TLA

EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE INFO

NAME: Lynda Infante Huerta
POSITION: President Elect
(Academic Libraries)



Work Experience

Faculty Librarian/Associate Professor, Austin Community College, 2016 to present
Hourly Instruction Librarian, Austin Community College, 2016-2016
Medical Library Practicum, Seton Family of Hospitals, 2015-2016

Current TLA Commitments and Positions

2027 Conference Planning Committee, Co-Chair, 2026-2027

Previous Board or Volunteer Leadership Experience

Texas Library Association, TALL Texans Co-Presenter, 2025
The Library Foundation, Board Member, 2024-present
Texas Library Association, CULD Programming Committee, Member, 2023-2026
Texas Library Association, LAUNCH Instructor, 2023-present
Texas Library Association, TALL Texans Leadership Institute, Attendee, 2022
Texas Library Association, District 3, Treasurer, 2022-2023
Texas Library Association, 2023 Conference Planning Committee, Member, 2022-2023
Austin Library Commission, Vice Chair/Chair, 2022-2029
Texas Library Association, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, 2022-2023
Texas Library Association, LAUNCH Program, Attendee, 2019
Texas Library Association, Local Arrangements Committee, 2018-2019

Statement of Concern

Navigating legislative challenges, operational shifts, member attrition, and burnout requires a unified, proactive TLA. Grounded in my governance experience across public and academic sectors, I am dedicated to defending intellectual freedom and strengthening library worker support statewide. To address these critical issues, TLA must champion accessible professional growth and inclusive engagement. I will demystify association involvement, advocate for low-barrier mentorship pathways, build cross-sector coalitions, and ensure authentic representation in leadership. By equipping members with practical guidance, policy resources, and flexible development opportunities, we can unite our public, academic, and school library communities. Together, we will build a resilient, agile TLA where every Texas library worker is supported, valued, and empowered to lead.