



TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Texas Press Association is the voice of the state's newspaper industry.

The association promotes the welfare of Texas newspapers, encourages higher standards of journalism, and plays an important role in protecting the public's right to know as an advocate of First Amendment liberties.

More than 135 years ago, 77 Texas newspaper publishers made the long journey across Texas to the fledgling town of Houston to establish a state press organization. On May 19, 1880, the association was founded, and J.W. Fishburn of the Mexia Ledger was elected the first president. Today, TPA continues to be the trusted source that Texas publishers turn to for information on editorial, advertising, postal, legal and legislative issues.

TPA is a non-profit trade association with two affiliates: Texas Press Service Inc., the for-profit advertising and sales arm of TPA; and the Texas Newspaper Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. TNF supports education and training opportunities for working journalists.

Texas Press Association is governed by a 30-member board of directors. This diverse group is composed of five elected officers, the executive director, six elected directors, eight appointed directors and 10 officers from the state's five regional press associations. With the assistance of volunteer committees, the support of its officers and directors and strong cooperation from members, TPA staff provide a comprehensive service program that fosters strong newspapers.