

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 2016
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2016-0408
316 W. 12TH STREET**

PROPOSAL

Modifications to the facades of ca. 1951 Texas State Teachers Association building and its ca. 1974 addition.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

The applicant proposes changes to the exterior of the building, primarily in the ca. 1974 six-story addition to the east side, where the glass windows and spandrels will go from their current recessed design, to a projecting full-height window system, extending beyond the limestone-framed concrete surround walls. The applicant further proposes the addition of one story to the ca. 1974 section of the building to light with the sixth floor of the west half of the building.

The four upper stories of the west half of the building (part of additions in the 1960s), will have glass panels and spandrels where there are now blank walls and small, square, concrete-framed windows. The original design of the first two stories of the building with their square, concrete-framed windows will remain in place. Finally, the louvers in the horizontal section (part of the original early 1950s construction) will be replaced with glass panels and spandrels.

RESEARCH

The Texas State Teachers Association building designed by local architects Page, Southerland, and Page, and was built in three stages: the first phase, a two-story building, with a horizontal section containing louvers in a limestone-veneer frame, was completed in 1951, additional floors were added to the west end of the building in the 1960s, and the six-story glass addition to the east was completed in 1974. Prior to meeting in this building, the TSTA had met in rooms at the Driskill Hotel in downtown Austin. Page, Southerland, and Page were the architects for all three phases of the building construction.

STAFF COMMENTS

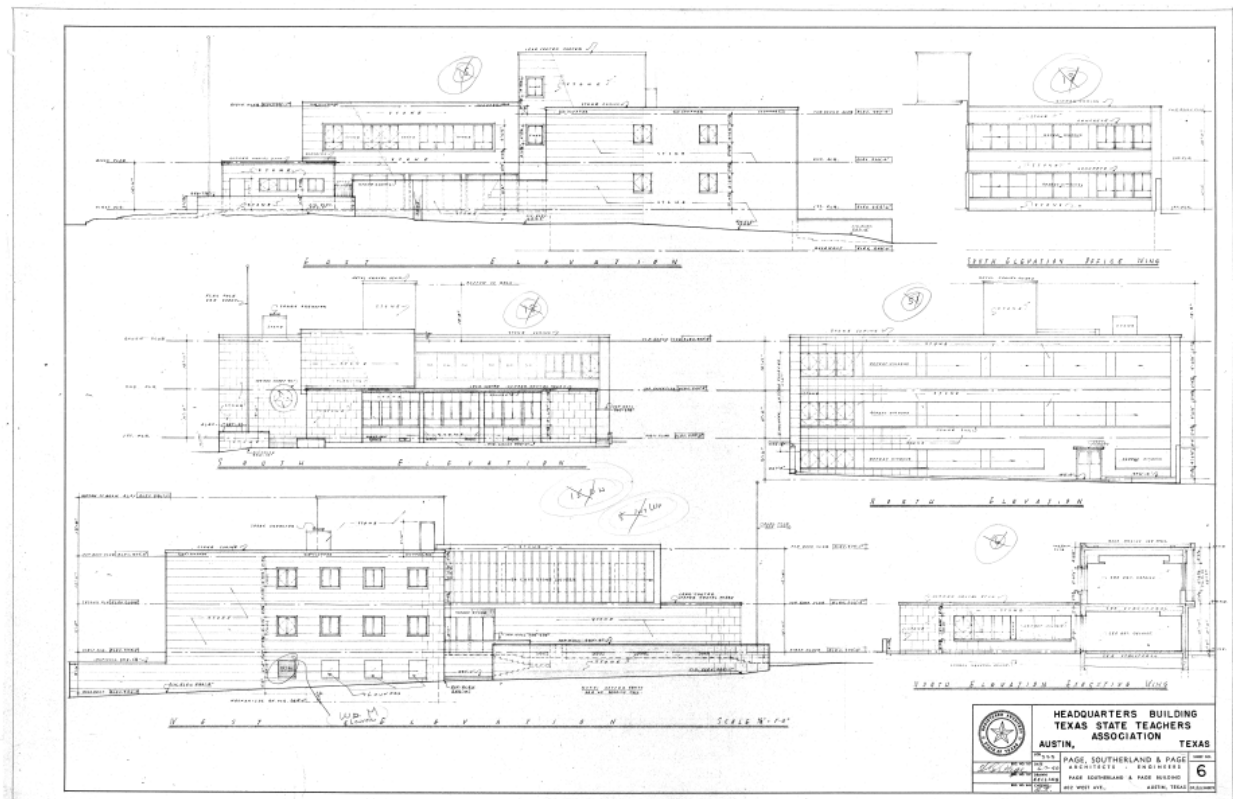
The building is not a historic landmark nor within a historic district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Release the permit as proposed upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.



