

TRA board election results announced

Incumbent active-member representative Mary Supple has won re-election to the TRA Board of Trustees, as has incumbent retiree-member representative Martha Lee Zins. Joining them as a new active-member representative is Will Baumann.

Baumann teaches math at Ridgewater College, which is part of the Minnesota State University system with campuses in Willmar and Hutchinson. Supple has been a sixth-grade math teacher at Richfield Middle School since 1988 and has served on the TRA board since 2009.

Zins was director of district media services with Hopkins School District before retiring. She has served on the TRA board since 1989 and assumed the position of board president in 2009. These board members' new four-year term begins July 1.

Voters were also asked a poll question to help TRA better understand its members. Out of 4,560 respondents, 83.4 percent of active teachers said that the TRA pension is among the motivating factors for them to continue teaching. Of 15,618 retired respondents, 70.1 percent said that their TRA pension was among the motivating factors that kept them in the classroom.

The current board certified election results April 12. The vote tally was as follows:

ACTIVE ELECTION	
Mary Supple	3,014
Will Baumann	2,875
Adam Tillotson	1,165
Shannon Edberg	977
Barbara A. Beltrand	767
Write-ins	31
Total votes	8,829

RETIRED ELECTION	
Martha Lee (Marti) Zins	11,743
Karen U. Kilberg	2,917
Peter A. Grant	2,533
Write-ins	20
Total votes	17,213