

2016-2017 Legislative Committee

Policy: The TRTA Legislative Committee shall study pending legislation, develop and implement a plan to promote new legislation, and continuously inform members about related legislation. The committee shall collaborate with the Texas Silver–Haired Legislature, NRTA, other similar organizations, and with other education organizations concerning retirement issues. The committee shall collaborate with other standing and special committees as appropriate to further the mission of TRTA.

Suggested Activities

The TRTA State Legislative Committee Chairman:

1. Work with the TRTA Legislative Coordinator to establish the TRTA legislative priorities requested from the local units;
2. Act as a consultant to the district legislative committee chairman in relaying the legislative concerns at the legislative training session at the spring leadership training conference; and
3. Disseminate information to the district and local unit legislative chairmen.

The TRTA District Legislative Committee Chairmen:

1. Disseminate information from the TRTA Legislative Committee to the local legislative committee chairmen;
2. Receive information from the local unit legislative committee chairmen to send to the TRTA Legislative Committee and the TRTA Legislative Coordinator;
3. Serve as presenter of the legislative committee training for local unit legislative committee chairmen at the district spring leadership training conference;
4. Work with local units to maintain communication and personal contact with Texas and U.S. Senators and Representatives;
5. Be aware of legislative needs and elections in the district and disseminate this information to the state legislative committee and legislative coordinator;
6. Make all local unit legislative committee chairmen and district members aware of the TRTA legislative priorities and report legislative updates;
7. Chair the district legislative task force committee composed of the local unit legislative committee chairmen or a local unit member from each local unit in the district; and
8. Attend the TRTA Convention legislative leadership training session.

The TRTA Local Unit Legislative Committee Chairmen:

1. Relate to members information received from TRTA and the district legislative committee chairmen;
2. Personally contact and communicate with local Texas Senators and Representatives, and U.S. Congressmen to relay TRTA legislative priorities and concerns;
3. Gather legislative information of local interest and make a legislative report at each meeting;
4. Set up a network for quick communication among members;
5. Check TRTA website for legislative updates and give to the technology contact(s) in each local unit in order that a link to the legislative update can be on every local unit web page;
6. Survey members to determine legislative priorities to assist the TRTA legislative committee;
7. Sign up for the *Inside Line* at www.trta.org;
8. Set up a group email listing for local units; and
9. Attend the legislative training session at the district spring leadership training conference and if possible attend the legislative training session at the TRTA Convention.