Initial rendering of the building (1950) by Page, Southerland and Page, architects



Original drawings for the building (1950)



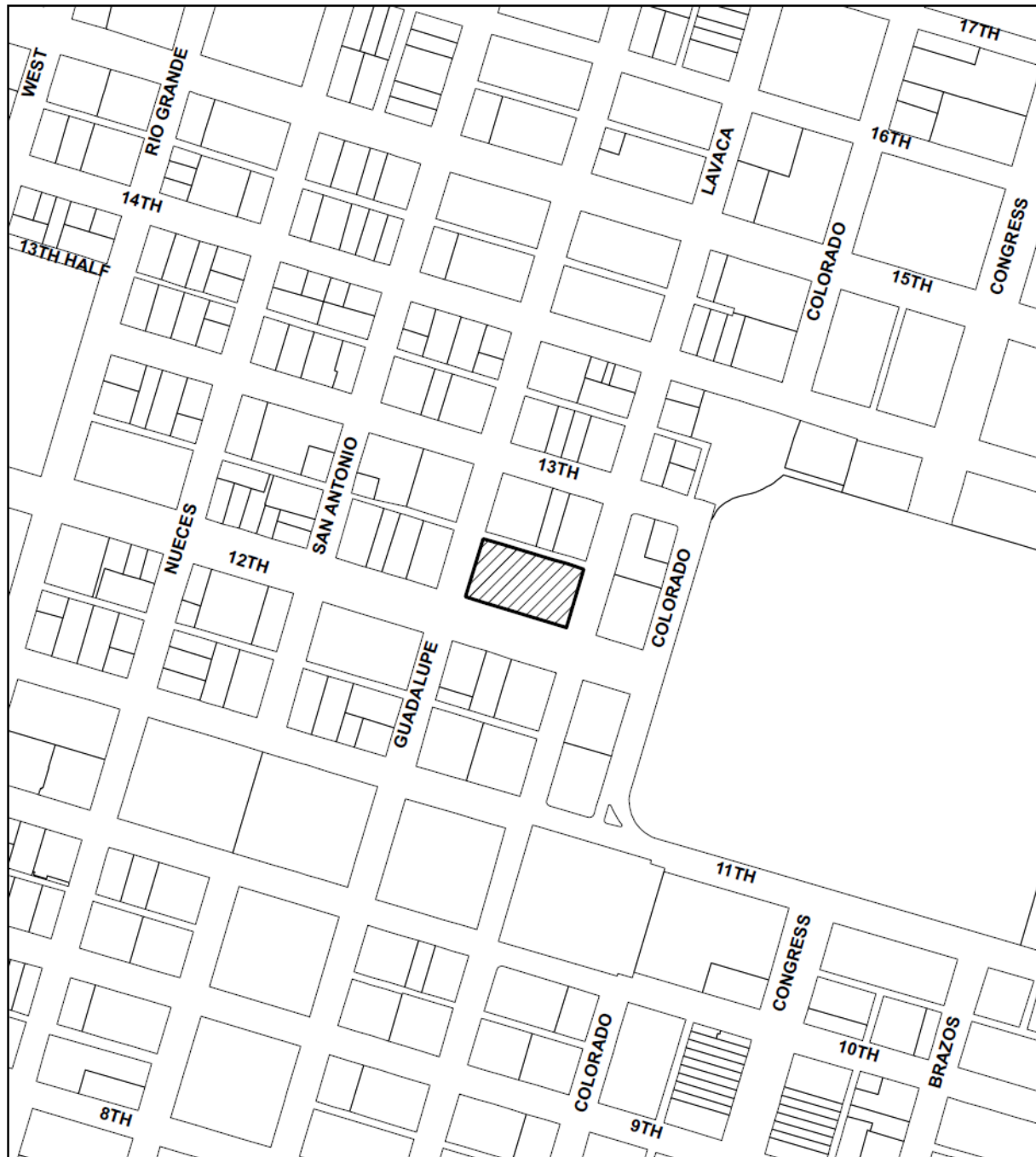





Photographs taken June, 2016



Rendering of the proposed changes to the building

LOCATION MAP



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-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 333'

