

Former Chair Lauded for Twenty Years of Service and Success

Dr. Howard Marcus was recognized for his twenty years of continuous service as TAPA Chair at the annual membership meeting on November 19.



“There has never been a day when Howard Marcus wasn’t at the forefront of our movement,” said incoming Chair Dr. Robert Hancock. “He has brought vision, energy, and passion to bettering our medical liability climate and improving access to care.”

In 2001, as the then-Chairman of Texas Medical Liability Trust, Dr. Marcus helped found Texas Alliance for Patient Access.

Under Dr. Marcus’ leadership, the TAPA team researched, helped draft, and successfully passed arguably the national gold standard in medical liability legislation.

He recruited many of our early members and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting the successful “Yes on 12” Campaign.

With Dr. Marcus at the helm, the TAPA team has protected the 2003 landmark liability reforms in the courts and legislature.

Outgoing Vice-Chair Vicky Gould read a [letter of recognition from former Texas Governor Rick Perry](#). The letter read in part; “The reforms you helped bring about have reduced frivolous filings, expanded our economy, and directly benefitted millions of patients.”

The TAPA board also presented Dr. Marcus and his wife Margaret with an exercise bike. Marcus transitioned to Chairman Emeritus.

Dr. Robert Hancock was elected Chairman, and Dr. Liam Fry was named Vice-Chair. Lisa Havens and Darrell Zurovec remain Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Brian Dittmar was appointed an at-large member of the TAPA Executive Committee.

