

## ★★ Letter from your GCAT President ★★

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As my third term as your GCAT President approaches I cannot tell you how excited I am! I would like to start out by saying Thank You for your vote in electing me for this second term. I would also like to say welcome to all our new members and hello to all my fellow friends. As your President I am currently focusing on updating the website with more details and our new member list, and trying to spread the word about our association! Every year we try different approaches to gain members and this year I am asking for your help! I'm asking that all Members spread the word about our association to people and/or departments they feel would benefit from our knowledge and trainings.



I hope to have two of the Best Conferences yet in 2015 and 2016 - which leads me to the bigger news! The 2015 Annual Governmental Collectors Association ***"Become a Mighty and Powerful Collector with GCAT"*** Conference will be held in Austin Texas at the OMNI Hotel and Resort Southpark on May 12, 2015 thru May 15, 2015. I am also pleased to announce that our 2016 Annual Conference has been contracted at the OMNI Park West location in Dallas Texas – Home of the Dallas Cowboys! We are excited to begin the planning of this year's conference and please let us know of any topics, speakers, and other recommendations you may have! Please take the time to review your forms, office policies, manuals, judgments, orders, etc. and if you feel they would be beneficial to others email them to [tskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov](mailto:tskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov) so we may display them on our website for others to review.

I attended the 2014 Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference this last week. You will receive September's newsletter within the next two weeks with any updates or changes that need to be brought to your attention. You can contact me if you need further information or contact your Regional OCA Representative. Hope you have a wonderful Labor Day and if you are traveling please be safe on the roads!

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