

Duncan L. Shackelford
Candidate for Communication Director
RPEA

I have been a member of the TRS retirement system since becoming a certificated teacher in Special Education for our state in 1985. Upon retirement in 2014, I have been helping as a certified substitute in autistic and self-contained classrooms. Besides my teaching duties, I was a head football, wrestling and track & field coach in the Anchorage School District and collegiate levels, for 36 years.

I have been the Communications Director for our organization since being appointed in June of last year. In that time, I have been involved collaboratively with many members in developing our organization's quarterly newsletter, one of the primary objectives of the communication director's position.

As an educator and coach, I believe that proper communication allows the organization to realize its full potential to the membership and team. Currently, as the only retired teacher on the board, I feel it's my duty to provide our membership with continual, useful, educationally pertinent information with the ongoing issues that concern our association and membership. Also, to help continue positive conversation within our newsletter to recruit new and existing membership to strengthen our over 6,000 strong, currently.

Qualifications

- **Certified Teacher- 32 years.** Educator for at needs/high risk students at the high school level. Population included autistic, behavior risk, ADHD and multiple high-risk needs. Taught at Wasilla, Palmer, Chugiak, Dimond and East High Schools.
- **BA in Special Education with a minor in Economics and Professional Subjects** Central Washington University, 1985.
- **Master Degree in Athletic Administration**, University of New Mexico, 1995.
- **Adjunct Professor, St. Mary of the Plains College**, 1989-1990. School of Education.
- **Head Football Coach**, A.J. Dimond High School, 1994-2003. Responsible for program direction and community affairs.
- **Head Football Coach**, Chugiak High School, 2004-2014. Responsible for program direction and community affairs.
- **Head Track and Field Coach**, East Anchorage High School, 2015-2019. Responsible for program direction and community affairs.
- **Head Wrestling Coach**, St. Mary of the Plains College, Dodge City Kansas. 1988-1990. Responsible for program direction and community affairs.
- **President, Alaska Football Coaches Association**, 2001-2008