

Mary Poirier Gilroy, M.Ed., CALT-QI, *Immediate Past Director of MLTI-NM*

Mary Poirier Gilroy met her first truly dyslexic student while a substitute teacher at Wingate High School (BIA) outside Gallup, New Mexico. Concerned about a 9th grader who read at the 2nd grade level despite being very bright, she embarked on her search for answers and training. While she received her Master's in Learning Disabilities at the University of Arizona, it wasn't until she met Sandra Dillon in 1989 that she found a training that was effective with all ages and that brought students to college level reading skills. Mary became a CALT in 1992, and a Qualified Instructor in 1998. She taught students with dyslexia for over 25 years for Taos Municipal Schools (TMS) primarily working with small groups at the secondary level. Since retiring from TMS in 2011, she has continued to work with private students, including adults, as well as train dyslexia therapists and Qualified Instructors for MLTI-NM.



Mary served as the Director of MLTI-NM from 2019 through December 2025.

Mary was an active board member of the Southwest Branch of IDA from 1993-2020, serving in all capacities except for Treasurer. She received the Distinguished Service Award from SWIDA in 2005, the Jane Blumenfeld Award from SWIDA in 2023, and the Etoile DuBard Award from the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC) in 2025. She is ending her two-term membership on the ALTA National Board in May 2026 but looks forward to continuing to serve on ALTA's Instructor Standards Committee.

In her free time, Mary enjoys reading, escaping into the wild with her camera and her husband, Jim, and being with her three adult children and their families.