general responses but nothing permanent. We have done research into hiring a permanent accounting firm to alleviate some of the treasurer's responsibilities. We have attempted to distribute duties among remaining board members. Again, these issues have been repeatedly going on through several boards.

The Tour Guides Association of Greater New Orleans, Inc. can no longer sustain the organization as it has been run for quite some time now. Even with a full board the workload is excessive for certain positions.

After much discussion over two boards, as I served on the past board as Standards and Education Chair, we have brought this point to the attention of the membership before, in mid-2024, so it is not a new situation. We, as the 2024/25 board have discussed whether it is in



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the best interest of the Tour Guides Association of Greater New Orleans, Inc. to dissolve.

This does not mean we are not open to comments and questions, nor are we dissolving without membership input. This organization belongs to you. We are simply stewards of the mission.

On this Thursday we are opening the meeting up to everyone who wishes to come. We will have the presentation of Mr. Bingle as planned but it will begin at 6pm followed by our membership meeting beginning at 7pm. We are working to change the venue. If we cannot, it will still be held at Delgado Community College in the Workforce Development Building. We promise to keep you informed on the move if it can happen. As soon as we know we will let you know.

First Vice President – Randy Bibb

I want to thank everyone for a Fabulous Fortieth Fête! What a great party it was, and what an honor for me to stand among the Past Presidents. It was a great time – and we have a great holiday dinner coming up – stay tuned!

Folks, the biggest concern now is filling four vacant board positions. Your board is working entirely too hard; some of us are wearing two hats because we cannot get any help from our membership. I hate to say it, but the truth must be told: if we can't get people to serve now, I am certain that we will also be unable to fill positions when the nominations for next year come up. And if we don't, we die. That will be the end of TGAGNOI, and our 40th anniversary will have been our last hurrah. We need you! Please help save this organization. Check the website for the Board positions that need filling. Thanks, one and all.

Social Media/Membership – Barbara Giangrosso

Since October 1, we've gotten nine new members. We are now up to 134 total members. That is comprised of 87 Full Members, 35 Associate Members, and 12 Corporate. We have had 42 new members join so far this year.

If you haven't done so yet, check out the website. I've been making some updates and adding new features.

“New Orleans food is as delicious as the less criminal forms of sin.”

– Mark Twain

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 20, 2025

6:00 p.m. – Delgado (you will
be informed if location
changes)

“The History of Mr. Bingle”



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