

Good morning everyone,

I just want to give everyone some updates on everything that has been going on.

First and foremost, convention has officially been moved to the Omni San Antonio in the Colonnade. This is the same venue as last year. TSCA has created a block of rooms. Understand that we will need to be flexible in that there are other events happening during that time in the hotel. Convention dates are the same.

Additionally, our hearts are with our friends in Houston and other areas of the Gulf Coast as they continue to deal with the after effects of Hurricane Harvey. I know some of us including myself have also been watching Hurricane Irma intently as lots of us have family in Florida. We have begun the process of collecting suits and other tournament attire for victims that have lost everything in the storm. We want to get them competing again and back to a sense of normalcy as soon as possible. Please feel free to bring attire for tournaments to convention and we will get it distributed. Houston coaches if you know of anyone that needs this please take what is needed from convention. If there is a substantial amount of tournament attire left, I am going to start an initiative (still working out the details for storage and such) where if we know of any socioeconomic students in need of dress clothes, we will get attire to them from our donation closet. Tournament attire should never be a barrier to a student's participation in this great activity.

The EC has also met and we have voted on a couple of schedule changes. Please bear in mind that we had to make some difficult solution possibilities. While there are solutions for what to do in the event of one natural disaster, there is no precedent for solutions when a Hurricane or other event wipes three competitive weekends off of the calendar for a particular area. We want these programs to enjoy the fruits of fundraising opportunities and make sure they are available. With that said, we voted to allow Lake Travis to host a swing with Anderson on Sept 22-23. We also voted to allow Elkins and Dulles to host a swing this weekend. There will be other changes that mirror these that we will vote on at convention. I hope that the vote is to allow these schools to host swings on the dates that they desire. (It should just be one other).

The 14 day deadline for amendments is Sept 21. These need to be emailed to Victoria Beard at [victoria.beard@springbranchisd.com](mailto:victoria.beard@springbranchisd.com)

If you would like to run for an office please send me names as soon as possible. President, Treasurer, Region 2 Rep, and Region 4 Rep are up for election.

Finally, I know that some of you will get this email and don't belong on the list and some might need this email that are on the list. We are working on that and will have a more complete accurate list after convention.

Thanks and if there is anything you suggest to make things better please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
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TFA President