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Strother Teachers Elect Officers

Members of the Strother Professional Association (SPA) voted on April 13 to elect officers for the 2009-10 school year. SPA is a local, non-union professional association for certified teachers, support professionals and administrators at Strother Public Schools. The organization is a local chapter of Professional Oklahoma Educators, a statewide organization serving more than 4300 Oklahoma educators.



- Connie Wingfield (left) was elected to the office of president.
- Christy Cheatwood (not pictured) was elected to the office of vice president.
- Nicki Gray (center) was elected to the office of secretary.
- Susan Taff was elected to the office of treasurer.

Last year, Strother teachers chose SPA as the official representative for Strother teachers. The group implemented the collaborative communication model in lieu of the antiquated and secretive collective bargaining methods employed by labor unions. Collaborative communication is designed to bring teachers, administrators and school board members together to discuss and address the needs of teachers, students and the school community. The model was co-written by Professional Oklahoma Educators Executive Director Ginger Tinney.

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