

# THE BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from West Texas!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year's! My, oh my how time flies. I know all of you are knee deep in tax payments at this time just please remember to take a deep breath from time to time with the understanding that this too shall pass!

The theme of the 59th annual Texas School Assessors conference that will be held beginning on March 29th and continue through April 1st is "You're a shining star, no matter who you are!"

Being in the property tax industry for the past 30 years I have met so many wonderful people from all over the state. They each have had special god given talents. I am sure none of us when we were in high school or college would ever have imagined that we would wind up in this profession. I certainly did not, I was going to be in the fashion industry, I'm sure that comes as a total surprise to all of you! But alas, life can throw you a few curve balls and you wind up far from where you thought you were headed. I would not trade one minute of any of the experiences I have had, it has made me the person I've become and I am very happy with who I am.

Each one of you are a shining star in your own way, never let anyone tell you or make you feel like that you are not. There is a heartwarming quote from the movie 'The Help' that I absolutely love, "You is kind, you is smart, you is important." Tuck that away in that magnificent heart that god gave you and never forget it.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference. We will again be at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. I would like to thank our board members, Colette and Cher for all of the help and encouragement that they have provided. This has been a wonderful experience and opportunity. I appreciate the trust that you placed in me to be able to spend my last year in this industry to serve as your president of this amazing organization.

May God bless each and every one of you!



**Sheila Bennett**

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# **Texas School Assessors Association, Inc.**

## **2026 Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Professional Designations \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ TDLR# \_\_\_\_\_  
TACA# \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your membership classification:

<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE	\$65.00	Assessors and/or Collectors, Chief Appraisers
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE	\$50.00	Tax Office/Appraisal District Personnel
<input type="checkbox"/> AFFILIATE	\$65.00	Superintendents, Education Service Center Personnel, Attorneys, Professional Appraisal Company Personnel involved in assessment and/or collection of taxes.

Make check payable to: **Texas School Assessors Association, Inc.**

Mail completed form and check to:

TSAA  
% Colette Ballinger, Exec. Director  
3072 Mustang Dr  
Grapevine TX 76051

817-251-5632

# First-Time Attendee Scholarship Application

## 2026 Conference & Workshop

### March 29 - April 1, 2026

TSAA is offering **TWO SCHOLARSHIPS** to first-time conference attendees. Please limit one application per office. If you or someone you know are interested, please fill out the following form and mail to:

TSAA  
% Colette Ballinger, Exec. Director  
3072 Mustang Dr  
Grapevine TX 76051  
(817)251-5632

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 1, 2026.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS COVER REGISTRATION.** Applicants **must** be a member of TSAA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TDLR#: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ RTA \_\_\_\_\_ RTC \_\_\_\_\_ RPA

TACA# \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in Ad Valorem field: \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months

Give a brief explanation of why this scholarship would be beneficial to you. Please include past accomplishments, as well as future plans and goals.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# TSAA 59th Annual Conference Registration Form

## March 29 - April 1, 2026

Please copy and complete one registration form per person. You can also email the registration form to [registration@tsaatx.org](mailto:registration@tsaatx.org). Checks must accompany registration. **Make checks payable to TSAA** and mail to:

Irving ISD % Cher Elzy  
PO BOX 152021  
IRVING TX 75015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

First Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Companion Name to appear on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

### **To help us plan for events, please check if you plan to attend:**

President's Reception \_\_\_\_\_ Monday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Banquet \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration Fees:

Early Member Registration	\$250	_____
Late Member Registration	\$300	_____
Early Non-Member Registration	\$305	_____
Late Non-Member Registration	\$355	_____
One Day Registration	\$125	_____
Monday _____		
Tuesday _____		
Companion Registration (Spouse/Child)	\$130	_____
Extra Luncheon Ticket	\$ 30	_____
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$ 50	_____
Total Enclosed		_____

**Deadline for Early Registration: March 1, 2026**

In the event of a cancellation, refunds will be made 4 - 6 weeks after conference ends.

