

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.



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
1981	Forrest Belcher
1982	Carol Farmer
1983	Annabell Wilkinson
1984	Hugh Dougherty
1985	Jennifer Augar Maw
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
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2002	Carl Potter
2003	Clint Hoppes
2004	Sandra Campbell (Goodwin)
2005	Peggy Hancock
2006	Scott McGhee
2007	Andrew Griffiths
2008	Mary Sirkel
2009	Stacey 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

2020

Lewana Harris (President-Elect)