



TEXAS FORENSIC ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER, 2003

WELCOME (BACK)

Welcome to the 2002-03 competitive season and school year. For those of you returning from years past, we hope your summer was a relaxing and fun one. For those of you joining us for the first time, welcome to the activity. Please read this newsletter carefully as a great deal of the information will be of great assistance to you.

For those of you who received the Spring Newsletter, some of the next information may be repetitive. However, if you are like me, you will have forgotten where you put some of those items, and as a result, need to find them in multiple places. Hopefully, you will be able to use most of the information that we discuss with you.

T(X)FA WEBSITE

Our webmaster has been working hard to make sure the site is a viable one. Our goal within the next few weeks is to post a copy of this newsletter. The updated tournament calendar has already been posted. You will also be able to find updated officer contact information as well.

We hope to have some very useful items added to the site. Some have already been added such as all of the Congress legislation and forms that you need for the year. In addition, we have also posted an updated Constitution so that you can check out last year's rule changes and the rules necessary for the conducting of Student Congresses this year.

Second, we will continue to post those students who have fully qualified for the TFA State Tournament. If you are like me, you sometimes lose track of how many points some of your students may have earned. You also may be

concerned about whether points have been reported or names have been spelled correctly. We are hoping that posting fully qualified students on the website will alleviate some of those problems.

The address for the website is:

<http://www.txfa.org>

We will try to make the website a very useful tool for you this year. When new materials are posted on the website, the Secretary often contacts the region representatives. Please allow a few days for those materials to appear. If you have concerns, suggestions, or ideas about how to make the website a more viable tool for our organization, please don't hesitate to contact either your Region Representative or Dave Huston.

DEADLINES, DEADLINES

As promised, we are going to publish deadlines in multiple places this year. The posted calendar on the website includes those deadlines. We will place reminders on the website and in future copies of this newsletter.

Not meeting deadlines creates problems for both you and us. For you, it may mean that deserving students may not be able to compete in the state tournament or receive needed scholarships. For us, we become frustrated and disappointed because deserving students fail to receive the recognition that they deserve. Please adhere to the following deadlines:

October 31—Membership dues sent to Bill Schuetz, Treasurer

December 15—Congress legislation submitted to Dixie Waldo, Southlake Carroll High School

December 15—Judging information forms for coaches for the state tournament sent to Rosemary Kinkaid

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

You will find the final tournament calendar for 2003-04 with this newsletter. Please read it carefully as there are some changes from the calendar that was published in the spring. If there was a tournament you were planning to attend no longer on the calendar, then that tournament is no longer going to be held. There have been some additions as well.

Is there still time for you to apply to host a IQT? Technically, no. The deadline for tournament submission was this past spring. The Executive Committee has communicated in August to finalize the calendar. Unless there were extenuating circumstances (coach turnover; new construction in the building, etc.) the Committee has decided not to accept tournament requests. The only way that decision could be reversed is by a vote of the members attending the TFA Convention in October.

The calendar has been posted on the website. Please refer to it at that site as well.

STATE TOURNAMENT SITE AND DATE

We are pleased to announce that this year's tournament will be held at **Bryan High School** in Bryan, Texas. The dates are **March 46, 2004**. The Chambers of Commerce in the Bryan-College Station have been instrumental in helping with this event. Continue to look for information in editions of the newsletter for information about the tournament and its corresponding events.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL CHANGES

We are making the call for proposed constitutional, by-law, and tournament protocol changes. Constitutional rules do state that

proposals need to be made to the President thirty days prior to the convention for a simple majority vote to make the change. Changes proposed at the convention can still be proposed, but the requirement for passage is more stringent.

If you are not attending the convention, but would like to still have input on these issues, please feel free to share them with your Region Representatives and other coaches who are attending the convention. The constitution and other documents ought to reflect the majority of the feelings of the coaches in this organization. Become one of the "they's" who always makes decisions. What is meant by that? How many times have you heard someone say, "What were 'they' thinking when they did that?" Well, now it's your chance to join that select group of the "they's."

SPEAKING OF THE CONVENTION

All Texas Forensic Association members are cordially invited to attend the TSCA/TFA Convention to be held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi beginning on Thursday, October 9 and continuing until Saturday, October 11. TFA activities will actually kick-off with Wednesday night activities on October 8. Regional meetings will take place at approximately 8:30 p.m. Executive committee members will then meet around 9:30 p.m.

