

CONVENTION

▶ ELECT TCTA'S NEW STATEWIDE LEADERS

Official delegates will vote on several Executive Board positions during the convention. The deadline to file for an official place on the ballot was Nov. 2, and the following candidates declared their intent to run for office, seeking election or re-election to terms that begin June 1. (Additional nominations for statewide office may be made from the floor during the first business meeting of the Representative Assembly on Jan. 31.)

PRESIDENT-ELECT

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TCTA member for 21 years

Current job: Counselor, Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie ISD

Candidate statement: One of the best decisions I ever made as an educator was to join TCTA. I love being a member of an organization that represents teachers in such a positive manner and goes the extra mile in educating its members. I am always proud to let people know I am a member of TCTA, and, regardless of the leadership position I have held on the local or state level, I have never been afraid to speak out for what is best for our members and my fellow educators. If elected, I will continue to represent TCTA and its members in this manner.

Previous TCTA service: Legislation Committee chair, since 2015-16; District 10 director, 2009-14; Legislation

Committee member, 2009-14; Legislation Committee vice chair, 2 years; ACT Committee member, 2009-18; ACT Committee chair, 2014-2018; Grand Prairie CTA president, present; have held all Grand Prairie CTA leadership roles except treasurer; District 10 Coordinating Council president, 2014-16.

Other education-related service: Grand Prairie ISD District of Innovation Committee member, 2016; TEA Student Services Certificates Advisory Committee, 2016; TEA Chapter 150 Commissioner's Rules Steering Committee (T-TESS), 2015; Social Studies Academic Achievement Distinction Designation Committee, 2014.

Other professional memberships: American School Counselor Association member, Lone Star State School Counselor Association member.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, English, University of Texas at Arlington; Master of Education, School Counseling, Lamar University.

PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

JOYCE McCURDY (seeking re-election)



TCTA member for 17 years

Current job: Sixth-grade social studies, Kirby Middle School, Wichita Falls ISD

Candidate statement: I believe in TCTA and all the hard work that comes from their heart on issues that affect teachers and students.

I have watched and learned from the best while serving in various positions within TCTA and my local CTA. First

of all thank you for trusting me to represent you in the role of Professional Rights & Responsibilities Committee Chair and I promise that if you re-elect me, I will continue to be a voice for you as well as a voice in my local CTA.

Previous TCTA service: Wichita Falls CTA president and treasurer; District 9 director, Professional Rights & Responsibilities Committee chair.

Professional awards and honors: West Foundation Teacher of Excellence, 2007 and 2011; Wichita Falls ISD Teacher of the Year, 2011.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, minor in English.

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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR ELEANORE MALONE



TCTA member for 11 years

Current job: Second-grade math teacher, Mamie Griffin Elementary School, Tyler ISD

Candidate statement: As the Governance chair, my committee will review proposals and recommend changes to the structure of our governance documents. As chair, I pledge to keep TCTA transparent and uniform in its operations and procedures at all levels of our association.

Previous TCTA service: Tyler CTA faculty representative, vice president and president, and District 7 director.

Other education-related service: Campus team leader for the past 5 years, Teacher of the Month for Griffin Elementary in September, Teacher of the Year in 2015.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Texas College; teaching certificate, LeTourneau University.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR ANN MARTINEZ (seeking re-election)



TCTA member for 15 years

Current job: sixth-grade science teacher, District Level Teacher Representative for Campus, Travis Middle School, Calhoun County ISD

Candidate statement: My objective for seeking the office of Membership chair is to actively represent the interest of our members to our TCTA board. I have gained experience through mentoring and recruitment activities. I seek another two years to represent you at the state level.

Previous TCTA service: former ACT committee chairperson, former District 3 Region director, current Calhoun County TCTA president, and current Membership Committee Chair.

Other Professional Organizations: Delta Kappa Gamma Society member.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Houston.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE CHAIR CRISTAL ISAACKS



TCTA member for 31 years

Current job: Librarian, South Elementary, Levelland ISD

Candidate statement: I would love to serve you as TCTA Legislation Committee chair. I know your concerns and will speak up for Texas educators to elected officials at the Capitol, the governor's mansion, and all the way to the White House if need be. I'm not shy, I have a positive personality, and want to work with TCTA's top-rated education lobby team in making sure that the SBEC, our representatives, our governor and lieutenant governor, and our senators understand that teaching is the most important investment for our country and the future. I want to get the message to these elected officials about our health insurance, our retirement, our pay raises, our school safety and any new issues that come our way. I was honored to be part of the TCTA leadership before and wish to represent you again as Legislation chair.

Previous TCTA service: Teacher Personal Services Committee chair, 4 years (2014-2017); Budget Committee chair, 5 years (2010-14); Budget Committee member, 6 years; District 17 director, 4 years; DCC 17 treasurer, 9 years; Levelland CTA: president, 1997-present; faculty rep, 1989-present; vice president, 4 years; treasurer, 3 years.

Other education-related service: Region 17 ESC Elementary Teacher of Year judge, 9 years; Region 17 ESC Librarian Steering Committee past president; Levelland ISD Technology Committee member; District Advisory Committee chair, 1 year, and secretary, 1 year; DAC member, present; UIL director, coach and judge; district accelerated reader coordinator; district library coordinator, spelling bee chair and pronouncer; campus public relations coordinator and webmaster.

Professional awards and honors: Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Education, Texas Tech University; Master of Library Science, Texas Women's University.

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