



2025-2026 Member Resources & Benefits Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Immediate Past President: Laura Graves

- Serves as liaison with retirees
- Recognizes members retired since last state conference (purchase, wrap and present gifts)
- Keeps members apprised of benefit changes and pending legislation as well as benefits available from national membership
- Promote state and national membership in the association
- Work with Past Presidents Council to inform potential new members of the advantages of membership
- Provide mentoring and leadership opportunities for membership at all stages

Committee

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2025-2026 Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Secretary: Karen DeZarn



- Review by-laws and standing rules as appropriate for supporting goals and objectives of Association
- Keep detailed records, prepare and present proposed by-law changes to membership as stated in guidelines of TEAFCS
- Update By-laws approved by majority vote of Association membership. Send to Webmaster to be posted on TEAFCS website
- Update Standing Rules approved by majority vote of Association Board. Send to Webmaster to be posted on TEAFCS website

Committee

	Name	Email
1	Tonya Poncik	
2	Laura Graves	
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2025-2026 Texas Extra Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Texas Extra Editor: Nicole Demmer



Committee

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2025-2026 Finance Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Treasurer: Michah Holcombe



- Develop and manage Association budget
- Plan and conduct if needed a fundraising event

Committee

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2025-2026 Historical Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Historian: Gabby Kanu



- Keep history of TEAFCS
- Takes or collects photos of state events and other documentation of the past year such as award programs, etc

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2025-2026 Awards & Recognition Committee

Chair is TEAFCS 1st Vice President: Haley Cowley



- Coordinates TEAFCS awards application/recognition process by informing membership of procedures/dates, etc.
- Collects and sends awards applications to appropriate committee for judging
- Forwards winners to Southern Region by due date
- Obtains awards prior to state meeting
- Prepares awards booklet and script
- Coordinates awards presentation with committee chairs
- Coordinates invitations to winner and arranges for special awards
- Informs administration of award winners and coordinates presentations with administration

Committee

	Name	Email
1	Gabby Kanu	
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2025-2026 Professional Development & Studies Awards Committee



Director to be appointed by TEAFCS 1st Vice President, Haley Cowley

Coordinates awards judging for:

- Greenwood/Frysinger Award
- Distinguished Service Award (DSA)
- Continued Excellence
- Extension Educator of the Year
- Ann Sonner Scholarship (State Award)
- Florence Hall Award
- New Professional
- Para-Professional Award (State Award)

Committee

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2025-2026 Program Awards Committee

Director to be appointed by TEAFCS 1st Vice President, Haley Cowley



Coordinates judging for:

- Dean Don Felker Financial Management
- Mary W. Wells Memorial Diversity
- Program Excellence Through Research
- Excellence in Community Development (State)
- School Wellness Award
- Extension Housing Outreach
- Early Childhood Child Care Training
- Environmental Education
- Food Safety

Committee

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2025-2026 Special Awards/New Awards Committee

Director to be appointed by TEAFCS 1st Vice President, Haley Cowley



Coordinates judging for:

- Extension Support Staff Award (State Award)
- Specialist Award for Distinguished Achievement (State Award)
- Clean and Healthy Families and Communities Award
- Family Health and Wellness Award
- Living Well Award
- Living Well Mini-Grant

Committee

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2025 - 2026 Communications and Media Awards

Director to be appointed by TEAFCS 1st Vice President, Haley Cowley



Coordinates judging for:

- Newsletters
- Written Press Release
- Radio/Podcast
- Internet Education Technology
- Educational Curriculum Package
- Educational Publications
- Television/Video
- Educational Technology
- Photography
- Social Networking Award

Committee

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2025 – 2026 Public Relation/Commodity Awards

Director to be appointed by TEAFCS 1st Vice President, Haley Cowley

Coordinates judging for:

- Marketing Package Award
- Community Partnership Award
- County Judges and Commissioners Award (State Award)
- Human Development/Family Relationship Award
- Friend of Extension (State Award)
- Woman of the Year (State Award)



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2025 – 2026 Public Affairs/Public Policy Committee

Chair is TEAFCS President Elect: Penny Berend



- This is structured to achieve the goals of the strategic plan and focus on priorities of the Executive Board and the diverse membership, with special emphasis on current public policy and legislative issues.

Committee

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2025- 2026 Professional Development Committee

Chair _____



- (From NEAFCS) Chaired by the Vice President for Professional Development, this is structured into two committees to achieve goals of the strategic plan and focus on the priorities of the Executive Board and membership, with special emphasis on coordinating diverse educational opportunities. Committee members will consist of a diverse representation from all regions.

Committee

	Name	Email
1	Gabrielle Kanu	

2	Cory Edwards	
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2025 -2026 Annual Session Planning Committee

Chair is TEAFCS 2nd Vice President, Ginger Benson



The purpose of this committee is to generate the overall plan for the Annual Session. The planning committee consists of the TEAFCS 2nd Vice President, TEAFCS President, Representative from the Next Host District and up to three (3) additional people.

Duties and responsibilities are:

- reviewing the Annual Session
- planning/developing the schedule for the Annual Session
- recommending speakers and sessions for the Host District to consider from feedback that is received across the state

Committee

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1	Tonya Poncik	tonya.poncik@ag.tamu.edu
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3	Caroline Cruz	
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5	Rachel Esquivel	
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7	Sonja Davis	
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2025 - 2026 Website Committee

Chair is TEAFCS Webmaster Alaina Woolsey

The primary purpose of the website committee is to maintain a cohesive, current, and functional web presence that aligns with the professional organisation's overall mission and goals

Duties and responsibilities are:

- Enhancing member services by providing easily accessible information and resources.
- Content Management: Establishing policies and procedures for creating, reviewing, publishing, and archiving content to ensure it is accurate and current.



- Promoting engagement and communication among members, leadership, and staff.
- Providing transparency by offering access to relevant documents, meeting minutes, and operational information.

Committee

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