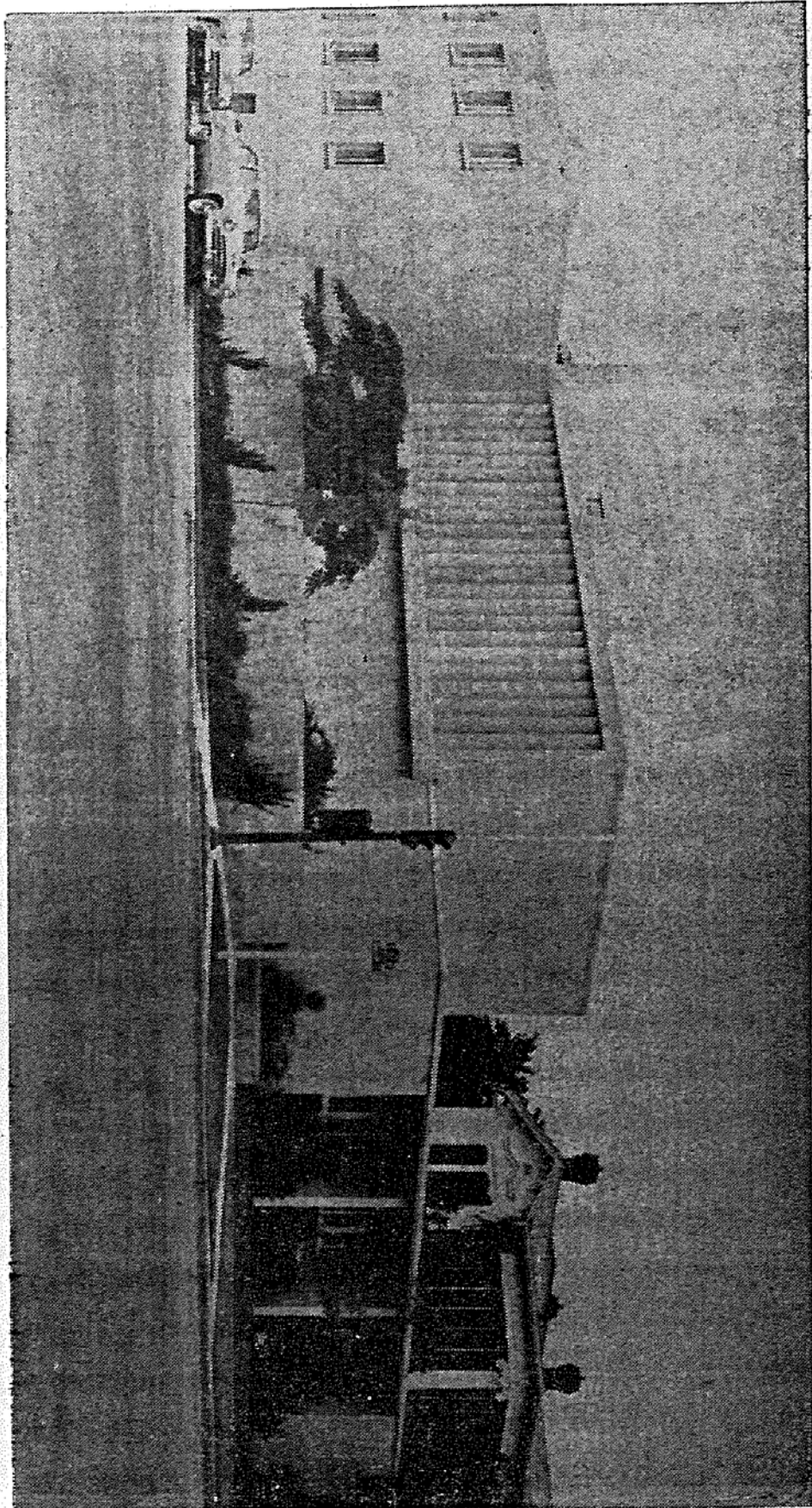
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TEXAS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BUILDING

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Jan. 14, 1973

Building Contract Awarded

Texas State Teachers Association officers Friday awarded a \$1,087,000 contract to J. C. Evans Construction Co. as general contractor on a six-story addition to the association's state headquarters in Austin.

