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The Conservation Society of San Antonio elects Chairman of 2026 NIOSA® *Festival of food, drink and music celebrates and funds historic preservation*

Julie Terrill was elected in June 2025 as the Conservation Society of San Antonio Fourth Vice President/Chairman for the 2026 “[A Night In Old San Antonio](#)®.” Situated at the peak of the NIOSA organizational volunteer pyramid, Terrill is assisted by Vice Chairmen Monica Reyes, Anita Gonzalez, Lisa Pierce and Abbi Power, and DeAnna Keesee as NIOSA Treasurer.

“A Night In Old San Antonio®” (NIOSA®)—a four-night festival held during [Fiesta San Antonio](#)®—will occur Tuesday through Friday, April 21-24, 2026 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. nightly. It celebrates the city’s diverse cultural legacy for more than 85,000 revelers annually during the city-wide Fiesta celebration.

Celebrating its 78th presentation in 2026, NIOSA is the top fundraiser for historic preservation in the United States—living up to its motto as a “Celebration for Preservation.” It is solely produced by and benefits [The Conservation Society of San Antonio](#) (one of the nation’s oldest and most active historic preservation organizations that celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2024).

Through the magic of 155+ food, drink and atmosphere booths and entertainment stages; continuous live musical acts; decorations; souvenirs; and many dedicated volunteers, NIOSA brings the city’s heritage alive in its 14 cultural areas.

“It’s truly remarkable to see so many volunteers, me included, return year after year,” Terrill says. “Many even take time off from their regular jobs to dedicate long hours to planning, setting up, cooking, serving cleaning and breaking down the booths. We do it because we see the tangible impact The Conservation Society has had on our beautiful city. We are a unique organization, and our volunteers are incredibly special.”

Julie’s long legacy with NIOSA began in 2002 when she volunteered at the NIOSA Office answering phones and supporting the secretary and bookkeeper where needed. She then progressed to committee member of the Ice Committee for 6 years and Paper Supply Chair for two years before volunteering as a Vice Chairman with NIOSA chairman DeAnna Keesee in 2006-2007. Even though she moved away for 12 years, she continued to volunteer again for a few years in Paper Supply. In 2017, Julie came back as the Signs Chair so her brother Danny (who had cancer at the time) could hear the Oom-Pah German music in Sauerkraut Bend area and eat the Hoochie Coochies (his name for anticuchos).

She joined the Conservation Society in 2017 and became an Active member in 2019. In 2018, Julie stepped in to serve again as a Vice Chair (and Signs and Appliances Chair) with NIOSA Chair Margie Arnold. For the next three years she added chairmanship of Refrigeration and Maps committees.

In 2024 and 2025 she served as a Vice Chair with NIOSA chair Lisa Pierce. Elected to the Society’s board in 2025, she also served as chair of the Junior Associates in 2025.

Julie honed her management and organizational skills when she worked for Walmart for 15 years in the roles of Layaway, Support Manager and Personnel Director. She has been a scuba instructor since 1999.

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