



Dallas Region Management Association Social Security Administration 2018 - 2019 President's Annual Report

Executive Council:

President: Danny C. Massey

Vice President: James Sandoval

Secretary: Michelle Ponce

Treasurer: Margie Reyes

Vice President at Large: David Torres

Delegate at Large: James Matt Tollett

Executive Officer: Joe Deaton

Area Vice Presidents:

Area 1: Capucine Evans Gilliard

Area 2: Zipporah Westbrook

Area 3: Tanya Campbell

Area 4: Avis Smothers

Area 5: Karla Scott

Area 6: Larry Saenz

TSC: Christina Montoya

NCSSMA TSC Rep: Valerie Fabre-Williams

As I come to the close of my first, and final term as DRMA President, I can truly say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to have served in this capacity. The Dallas Region Management Association, along with the region's Executive Leadership exemplify the ultimate partnership when considering leadership commitment in this organization. I only hope through my humble efforts that I have given as much as I have gained in experience and opportunities throughout my time as President.

The second year of my term began at the conclusion of last year's NCSSMA annual meeting, which was held Atlantic City, NJ during the last week in September 2018. During this meeting, DRMA leadership was excited to celebrate with Michael Ferguson (Former Area I Vice President) on his second consecutive selection as the Jim Burkert Membership Development Award recipient. Additionally, we witnessed the selection of three members from DRMA's membership to NCSSMA's Executive Committee: Joe Deaton (Executive Officer), Marjorie "Marge" Cooke (Secretary), and Valerie Fabre-Williams (NCSSMA TSC Rep). We are certainly proud of them and celebrate their accomplishments and service to NCSSMA and DRMA over the past year.

In March 2019, DRMA held Vice President Elections for Areas II, IV, VI, and the TSC. This year's elections resulted with some new faces on DRMA's EC. Those new members are Zipporah "Zippy" Westbrook (Area II Vice President) and Larry Saenz (Area VI Vice President). As Michael Ferguson moved on to a permanent Regional Office position, and Marge Cooke assumed her position on the NCSSMA EC, DRMA also held special elections to fill their vacated positions. Capucine Evans-Gillard won and became the new Area I Vice President and James Sandoval won and became the new Executive Vice President. Avis Smothers (Area IV Vice President) and Christina Montoya (TSC Vice President) were incumbents who won their respective elections. I am very thankful to all who participated in our elections this year, both as candidates

and committee members. This level of involvement and commitment helps to epitomize what we mean when we say...#DRMA STRONG!

In March 2019, I had the opportunity to attend the NCSSMA/DCO meeting, held in Baltimore, MD. During these meetings, the NCSSMA EC was able to exchange valuable information with DCO executives from various components. I also was fortunate enough to attend the second NCSSMA/DCO meeting in July 2019 which was similarly successful. I am very appreciative of the opportunity to have attended these meetings over the past couple of years. In doing so, I have gained so much valuable insight and expanded perspective of the agency. I sincerely value the relationship between NCSSMA and DCO leadership and certainly do not take it for granted.

In April 2019, DRMA held its Annual Conference in Dallas, TX. The theme for our meeting was, **"The Connected Leader"**. The DRMA Annual Conference has become a hallmark event for DRMA members, and Dallas Regional Executives alike. Over the past six years, members that could attend, have gathered in the Dallas Metroplex to attend a powerful meeting, which ends up reverberating throughout the Region before it's all said and done. Our meetings are engaging and informational, leaving members with a sense of urgency and partnership by its end. The networking opportunities are almost endless, which include Dallas' Regional and Deputy Regional Commissioner, along with other regional executives from various components. Our regional executives engage and participate with our membership throughout the meeting. Members in attendance capitalize on the opportunity to meet with regional executives both individually and collectively. Based on feedback from members who attend, this is one of the biggest highlights of their trip to Dallas. We really appreciate the leadership and support of Dallas' Regional Executive Leadership Team, led by Sheila Everett.

In July 2019, DRMA held its "High-Five" Elections, which comprise of the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President at Large positions. As a result of this year's election the following members will assume (or resume) positions on the DRMA EC in the following roles:

- **President – James Sandoval**
- **Executive Vice President – James "Matt" Tollett**
- **Treasurer – Margie Reyes**
- **Secretary – Michelle Ponce**
- **Vice President at Large – Gabriel "Gabe" Guzman**

I am so extremely proud of our new leadership and look forward to seeing them thrive as they move DRMA into the future. I plan to continue to work with the DRMA EC leadership as the Immediate Past President, providing support and guidance where needed.

In closing, I want to thank the entire Executive Council, DRMA membership, and our Regional Executive Leadership Team for all of their leadership, efforts, and support over the last two years. We could not have made this level of progress without everyone's involvement and contributions. Although I am transitioning from this role to another, I know that I leave the association in great hands and look forward to seeing us continue to propel forward with the same zeal...**#DRMA STRONG!**

Respectfully,

Danny C. Massey
DRMA President