

Candidates for TRTA State Office 2026-2028

Frana Patterson for President

Palo Pinto County Retired Teachers Association (PPCRTA), District 11

Currently serving as the TRTA First Vice-President (2024-2026), TRTA Second Vice-President, TRTA Secretary/Treasurer, District 11 President, TRTA Presidents Council Chair, District 11 First Vice-President, State Committee Chair, Chapter President, Chapter Legislative Chair, Chapter Retirement Education Chair. It is crucial that we advocate to preserve and improve benefits for public school retirees. I would like to continue working and serving with you.



Frana Patterson

Terri Navrkal for President-Elect

Lubbock South Plains Retired Teachers Association (LSPRTA), District 17

Currently serving as TRTA Second Vice-President/Communications Committee Chair (2024-2026). I have served in the following positions: TRTA Secretary/Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair (2022-2024), District Presidents Council Chair (2020-2022), District 17 President (2018-2022), TRTA Public Relations Committee (2016-2018), TRTA Health Committee (2014-2016), Senior Tutor Recruitment and Partnership Advisor for the Texas Retired Teacher Foundation, Tutorial Program (2020-2023), Lubbock South Plains RTA: President (2020-2022, 2017-2019, 2013-2015), and First Vice-President (2015-2017). I am excited about the opportunity to become the first ever President-Elect of TRTA. With your support/vote my goal is to "Keep TRTA "GOING and GROWING".



Terri Navrkal

Gary L. Schepf for Vice-President

Irving Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA), District 10

I joined Irving RSPA in 2013 while still employed. I have served as my Chapter Second Vice-President and Chapter President. I served as District 10 Technology Chair and District 10 President. At the State level, I have served as the Presidents Council Chair and am currently serving as the State Secretary/Treasurer and as the State Finance Committee Chair (2024-2026). As Vice-President, my goal is to continue building upon our foundation, while actively shaping the path forward for TRTA's next era.



Gary L. Schepf

Cheryl Glasser for Vice-President

Katy Area Retired Educators (KARE), District 4

Currently serving as President of the Katy Chapter (2024-2026). While president, my chapter has increased membership by 10%, improved meeting attendance by 22%, and we received district awards for our Book Project and Community Service successes. Serving as Co-Parliamentarian of District 4. Served as Co-2nd VP of the Katy Chapter (2023-2024). Before retirement in 2023, I was a school principal/AP for 25 years. As Vice-President of TRTA, I will work to strengthen our organization by improving communication between the state and local chapters, increasing member involvement, and growing TRTA to its highest membership ever. I am committed to expanding our book project donation efforts to five books per member and ensuring every retiree feels informed, valued, and inspired to serve.



Cheryl Glasser

Karen Hoelscher for Secretary/Treasurer

Runnels County Retired School Employees (RCRSE), District 15

Currently serving as District Presidents Council Chair (2024-2026) and District 15 President (2022-2026). Served as District Presidents Council Vice-Chair (2023-2024) and District Presidents Council Recorder (2022-2023). Currently serving on the TRTF Dr. Kate Bell and E.L. Galyean Assistance Fund Committee. Served on State Local Unit Support Committee (2020-2022), TRTF Tutor Program Tutor Recruitment and Partnership Advisor (2020-2023). Served as District First Vice-President (2018-2022), District Historian (2016-2018). Currently serving as Runnels County RSE Immediate Past President (2022-2026). Served as Runnels County RSE President (2016-2022), Runnels County RSE Secretary (2014-2016), Runnels County RSE Historian (2016-2020) and joined TRTA in 2013. I want to be a TRTA officer to support, connect, and represent our retirees in meaningful ways. I am eager to keep our members active, informed, and valued.



Karen Hoelscher