

ATD – a Global Reach

In 1943, a group of men representing the petroleum industry created the American Society of Training Directors (ASTD). These visionaries wanted to raise the standards and prestige of the training profession and further the education and development of those responsible for training others. This has remained ASTD's purpose for 70 years.

In 1964, the national association changed its name to the American Society for Training and Development keeping the identification as ASTD.

In 2000, recognizing that it had become an international organization, the American Society for Training and Development chose to refer to itself by just the letters ASTD to underscore that it served a global market.

After years of research, in May 2014, ASTD announced a rebranding to fully embrace its global scope, and ASTD became the Association for Talent Development (ATD).

The Tulsa Area Affiliate Chapter

In January 1949, a group of oilmen formed the Northeast Oklahoma Training Association in Tulsa. In 1950, the local association affiliated with ASTD. In 1952, the chapter renamed itself the Tulsa Chapter of ASTD.

As the local chapter grew, it changed its name to the Tulsa Green Country chapter of ASTD in 1976.

In 2004, to better define its service reach, the local chapter changed its name to the Northeast Oklahoma chapter of ASTD and the Oklahoma City chapter of ASTD became the Central Oklahoma chapter.



As part of the ATD rebranding, the Northeast Oklahoma Chapter of ASTD, listening to input from its members about the chapter's identity and difficulty of finding information via online searches, the members voted to change its name to ATD Tulsa Chapter. In 2019, the chapter celebrated its 70th anniversary!



While our chapter history is not complete, we do have chapter president information dating back to the 1980.

Partial List of Chapter Presidents

1980	Dave Foreman	2020	Lewana Harris
1981	Forrest Belcher	2021	Linda Jenkins
1982	Carol Farmer	2022	Sunilyn Hertt
1983	Annabell Wilkinson	2023	
1984	Hugh Dougherty	2024	
1985	Jennifer Augar Maw	2025	
1986	Dave Wilkinson		
1987	Karen Mertz		
1988	Jim Rhea		
1989	Barbara Henke (Bannon)		
1990	Karen Bearden		
1991	Bob Costello (deceased)		
1992	Marilyn Scott		
1993	Ray McCalment		
1994	Diana McCalment		
1995	Sharon Crochet		
1996	Patty Herriage		
1997	Anita Gordy Watkins		
1998	Sandi Eslick		
1999	Lori Gracey		
2000	Julie Via		
2001	Julie Via		
2002	Carl Potter		
2003	Clint Hoppes		
2004	Sandra Campbell (Goodwin)		
2005	Peggy Hancock		
2006	Scott McGhee		
2007	Andrew Griffiths		
2008	Mary Sirkel		
2009	Stacy Davis, CPLP (Boone)		
2010	Linda Adlof		
2011	Myra Fanning		
2012	Chris Woodard		
2013	Sam Dutro (partial term)		
2013	Chris Woodard (remaining term)		
2014	Steve Laswell		
2015	Skip Eller		
2016	Shane Norrid (partial term)		
2016	Larry Straining, CPLP (remaining term)		
2017	Lorinda Schrammel		
2018	Linda Jenkins		
2019	Walt Hansmann, CPLP, DTM		