Construction is expected to begin soon and be completed within a year.

The building is located on the northeast corner of 12th and Guadalupe. The addition will extend eastward on 12th Street. It will include a lower two-story plaza level with a large meeting room and four other floors. A foundation will permit an additional four floors later.

Architects for the TSTA Building, constructed in 1950 with two later additions, are Page, Southerland and Page.

Also awarded were a \$63,600 contract to Fox-Schmidt for plumbing; a \$139,278 contract to J. M. Boyer Inc. for heating and air conditioning; \$78,729 to AHR Electric Co. for electric work; and \$67,852 for Dover Elevator Co. for elevators.



LOOKING AT NEW TSTA PLANS — Texas State Teachers Association officials check the blueprints and model for a six-story addition to their Austin headquarters building. From left, are Executive Secretary, L. P. Sturgeon; State president-elect Johnny Clark Jr. of Baytown; State President Mrs. Patsy Duncan of Amarillo; Assistant Executive Secretary Archie A. Roberis; and Building Committee Member L. B. T. Sikes of Ozona.

TSTA Annex Costly

Texas State Teachers Association with 157,000 professional members is getting a two-thirds increase in office space at Austin for half-again as much as it paid to build the present headquarters in 1950.

The expansion catcorner from the Westgate building, home of the Headliners Club, will give TSTA full-block frontage on West 12th St. between Guadalupe and Colorado Sts.

Completion is expected in April.

Contractor is J. C. Evans Construction Co. Architects are Page-Southerland-Page. The addition will have the same Indiana limestone exterior as the outgrown office building at the northeast corner of Guadalupe at 12th.

"We had the money for the expansion before we started," said L. P. Sturgeon, executive secretary. "We built it up over 10 years in special building reserve and permanent funds."

Sturgeon said paying 50 per cent more for two-thirds the space built in 1950 "isn't really as excessive as it might sound," especially when the comparison extends over 23 years.

"We let this contract in December," he said. "If we were letting it today cost would already be another 25 per cent higher."

The six-floor building has 30,000 square feet of space. Need for it arises from growing membership and services including expanded printing and computer facilities.

Sturgeon describes TSTA as a professional organization for better education of children.

Most severe problem is finding a way to get the state government to come in and pick up more of the cost, instead of leaving the growing burden to local school district property taxes.



TEACHERS ASSOCIATION PLANNED \$1.5 MILLION ADD-ON 10 YEARS
Headliners Club views old, new offices, The Penthouse, National Western Life

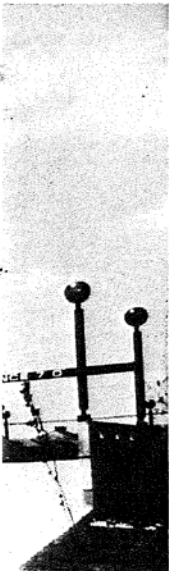
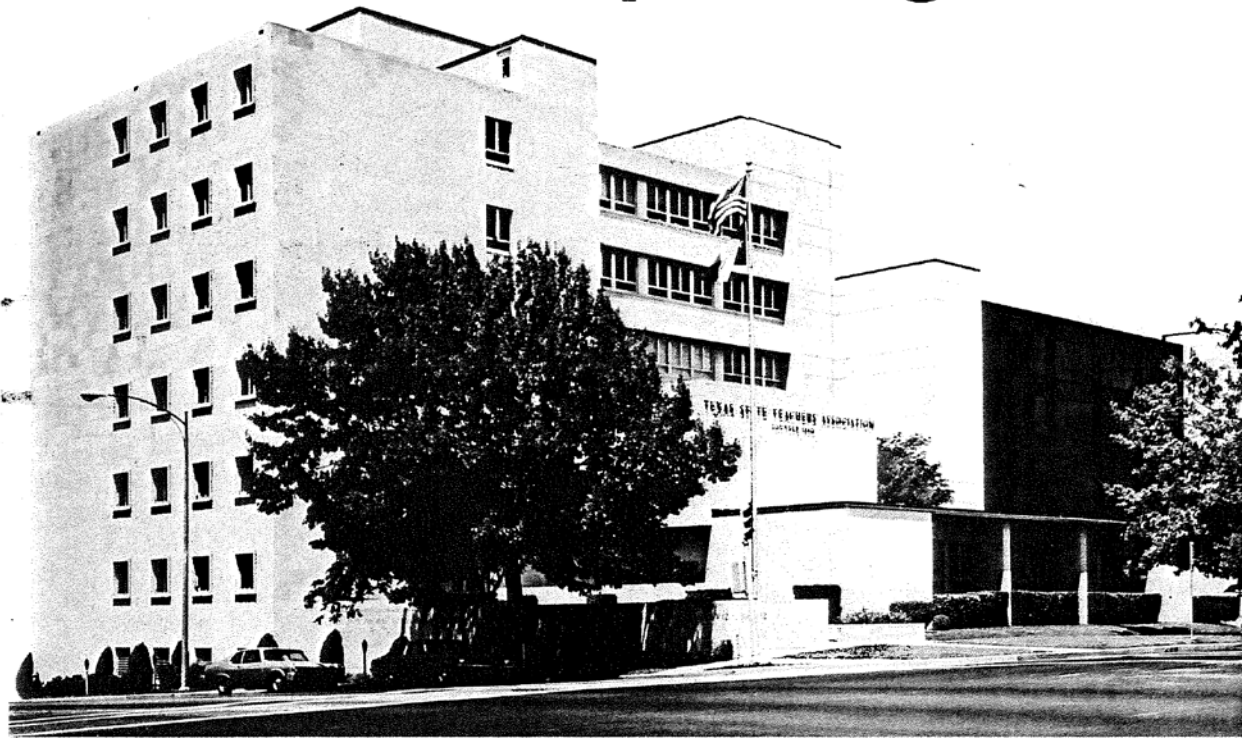
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A Look Inside TSTA's New Building

