

## **2025 Annual Conference Committees**

### **TAFE HALL OF FAME MANAGER/PROFESSIONALS & VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Co-Chairmen: Mike Hernandez, City of McAllen  
Chris Boleman, Houston Livestock  
Show & Rodeo  
Jeff Thayne, Rodeo Austin  
Douglas Borchardt, Washington  
County Fair  
Nanci Kimmey, North Texas Fair & Rodeo

### **Convention Social Media**

Co-Chairmen: Stephen Naleway, Friends of Conroe -  
Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival  
Tammy Dooley, City of Granbury CVB

### **Receptions Committee**

(First Timers, Past Presidents, Sponsors Appreciation)  
Co-Chairmen: Melanie Linnear, State Fair of Texas  
Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley  
Livestock Show

### **Silent Auction Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Brady Ragland, Amarillo Tri-State Fair &  
Rodeo  
Tracy Westmoreland, Tracy's Concessions

### **Sponsorship Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Melanie Linnear, State Fair of Texas  
Tammy Dooley, City of Granbury, CVB  
Darlene Lively, TAFE Executive Director

### **TAFE Lounge**

Co-Chairman: Zach Johnson, Swifty Swine  
Mary Talley, Talley Amusements

### **Talent Showcase / Lighting & Sound Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Sherry Free, Pasadena Livestock Show  
& Rodeo  
Stephen Naleway, Friends of Conroe -  
Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival  
Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley Livestock  
Show

### **Ticket Takers / Scanners Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley Livestock  
Stephen Naleway, Friends of Conroe -  
Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival  
Bob Williams, Permian Basin Fair & Expo

**Decorations / Signage Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Melanie Linnear, State Fair of Texas  
Julie Bass, Houston Livestock Show  
and Rodeo

**Directors of the Day / Room Hosts**

Co-Chairmen: Dean Fuchs, Washington County Fair  
Dustin Coufal, Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo

**Education Foundation Calcutta Event Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Allen Kaminski, Austin County Fair  
Dustin Coufal, Heart O' Texas Fair &  
Rodeo

**Evaluation / Surveys Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Dean Fuchs, Washington County Fair  
Julie Bass, Houston Livestock Show  
and Rodeo

**Live Auction / Last Chance Raffle Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Allen Kaminski, Austin County Fair  
Brady Ragland, Amarillo Tri-State Fair  
& Rodeo

**Marketing / Communications Award of Excellence**

Co-Chairmen: Tammy Dooley, City of Granbury CVB  
Tracy Westmoreland, Tracy's Concessions

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Mary Talley, Talley Amusements

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Co-Chairmen: Sherry Free, Pasadena Livestock Show  
& Rodeo  
Stephen Naleway, CCC Festival  
Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley  
Livestock Show

**Speaker / AV Coordination Committee**

Chairman: Julie Bass, Houston Livestock Show  
and Rodeo

**Speakers / Conference Sessions Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Sherry Free, Pasadena Livestock  
Show & Rodeo  
Dean Fuchs, Washington County Fair

**Ticket Takers / Scanners Committee**

Co-Chairmen: Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley Livestock  
Stephen Naleway, Friends of Conroe – Conroe  
Cajun Catfish Festival  
Bob Williams, Permian Basin Fair & Expo

**Trade Show / Booth Promotional Vendor Relations**

Co-Chairmen: Zach Johnson, Swifty Swine Productions  
Tracy Westmoreland, Tracy's Concessions  
Bob Williams, Permian Basin Fair & Expo

**Young Professionals**

Chairman: Melanie Linnear, State Fair of Texas