TACRAO Standing Committee Report
Honorary Membership and Recognition Awards
2025-2026

Committee Members:
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Please accept this report on behalf of the Honorary Membership and Recognition Awards Standing committee.

The committee was tasked this year with considering five honorary membership nominations that rolled over from 2025. Those nominations were considered alongside those received this year, in 2026, all of which are reflected in this report.

An initial call for nominations was sent to the TACRAO membership by email in April 2026, and another call was sent out in August 2026. Nominees were reviewed for eligibility based on the TACRAO points system that awards points for organization participation such as committee membership, TACRAO executive officer positions, and presenting at the TACRAO conference.

TACRAO Honorary Membership:

Based upon confirmed eligibility and subsequent correspondence with the Executive Committee, the committee confirms the following are recognized as TACRAO's newest Honorary Members, with the first three expected to be in attendance at our annual conference in Houston:

Becki Griffith, Tarrant County College

Joe Papari, Southern Methodist University

LeRoy Rooker, The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

Melissa Hyatt, Texas State University

John Spencer, Tarrant County College

Each nominee for Honorary Membership meets the required point requirements based on system data and committee review, and represents dedicated service to TACRAO and higher education in their various fields.

The Honorary Membership list was submitted to TACRAO President, Lori Zerr, for presentation to the TACRAO Executive Committee, and the chair was notified that TEC accepted the nominations associated with the members identified above. Committee Chair, Sofía Almeda, reached out to each Honorary Member nominee regarding the presentation of these awards.

TACRAO Certificates of Commendation Upon Retirement:

No certificates of commendation were recommended this year.

We enthusiastically applaud Jodie Rexroat, TACRAO VP for Technology, Tiffany Lipscomb, TACRAO Secretary, and Jennifer Beal, TACRAO's prior secretary, for assisting with the call for nominations as well as maintaining and providing the points database to the committee.

The TACRAO Honorary Membership and Awards Standing Committee offers congratulations to the 2026 TACRAO Honorary Membership Recipients.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Sofía Almeda, Chair
TACRAO Honorary Membership Nominations and Awards Committee