With the completion of a new 41,548 square foot addition, TSTA now has the largest headquarters building of any professional association in Texas. It is a building of which its members can be proud.

The five-floor building directly east of the existing structure was named by the Executive Committee the L. P. Sturgeon Building of TSTA, in honor of the recently retired TSTA Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Besides adding much-needed room for an expanded staff, it now will be easier for TSTA members to use the headquarters building.

There is space for a big audience at Executive Committee meetings, rooms for six committees or organizations to meet in at once, offices for TSTA department affiliates, and plenty of parking for any member who would like to drop by to get help from a staff member.

Facilities included in the building are an auditorium (named the L. P. Sturgeon Room) which seats 178 persons, 26 office suites, a large library, guest sitting rooms on each floor, and storage space.

TSTA's Executive Committee met in the new Sturgeon Room for the first time on June 18. The impressive auditorium is furnished with royal blue carpet, specially designed conference tables, blue swivel-base tub chairs for Committee members, and gold armchairs for guests.

The ceiling is a striking reversed barrel arch made from white oak. Sound speakers and lighting are arranged in the arch for the most effective use. Hidden under the arch are beams which would support ten stories if TSTA ever wants to expand upward.

In the Sturgeon Room, windows stretch from floor to ceiling, giving a view of courtyards landscaped with potted trees and bushes.

The remainder of the building is as colorful as the blue and gold auditorium. Carpeted hallways are painted in a bright yellow, and the white offices have accent walls of such colors as "Apache gold, Spanish olive, and Egyptian red."

