



# ALPHA STATE TEXAS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## Report of the Board of Directors

### 2023-2024

It is a pleasure to serve the Texas State Organization as the Board of Directors for the education foundation that belongs to our TSO members. The board has been very busy during this first year of the biennium, planning contribution campaigns and fundraising events, attending RAW meetings, and processing applications for Aspiring Educator Grants and Project Stipends.

TSO members are consistently taking advantage of opportunities to contribute on a regular basis, as well as applying for and receiving the benefits of the leadership opportunities, scholarships, grants, and stipends provided through ASTEF.

#### **Highlights of 2023-2024 include:**

- ❖ Added official representatives to each Regional Area Workshops (RAW) planning committee
- ❖ Changed the name of the ASTEF Finance Committee to ASTEF Financial Affairs and Governance Committee
- ❖ Changed the Advocate for Education Award to bi-yearly (contingent on RAW continuing after 2024)
- ❖ Updated all application forms and posted on the ASTEF Website
- ❖ Posted the rubrics for Aspiring Educator Grants and Project Stipends on the ASTEF Website for transparency
- ❖ Updated the website, displaying current information as well as meters during each contribution campaign
- ❖ Created a breakout session presentation to be used at all the RAW events
- ❖ Conducted fall and winter contribution campaigns with unaudited totals of \$16,806.85
- ❖ Awarded 7 Aspiring Educator Grants totaling \$7,000
- ❖ Awarding \$26,513.10 in Project Stipends to 20 chapters or individuals at this year's RAW events
- ❖ Launched the PAD Pals (Past ASTEF Director Pals) program to connect present ASTEF directors to former directors, soliciting input, assistance, and keeping them informed

- ❖ Managed TSO Scholarship funds to award \$14,750 for 2024-25 per the TSO Scholarship Committee
- ❖ Accepted responsibility of managing the UT Scholarships (3) on recommendation from the TSO Executive Committee
- ❖ An Ad Hoc Committee began reviewing and updating the ASTEF Guidebook
- ❖ An Ad Hoc Committee was formed in early 2023 for RAW considerations; the committee is continuing its work through writing ASTEF's History and exploring the need for ASTEF Presidents' Pins
- ❖ The ASTEF Weekender is being planned for October of 2024 in Waco
- ❖ Organized a fundraising event for the RAW as the TSO Unifying Project

As we approach our 15-year Anniversary in 2025, ASTEF looks forward to new opportunities to increase support of TSO members and chapters. Hand-in-hand we lead, carrying on the mission of providing funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and provide educational excellence for Texas students.