A \$100 fee will be deducted from any refund for food and administration fee.

All refund requests must be in writing.

# Texas School Assessors Association, Inc.

## 59th Annual Conference & Workshop

### Tentative Schedule

#### Sunday, March 29, 2026

1:00 - 5:00	Committee Meetings	To Be Posted
3:00 - 5:00	Conference Registration	Hotel Lobby
6:00 - 8:00	Vendor Showcase	
6:30 - 8:00	President's Dinner	
8:00 - 10:00	Bingo	

#### Monday, March 30, 2026

8:45 - 9:00	President's Welcome Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance	Sheila Bennett, President Debi Sevcik
9:00 - 10:30	Action Speaks Louder Than Words	Jan Hargrove Keynote Speaker
10:30 - 11:00	Break/Door Prizes	
11:00 - 12:00	Working with the Appraisal District... "Life" After Rate Calculations & Tax Statements	Kevin Passons Chief Appraiser, Rockwall CAD
12:00 - 1:30	Fellowship Luncheon/View Vendors	
1:30 - 2:00	TSAA & CSTA Business Meeting/Door Prizes	
2:00 - 3:00	Ethics, When?	Jim Lambeth, Capital Partner Linebarger Law Firm
3:00 - 3:30	Break/Door Prizes	
3:30 - 4:30	Customer Service	Tracey Foster, Attorney McCreary Velseka Bragg & Allen
4:30	Door Prizes & Adjourn	

#### Tuesday, March 31, 2026

8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Sheila Bennett, President
9:00 - 10:30	SB 850	Adam Walker, Attorney Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP
10:30 - 11:00	Break/Door Prizes	
11:00 - 12:00	VATRE Panel	John Ames, Dallas County TAC Ro'Vin Garrett, PBFCM Client Liaison Tim Radloff, Lubbock CAD Chief Appraiser
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch on your own	
1:30 - 2:30	State Laws & Rules Update	Bruce Medley, Partner Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP
2:30 - 3:00	Break/Door Prizes	
3:00 - 4:00	State Laws & Rules Update	Bruce Medley, Partner Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP
6:30 - 8:00	Banquet & Installation of Officers	
8:00 - 12:00	Entertainment/Door Prizes	People's Choice Band

## Tentative Schedule Continued

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

8:45 - 9:00	Call to Order	Sheila Bennett, President
9:00 - 10:00	Life of a Delinquent Lawsuit	Wade Gent Linebarger Law Firm
10:00 - 10:30	Break	So that you can check out
10:30 - 11:45	Comptroller of Public Accounts Update	Brian Hodgdon & Ryan Sisk Comptrollers Office
11:45	Grand Prize Drawing - Adjourn	

**THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE  
EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS  
1001 E MCCARTY LN  
SAN MARCOS TX 78666  
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 512-392-6450.  
USE GROUP SRP CODE IS 96E**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 13, 2025.**

**COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY HOTEL**

**Copy and paste the link below into your browser to  
book your room online!**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/texas-school-assessors-2026/>

# CSTA Application

Colette Ballinger is accepting and processing applications for the Certified School Tax Administrator designation. Those of you who hold an RTA or RTC certification from TDLR are required to have completed an appraisal course in order to qualify for the CSTA designation. Those of you who hold an RPA certification from TDLR are required to have completed any tax collection course in order to qualify for the CSTA designation. Applicants must be a current member of TSAA, must complete an application form and include proof of completing the appraisal course or tax collection course. Fee for the designation is **\$30.00**, please make payable to **TSAA**. Send the completed application and all required documents to the address below:

**TSAA**  
% Colette Ballinger  
3072 Mustang Dr  
Grapevine TX 76051

**817-251-5632**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TDLR # \_\_\_\_\_

TACA # \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Present position in assessing and/or appraisal field:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If position is not with a school district, do you do any school tax work? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Education (College, training courses, TAAO, SRA, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teaching and lecturing experience:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Authorship of articles, reports, etc.:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Professional designations and what they stand for:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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