TFA will sponsor workshops on Lincoln Douglas debate, CX debate, and various individual events through out the convention. You will find a listing of TFA sponsored workshops later in this newsletter. The sessions will be designed for both experienced and new coaches. **New coaches are cordially invited to attend the new teachers' luncheon that will be co-sponsored by the TFA.** TFA representatives will be in attendance to answer questions at the luncheon.

If you are interested in attending, you need to do two things. First, many of you received membership information within the past few weeks from Bill Schuetz, our Treasurer. Please complete and mail that as soon as possible. Please realize that if you pay the full fees, that your convention fees are included in the membership. Other great benefits are included which we will discuss later.

Second, you need to call the Omni Bayfront as soon as possible to reserve your room(s) for the convention. The telephone number for the reservation is 361-887-1600. Room rates are \$95 plus a 15% tax. You may put 1-4 people in a room.

TFA MEMBERSHIP

Bill Schuetz, TFA Treasurer, has sent membership forms to all schools and persons who have been members in the past year. Please return those as soon as possible. The dues amounts have increased from last year. If you are planning on attending the TSCA/TFA Convention, then your dues will be \$125.00. If you are not planning on attending, your dues will be \$95.00. Region representatives do have a set of membership packets for new schools and/or coaches who may not have received their packet in the mail.

Please understand that you or your school must have membership in the TFA for your students to be eligible to participate in the state tournament. Please do not place us in the difficult position of not letting your students participate because you have failed to take care of membership needs. The deadline for membership application is **October 31**.

Why become a member? The TFA is more than a group of coaches hoping to participate in a state tournament. The TFA offers a system in which qualifying tournaments will be run in a consistent and equitable fashion. It offers support to coaches wishing to become better at their craft. The TFA also offers scholarships to deserving seniors nominated by their coaches. In short, we are a professional organization supporting forensics activities.

As a member of the TSCA, by paying their TFA dues, members also become members of the National Federation of Speech Coaches Association. Are you aware that the NFSCA carries a group liability policy that covers you whenever you are transporting students to and from speech and debate tournaments? The insurance is enough to make membership beneficial. TFA membership is the professional thing for you to consider. Please join.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT IN TFA ACTIVITIES

Interested in running for TFA office? If you are, please contact the people listed below. They will be submitting names for TFA offices for the 2004-05 school year. If interested, contact them or your Region Representative.

Chair:	Mariann Fedrizzi, Cypress-Creek
Region I	Melissa Denny, Lubbock HS
Region II	Ann Turpin, R.L. Turner
Region III	Robert Gomez, Jr., PSJA Memorial
Region IV	Gay Hollis, James E. Taylor HS
Region V	Betsy Geery, Ysleta ISD Fine Arts

If you are interested in helping in some way at the TFA state tournament as one of the tournament officials, please contact either these persons or your Region Representative.

A list of candidates will be posted to the website prior to the convention.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND OFFERINGS

The following persons will serve on the scholarship committee this year:

Chair:	Anne Raines Hayden
Region I	Connie McKee, Amarillo HS
Region II	Barbara McCain, Plano East Sr.
Region III	Cary West, San Antonio Clemens
Region IV	Lisa Edwards, Deer Park HS
Region V	Javier Lopez, Del Valle HS

If you have a deserving senior, please choose to nominate them for the scholarship opportunities. Forms are distributed at each IQT.

Past recipients should contact Bill Schuetz, Treasurer, with their contact information so that the awarded monies may be distributed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to save costs and to make greater use of technology, we will attempt at some point in time to not send hard copies of the newsletters to our members.

In the future, the majority of our members will receive their newsletter by e-mail attachment from their Region Representatives. We used that method this past spring and it seemed to work pretty well.

The newsletter will also be posted on the website. It is our goal that we keep the website constantly updated and have the newest and most accurate information on the website.

If you are a coach, however, who feels uncomfortable with the timeliness or nuances of e-mail or the internet, please don't despair. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact either Dave Huston (his contact information is on the officer contact list) or your Region Representative. We will then make sure that you continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

Our goal is to be more efficient and timely with our dissemination of information. We also are becoming more cognizant of the need to preserve resources and monies for the organization. Going to a more electronic format allows us to do that.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS !!!

That's all for now. Please continue to examine the documents attached. You should find an updated TFA Executive Committee contact list. Finally, you should find the two different formats for the TFA Tournament Calendar.

If you have questions, keep in touch with your Region Representatives.

