

2025-2026 Highlights

July 2025

- TRTA successfully ran digital marketing campaign that raised awareness of association and WEP & GPO victory.
- TRTA Board of Directors and staff hosted virtual meetings to begin planning for first-ever House of Delegates Live event.

August 2025

- Standing Committees, as well as the Health and Safety Special Committee, met virtually to update goals and objectives for the coming year.
- TRTF began planning “Boots & Books” event.
- TRTA launches Chalkboard Champion, a series of stories celebrating the dedication, innovation, and impact of public school educators across Texas.

September 2025

- Districts began hosting their Fall Conferences across the state.
- TRTA partnered with Congress members to ensure fair implementation of WEP & GPO repeal.

October 2025

- Districts continued hosting their Fall Conferences across the state.

November 2025

- TRTF promoted its charitable programs to fundraise for Foundation Month.
- The E.L. Galyean Service Award Recipient was named: Earl Wall, District 12.
- TRTA promoted voting in the election regarding state constitutional amendments.

December 2025

- TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee visits Washington D.C. to advocate for improved Social Security benefits for retirees.
- Planning for the House of Delegates Live continued.
- TRTA & ME digital stories capped off its inaugural year by highlighting five key stories.

January 2026

- TRTA celebrated the one-year anniversary of the repeal of the WEP and GPO.
- Tim Lee hosted live stream event commemorating the WEP and GPO victory.
- TRTA launched a new web series called TRTA 101, informing retirees about key issues.

February 2026

- TRTA and Districts ran rehearsals for House of Delegates Live.
- TRTA continued to run TRTA 101 live streams.

March 2026

- TRTA hosts successful House of Delegates Live event.
- House of Delegates approved dues increase to \$48 per year, starting in 2027.
- District Spring Conferences began.
- TRTA continued to run TRTA 101 live streams.
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April 2026

- TRTF successfully hosts “Boots & Books” event at National Medal of Honor Museum.

May 2026

- Governor Greg Abbott sent a letter to TRS instructing them to lower TRS-Care premiums.

In addition:

- The TRTA Board of Directors met a total of 13 times since July 2025, including 2 in person meetings and 11 virtual meetings.
- *The VOICE*, the TRTA news bulletin, was published four (4) times.
- The rebate of \$3.00 per member was paid in May 2026 to the 20 Districts in the total amount of \$255,762 for the 2025-2026 membership year.
- Eighty Chapters received a total of \$5370, which represented an increase of 537 members over the previous year. Dues revenue increased by a total of \$18,795 because of these additional numbers.
- TRTA membership as of February 28, 2026 was 96,372 members (at-large members 56,948, Chapter members 39,424).

Contributions by TRTA members for 2025:

- Contributed 5,760,868 hours of community service, valued at \$200,420,597 million.
- As part of the Children's Book Project and the Student-to-Student Book Program, 219,542 books were distributed to schools.
- The 2025-2026 "Greatest Increase in Membership Numbers" was awarded to District 1.
- The 2025-2026 "Greatest Increase in Membership Percentage" was awarded to District 1.
- The 2025-2026 "Chapter With the Greatest Increase in Membership Percentage" was awarded to Zapata Co RSEA.
- The 2025-2026 "Chapter With the Greatest Increase in Membership Numbers" was awarded to Erath Co ARSE .
- In April 2026, TRTF awarded 45 First-Year Teacher Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. TRTF has awarded \$270,000 in scholarships since 2008.
- In April 2026, TRTF awarded 50 Classroom Assistance Grants in the amount of \$1,000 each. TRTF has awarded \$298,000 in grants since 2008.
- In 2025, TRTF's charitable program "A Helping Hand" distributed more than \$30,000 to retirees to assist with medical and dental bills, home and auto repairs, and utility bills. Since its inception in 2010, TRTF has awarded over \$345,000 in aid.