My name is Lockwood ("Woody") Cox. After teaching HS and Dual-enrolled Biology for 31yrs at Little Cypress Mauriceville HS in Orange (Tx), I took a Biology position at Barbers Hill HS in Mt. Belvieu(Tx). Like most of the TAS membership, I am a proactive educator and lifelong learner. My first experience with TAS was as a graduate presenter at the 2005 UTEP Annual Meeting in Edinburg. I had the honor of traveling with the accomplished Lamar University Biology Dept.; each was an advocate for continuing education and research. Their infectious passion for science education made a lasting impression on my own science journey and continues in my classroom today. As an Academic Director it is my desire to see the TAS membership grow and to promote increased participation at our annual meetings. Moreover, it's my hope to see more secondary and undergraduate science students add to the TAS's body of knowledge.