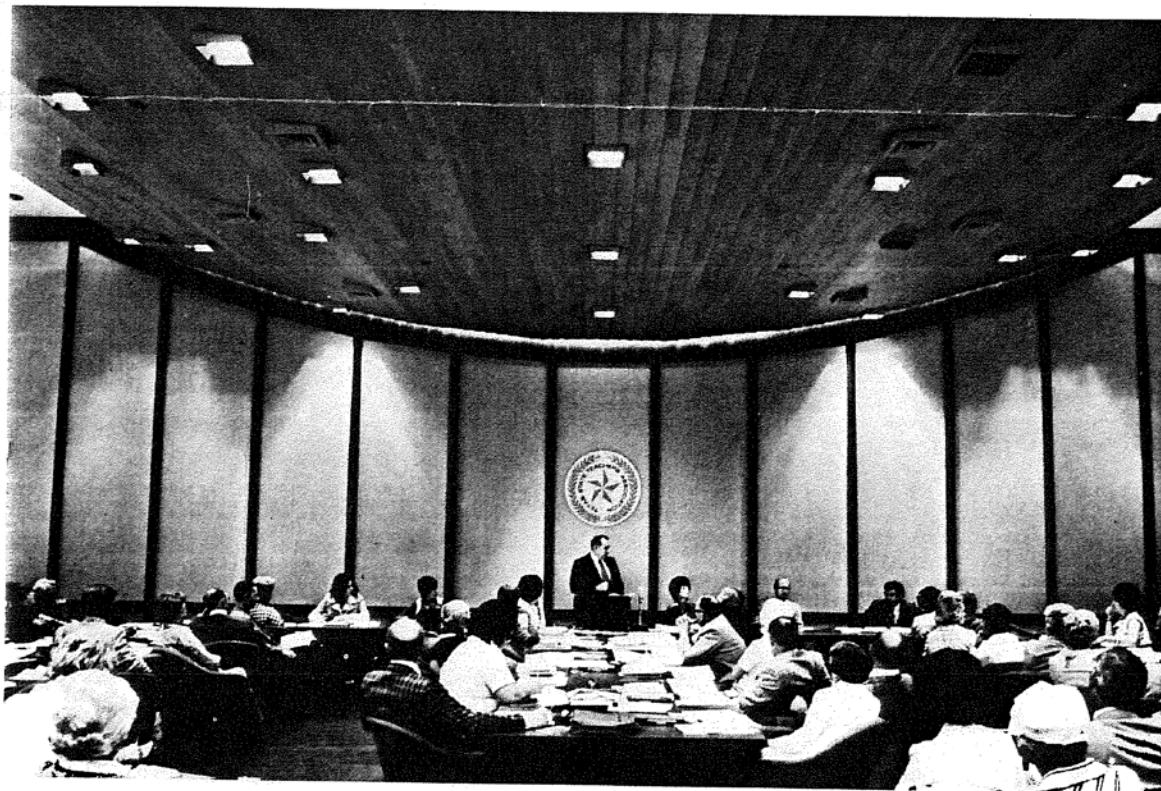
Windows stretch from floor to ceiling in each outer office, offering a view of the University of Texas to the north and the skyline of Austin to the south. At the east end of every hallway a window looks out on the Capitol building and grounds.

Louis C. Page, architect with Page Southerland Page architects, said "that because TSTA's office is located in the shadow of the state Capitol, we wanted the building to have a monumental or public character."

It is faced with Indiana limestone which matches the old building. North and south exteriors are made of bronze aluminum and glass window walls.

The double-decked parking area is rimmed by a

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warm tone concrete fence. Atop the fence are bronze acrylic light globes, which give a modern look to the parking area.

Including a lot on Guadalupe Street, spaces north of the building, and the new parking garage, TSTA now has room for 150 cars to park at the Austin headquarters.

The area surrounding the plaza-level parking is landscaped with 13 varieties of trees and bushes, ranging from red crepe myrtle and cherry laurel trees to English ivy and purple leaf honeysuckle.

Many TSTA offices have been shuffled since the Sturgeon Building was opened. Now housed in the new addition are the divisions of Field Operations, Special Services, Instructional Services, and parts of the Publications and Professional Relations Divisions.

On the new fourth floor is the Tennyson Memorial Library. It now has ample space for books, periodicals, and loan packets, as well as space for persons doing research.

Three department affiliates have moved into the addition—Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, and Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association—while the Vocational Homemaking Teachers Association of Texas has offices on the second floor of the original building.

Contracts for the new building were signed in December 1972, and work started in January 1973. Fourteen days were lost due to bad weather, but it was substantially completed on April 1, 1974. Finishing touches were added at the first of July, when some doors which had been delayed were placed on the fourth floor.

The construction of the building addition was authorized by the TSTA House of Delegates at its March 18, 1972 meeting in San Antonio.

As instructed by the delegates, the \$1.5 million building largely was paid for by money from the TSTA Permanent Fund—a fund made up of life membership fees and 15 cents from each professional member's dues yearly. An additional \$185,000 was spent from the Available Fund over the past few years.

Since TSTA members have bought the new building, they are encouraged to stop by and see it when they are in Austin. Guided tours can be arranged in advance or at a moment's notice.

TSTA now has six meeting rooms which are available for use by TSTA committees, staff, affiliates, and education oriented groups. Rooms will accommodate groups up to 178 in number. Persons interested in reserving a room for a meeting should contact the TSTA Executive Secretary.



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