

Dear Members of the Texas Speech and Communication Association,

I am writing to formally accept the nomination to run for election as the Archivist of the Texas Speech Communication Association. I am deeply honored and humbled by your trust in considering me to serve our organization in this capacity.

My connection to TSCA is rooted in deep gratitude and professional growth. I attended my first TSCA convention a few years into my teaching career, and it immediately felt like coming home. Long before I walked into that first convention, however, the foundation of my career was being built by TSCA members. The very coaches and educators who shaped my formative years on the Texas speech and debate college circuit were the leaders who inspired me to become an educator and the coach that I am today, with great passion for helping students find their voices in an everchanging landscape. Returning to TSCA as a professional allowed me to stand alongside the mentors who ignited my passion for this work.

It is particularly meaningful to be considered for a role that carries forward traditions developed by leaders like Jana Riggins. Following in her footsteps means having huge shoes to fill, but I am committed to bringing the same level of care, dedication, and enthusiasm to the position that she demonstrated for our community.

Throughout my life and career, I have always prioritized my identity and value as a storyteller. In so many ways, serving as Archivist feels like a natural and perfect fit. The role of Archivist is far more than administrative record-keeping—it is being the protector of our documents, our history, and ultimately, our shared story as an organization. Preserving our legacy is a powerful way for me to give back to a community that has enriched my life both personally and professionally.

Thank you once again for this incredible honor and for your dedication to the future of TSCA. I am so appreciative of the faith and confidence you have in me to nominate me for this position. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our membership and safeguard our collective history.

Warmest regards,

Amberley Tanner