



Application for Appointment as TRA Active Member On TRA Board of Trustees

Deadline for application: 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 16, 2022
Appointment ends: June 30, 2027

Name David Rondestvedt		TRA Number [REDACTED]
Home Address [REDACTED]		Phone Number
City State Zip [REDACTED]		Cell Phone [REDACTED]
Date 11-25-2022	Email Address [REDACTED]	

Board members are fiduciaries pursuant to Minnesota law and are also subject to state economic interest disclosures. As fiduciaries, board members owe duties to TRA participants and beneficiaries, Minnesota taxpayers, and the State of Minnesota. Therefore, they must act solely in those groups' best interests in exclusion of all other interests, including personal interests, and must impartially manage the plan for the exclusive purpose of providing authorized benefits and paying plan expenses.

Biographical Sketch (resume)
<p>Education (most recent first) (ex: University of Minnesota, M.A., Mathematics) University of Minnesota B.A. Communications 1985 East Carolina University K-12 Mild Moderate Special Education 1993 St. Mary's University M.A. Education 2007</p>
<p>Professional affiliations (ex: Education Minnesota NextGen committee, 2014) RFT Secondary Vice- President 2012-Present</p>
<p>Teaching experience (most recent first) (ex: Anoka-Hennepin district, 1990-present)</p> <p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education Teacher for 35 years • Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools 1987-1994 • Davie County Schools 1994-1998 • Robbinsdale Area Schools 1999-Present (Special Education)

Statement of Interest (attach additional sheets if needed)

Why do you want to serve on the TRA Board of Trustees?

Why and what I can do as a member of the TRA Pension board:

- There has been a lot of talk about just getting our pension to be average. I refuse to accept average because none of us were hired to just be an “average” teacher. We can and must do better for all members while accepting that we also have a fiduciary responsibility.
- If we expect to hire the best and brightest teachers and retain them for the long haul, average is not acceptable. Again, I will fight to make sure that the board is also forward thinking to ensure Minnesota keeps and maintains a strong public school system that is attractive to younger teachers and those thinking about teaching as a profession.
- My parents had 26 wonderful years of retirement that were above average! I want the same for all of us!
- I also understand that the solution is going to need to be a multilevel system that will allow us to get back on track.

I state that the information provided in this resume is true. I understand that my resume and questionnaire will be used in the election publication. I also understand that if elected, I am required to file a statement of economic interest disclosing certain financial relationships and sources of income with the MN Campaign Finance Board.

The TRA Board meets around eight times a year to oversee the administration of the pension fund. Board meetings are open to the public and subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law. Some of the major board responsibilities include: establish rules, policies and procedures for administering the plan; approve an annual budget; retain an actuary to assess the financial status of the plan; determine member appeals; and appoint the Executive Director. The TRA Board has no investment responsibility. TRA assets are managed by the State Board of Investment. Board members do not receive a salary; however, they may be eligible for travel expense reimbursement and per diem according to State guidelines.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR APPLICATION

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE: The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act requires that you be informed of the purposes and intended use(s) of the information you are providing on this application. The application information you provide is public data. The requested information is needed to identify you and assist TRA staff in determining your eligibility for a position on the TRA Board of Trustees. You are not legally required to provide any information, but refusal to supply the requested information may affect TRA staff’s ability to evaluate your application. If TRA staff determine that you meet the statutory eligibility requirements to be on the election ballot, any and all information you provide on your application or as an attachment, excluding your full residential address, telephone number, and email address, will be shared with: (a) the outside vendor with whom TRA contracts to publish the ballots, as well as (b) on TRA’s public website summarizing the candidates for each vacancy, and (c) the election ballots, which will be sent to all active or retired TRA members. All information you provide on your application must be provided in response to a legitimate Data Practices Act request.

Please provide photo by e-mailing school photo/head shot (jpg) to publications@minnesotatra.org.

Mail completed application to: or email your application to: TRA Board Election
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