



BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES 2016-2017

Vice President

Tara Cox

Tara Cox is the Director of Nutrition Services at Shawnee Heights School District USD 450, and has been for 15 years.

Tara has been a proud member of SNA-KS for 23 years and has served on the SNA-KS Board as Secretary and Area Representative. Feeding children is her passion. Nothing she does in her profession is anything less.

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Josh Mathiasmeier

Josh Mathiasmeier is the Director of Nutritional Services for Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, USD 500. He has been with Kansas City for 2 years. Kansas City serves over 30,000 meals a day during the school year and over 75,000 meals during the summer. For the previous 2 years, he worked as a Registered Dietitian and Project Director at the Kansas State Department of Education on the Child Nutrition and Wellness team.

Josh has been a member of SNA for 4 years and enjoys the collaboration and professional development that his SNA membership brings.

Treasurer

Stephanie Smith

Stephanie Smith is in her 7th year with Manhattan USD 383 and currently in her 5th year as Director of Food Services. Prior to her career in school nutrition she was employed within the contract food service industry at the K-State Union. She is a graduate of Kansas State University with a BS in Dietetics and a minor in Business.

Finding a balance between work and family is important to Stephanie. She has three children ages 8, 11 and 14 so they keep her busy. Any free time is usually spent taking walks in the beautiful Flint Hills, cooking a new recipe or curling up with a good book. You will often find her cheering on her kids at their events.

Stephanie's ongoing mission is to change the perception of school food, even if it is one student or parent at a time.

Southwest Area Representative

Connie Vogts

Connie Vogts is in her 11th year as Director of Nutrition Services for Liberal Kansas School USD 480. She has been in school nutrition for over 25 years.

Connie has served on the SNA-KS Board as a Single Unit Representative, Public Communications, Public Policy and Legislation, as well as two time President, President Elect and Vice President. She has also served on SNA Resolutions/Bylaws Committee and SNA Leadership Development Committee.

Connie lives in Southwest Kansas where the Buffalo roam and not much else happens! She enjoys spending time with her family, watching her 2 granddaughters and grandson ages 16, 12 and 10, race micro sprint cars, going to Nascar Races and just relaxing when time allows. With 11 grandchildren there is always a game or race of some kind to go to, but she loves every minute of it!

North Central Area Representative

Shelly Gunderson

Shelly is the Coordinator of Child Nutrition for Geary County Schools USD 475. She has been in this position since the 2006-2007 school year, so next year will be her 10th year. She began working for the district in 1993, and was asked to be the secretary of the SNA-KS local chapter shortly after and has been officially and unofficially ever since.

Shelly has been with SNA for around 23 years. She is currently the Wellness Coach for KSDE and travels out to districts to advise them with their Wellness Programs.

Kyleen Harris

Kyleen has been working for the Abilene Public School District USD 435 as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services since 2012. She attended Kansas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health Nutrition and Dietetics.

Kyleen has been actively involved in the School Nutrition Association of Kansas for the past 3 years. She is currently the president of SNA-KS Chapter 6, and for the past 2 years she has greatly enjoyed being the North Central Area Representative. She would love to continue to be a part of the SNA-KS and serve another term as the North Central Area Representative. Kyleen is grateful for the opportunity to share her passion for Child Nutrition with others.

Southeast Area Representative

Terri Jo Markham

Terri is from Chanute Public Schools USD 413. She has been married to her husband Skip for 30 years this June. They have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls all raised in Chanute.

Terri started as a high school manager in 2001 and in 2010 she had the opportunity to apply for the Director position and was hired. She loves working with the staff and students, she said "This has given me the blessing of helping others in the district to try and reach for higher goals also."

Terri has been a member of SNA since 2013. She is also the Cook for Kids Chapter 13 president and has been for 14 years. She is thankful for all of you and for what you do for the children every day.