



**Lissa Smith**  
*Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano*

## NCTCOG's 2016 – 2017 Executive Board Elected at General Assembly

Plano Mayor Pro Tem **Lissa Smith** was elected President of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Executive Board at NCTCOG's 50th annual General Assembly, which was held on Friday, June 17, at the Hurst Conference Center. The Executive Board is the policy-making body of the Council of Governments which serves the 16 North Central Texas counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise. Mayor Pro Tem Smith will lead the 17 member board for the next 12 months.

Smith assumes the leadership of NCTCOG from Hunt County Judge John Horn, who was elected to the one year term in June 2015. He will continue to serve on the NCTCOG Board as Past President. North Richland Hills Councilmember, Tom Lombard, was elected Vice-President and Waxahachie Mayor, Kevin Strength, was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

President Smith was first elected to NCTCOG's Executive Board in 2012 and served as Director and Vice President before being elected President. She has made her home in Plano since 1990, where she has been a longtime community activist and Collin County civic leader. In 2009, she was elected to her first term on the Plano City Council and was re-elected in 2013. President Smith also brings 13 years of experience as District Director for former State Senator Florence Shapiro and most recently served as CEO of Meals on Wheels Collin County.

In addition to the four officers, 13 Directors were elected to the 17 member NCTCOG board including, Dallas County Judge, **Clay Jenkins**; Tarrant County Judge, **Glen Whitley**; City of Dallas Councilmember, **Lee Kleinman**; City of Fort Worth Councilmember, **Kelly Allen-Gray**; Collin County Judge, **Keith Self**; Denton County Commissioner, **Bobbie Mitchell**; City of Arlington Councilmember, **Kathryn Wilemon**; Wise County Judge, **J. D. Clark**; City of Mesquite Councilmember, **Bruce Archer**; City of Prosper Mayor, **Ray Smith**; Kaufman County Judge, **Bruce Wood**; City of Burleson Councilmember, **Dan McClendon**; and City of Denton Mayor, **Chris Watts**. The Honorable State Representative **Jeff Leach**, District 67 is the NCTCOG Ex Officio member.

### North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board, 2016 - 2017

#### Officers:

President, **Lissa Smith**  
*Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano*

Vice President, **Tom Lombard**  
*Councilmember, City of North Richland Hills*

Secretary-Treasurer, **Kevin Strength**  
*Mayor, City of Waxahachie*

Past President, **John Horn**  
*County Judge, Hunt County*

#### Directors:

**Clay Jenkins**  
*County Judge, Dallas County*

**B. Glen Whitley**  
*County Judge, Tarrant County*

**Lee Kleinman**  
*Councilmember, City of Dallas*

**Kelly Allen Gray**  
*Councilmember, City of Fort Worth*

**Keith Self**  
*County Judge, Collin County*

**Bobbie Mitchell**  
*Commissioner, Denton County*

**Kathryn Wilemon**  
*Councilmember, City of Arlington*

**Bruce Wood**  
*County Judge, Kaufman County*

**J. D. Clark**  
*County Judge, Wise County*

**Chris Watts**  
*Mayor, City of Denton*

**Bruce Archer**  
*Councilmember, City of Mesquite*

**Dan McClendon**  
*Councilmember, City of Burleson*

**Ray Smith**  
*Mayor, City of Prosper*

**Jeff Leach**  
*State Representative, Ex Officio Member*

# North Central Texas Council of Governments Bestows Leadership and Cooperation Awards at 50th Annual Meeting



**Opal Mauldin-Robertson**,  
received the Linda Keithley  
Award for Women in Public  
Management

At the 50th annual meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) on Friday, June 17, three important regional awards were presented.

**LINDA KEITHLEY AWARD FOR WOMEN IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT.** Established in 1986, this award is presented each year to an outstanding woman in public management who exemplifies the high standards represented by Linda Keithley during her seventeen years with the Council of Governments. The award is designed to recognize service as a public management professional through dedicated performance; service to the public management profession through active participation; and service to the community through civic, church, and charity activities.

**Opal Mauldin-Robertson**, City Manager for the City of Lancaster, received NCTCOG's 2016 Linda Keithley Award. Ms. Mauldin-Robertson was described as an incredible asset to the public sector, passionate and focused on making a positive impact on the citizens she serves and committed to mentoring not only within her organization, but throughout the region and beyond, helping others to see and reach for opportunities to grow, both personally and professionally.

Ms. Mauldin-Robertson was nominated by Rona Stringfellow, Assistant City Manager for the City of Lancaster.

**WILLIAM J. PITSTICK REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD.** Established in 1993 to recognize the commitment to regionalism advocated by NCTCOG's former executive director Bill Pitstick, this award honors an individual who supports strong local government as the basis for democracy, who recognizes that urban challenges and concerns often cross jurisdictional boundaries, and who promotes coordination and cooperation among citizens and local elected officials.

**Mickey Parson**, Mayor Pro Tem with the City of Granbury, received the 2016 award. Mr. Parson was described as the ideal of what it means to be a public servant, promoting regional cooperation that results in a better government to serve our citizens. Whether in his role as councilmember, Workforce Board Chair, Vice Chair of TEX-21, or his role in protecting the quality, quantity and availability of water, he has contributed to the consensus-building necessary to build collaboration among stakeholders and regional partners to bring about quality projects that enhance and serve our entire region.

Mr. Parson was nominated by Nin Hulett, Mayor for the City of Granbury.



**Mickey Parson**, received  
the William J. Pitstick  
Regional Excellence Award



**The Town of Addison and the cities of Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch received the Regional Cooperation Award.**

**REGIONAL COOPERATION AWARD.** Created in 1996, this award jointly recognizes two or more local governments for outstanding acts of cooperation. The award honors local governments that promote coordination and cooperation to solve regional problems, who do not allow jurisdictional boundaries to be barriers to solutions to those problems, and who demonstrate that joint projects often can provide better use of resources as well as high quality service.

**The Town of Addison and the cities of Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch** received this year's Regional Cooperation Award. These four jurisdictions found ways to share and combine public safety services to eliminate duplication, reduce costs and improve services for citizens. They created the North Texas Emergency Communications Center Local Government Corporation and consolidated their public safety dispatch centers. Concurrent with the dispatch project, the cities worked together to create a new shared 800 MHZ public safety radio system. This joint cooperative venture eliminated duplicative services, will result in \$12 million in savings, and allows dispatchers to send the closet police, fire or medical unit to the scene of an emergency without regard to city affiliation, thereby decreasing response time. The entities were nominated by Ashley Mitchell, Administrative Services Director with the City of Carrollton.