

2024-25 TAFE Standing Committees

Associate Member Relations

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

Executive Committee

President: Neil Yelderman, Fort Bend County Fair
1st Vice President: Tammy Dooley, Visit Granbury
2nd Vice President/Treasurer: Melanie Linnear, State Fair Texas
Secretary/Assistant Treasurer: Sherry Free, Pasadena Livestock Show
Immediate Past President: Mike Hernandez, City of McAllen

Communications/Social Media

Darlene Lively, TAFE Staff

Event Survey

Darlene Lively, TAFE Staff

Governmental Affairs

Co-Chairmen: Mary Talley, Talley Amusements
Allen Kaminski, Austin County Fair

Membership Development

Darlene Lively, TAFE Staff

Newsletter

Chairman: Tammy Dooley, Visit Granbury
Darlene Lively, TAFE Staff

Past Presidents Council

Chairman: Mike Hernandez, City of McAllen

Past Presidents: Chris Boleman, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
Jeff Thayne, Rodeo Austin
Douglas Borchardt, Washington County Fair
Nanci Kimmey, North Texas Fair & Rodeo

Regional/State/Zone/National Relations

Chairman: Melanie Linnear, State Fair of Texas
Committee Member(s): As needed

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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
Dougals Borchardt, Washington
County Fair
Nanci Kimmey, North Texas Fair & Rodeo

Convention Social Media

Co-Chairmen: Stephen Naleway, Friends of 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 Staff

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 -
Cajun Catfish Festival
Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley Livestock
Show

Ticket Takers / Scanners Committee

Co-Chairmen: Luis Saldana, Rio Grande Valley Livestock
Tracy Westmoreland, Tracy's Concession

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

Live Auction / Last Chance Raffle Committee

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

Marketing / Communications Award of Excellence

Committee Chairman: Tammy Dooley, City of Granbury CVB
Committee Member(s):

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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 – 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