



# Governmental Collectors Association of Texas January 2020 Newsletter

## A Message From Your 2020 GCAT Board

Greetings my fellow GCAT Members! We want to thank all for your continued memberships and welcome all of our new members in to GCAT. With the many changes made by our Texas legislature, all of us have wondered how this will affect our jobs as Collectors. With that being said, we would like to invite you all to the 2020 GCAT Conference. We have gained valuable knowledge and training with each GCAT conference and we feel that many more may benefit especially now, so spread the word about our association to others in your county/municipality so they too can become members of GCAT. If you ever have any questions, you can reach out to us for an answer.

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## Membership Fees

If you have not paid your \$50.00 membership renewal fees, the cutoff date to do so is April 15, 2020. Please note that if your membership fees are not received before this due date, you will not be able to vote in the upcoming election. New member fees are regularly \$150.00 per person but we are having a special of two new members for \$150 until March 31, 2020. If you have not received a mailed invoice, please contact Andrea Weilacher.

## GCAT Conference Updates

This year's GCAT conference is May 4<sup>th</sup> thru May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will be held at the Courtyard Marriott Allen Event Center in Allen Texas. The conference fee for members is \$195 and non-members \$250.

Be sure to be on the lookout for hotel information and agenda updates on the GCAT website <https://www.govcat.net/>



## Scholarship Information

[Five scholarships are available this year. The scholarship will cover your GCAT 2020 Conference Registration fee only. The criteria is a 150-200 word description of how attending the 2020 GCAT conference will benefit you, your city or county. Email all essays to Andrea Weilacher at \[andrea.weilacher@dentoncounty.com\]\(mailto:andrea.weilacher@dentoncounty.com\) and Tanya Skinner at \[tskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov\]\(mailto:tskinner@brazoscountytexas.gov\).](#)

## Award Nominees

If you would like to nominate someone or a department for the following awards please email Stephanie McCormick [comcr@burnetcountytexas.org](mailto:comcr@burnetcountytexas.org) or Shawna Goerlitz [sgoerlitz@brazoscountytexas.org](mailto:sgoerlitz@brazoscountytexas.org). Here is a list of awards that are up for grabs. More detailed information about each award may be found on the GCAT website. <http://govcat.net/awards.html>

[Most Innovative Program](#)

[Collector of the Year](#)

[Collections Programs of the Year](#)

[Excellence in Service Award](#)

[Becky Sirmans Award](#)

[Honorary Membership](#)