See you in October at the TSCA/TFA convention. We may see you before on at various tournaments throughout the state.

Good luck this season.

TFA SPONSORED WORKSHOPS AT THE TSCA CONVENTION

**(Thursday, October 9-Saturday,
October 11)**

Panel A—Thursday-8:45-9:55 a.m.
Student Congress Part One (Bayview)

Panel B—Thursday-1:20-2:30 p.m.
How Do You Do It? Teaching Policy Debaters
and Lincoln Douglas Debaters in the Same Class
(Laguna Madre)

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.—Nueces B TFA Business Meeting #1

Panel D—Friday-8:00-9:10 a.m.
Mock Trial: Incorporating and Implementing in
the Communication Classroom (Laguna Madre)

Panel E—Friday-10:35-11:45 a.m.
Those NFL Supplementals (Nueces B)

Panel G—Friday-2:45-3:55 p.m.
TFA State Extemp Draw: How to Keep Your
Kids Out of Trouble (Corpus Christi A)

Panel G—Friday-2:45-3:55 p.m.
Student Congress Part Two (Bayview)

Friday, 4:50-5:50 p.m.—Nueces B TFA Business Meeting #2

Panel H—Saturday-9:10-10:20 a.m.
Student Congress Part Three (Bayview)

Panel I—Saturday-10:30-11:40 a.m.
Creating the Successful Middle School Speech
Program

Saturday, 1:15 p.m.—Nueces B TFA Business Meeting #3 (as needed)

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DATE	TOURNAMENT NAME/REGION	HOST(S)
AUGUST 16	TFA Executive Council Meeting, Houston, TX	
22-23	Plano Senior High School-2 Foster High School-4	Karen Wilbanks & Cheryl Potts Larry Balfe
29-30	Labor Day Weekend	
SEPTEMBER 5-6	Creekview High School-2 Southlake Carroll High School-2 Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin-3 Deer Park High School-4 Cypress-Creek High School-4	Glenda Ferguson Dixie Waldo & Paula Rodriguez Stacy Thomas Lisa Edwards Mariann Fecrizzi & Jill Rubeck
12-13	Grapevine High School-2 Mansfield High School-2 Memorial High School-3 A & M Consolidated-4 Canutillo High School-5	Jane Boyd & Ann Accas-Hahn Chris Knight Jonathan Williams Aimiee Parsons Richard Jeffrey
19-20	Lubbock Coronado High School-1 Jasper/Shepton High School-2 Westlake High School-3 Carroll HS, Corpus Christi-3 Elkins High School-4 Kingwood High School-4	Melissa Locke Nancy Lewis & Christine Collier Michael Harlan Sandra Woolery Bonnie Bonnette & Jeremy Hill Rhonda Bell & Adam Woodward
26-27	Newman Smith High School-2 Plano East Senior High School-2 Sandra Day O'Connor High School-3 Bishop High School-3 James E. Taylor High School-4 Magnolia High School-4 Eastwood High School-5	Robert Martin, Chris Agee, & Stephanie Duckham Barbara McCain & Alicia Elliot Sheryl Stoeck & Anne Smith Joe D. Trevino, Jr. Gay Hollis Felina Hart & Kathrina Martine Joe Medina
OCTOBER 3-4	R.L. Turner High School-2 PSJA Memorial High School-3 Smithson Valley-3 Clear Lake High School-4 Cypress-Fair High School-4 (The Cedar Hill tournament in Region 2 has been cancelled for this year)	Ann Turpin Roberto Gomez, Jr.; Rachel Gomez, Terina Collins Gloria Walfshal & Gabe Landers Brandi Milson Grey Mayo & Kari Mosca
9-11	TSCA/TFA State Convention, Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX	

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OCTOBER 17-18	St. Mark's School of Texas/Highland Park-2 James Nikki Rowe High School-3 Bryan High School-4 University of Houston-4 Del Valle High School-5 Odessa High School-5	Tim Mahoney, David Huston, & J.E. Masters Ronnie Gilchrist Cambrey Knight & J.W. Lee Dr. Michael Fain Javier Lopez Donna Swinney
24-25	Caprock High School-1 Garland High School-2 Gregory-Portland High School-3 Ronald Reagan High School-3 Bellaire High School-4 Ball High School-4 Cooper High School-5	Carol Hildenbrand Diane Forbes & Valerie Johnson Charlotte Brown & W.E. Schuetz Heather Hays & Gloria Robinson Jay Stubbs & Russell Rach Wayne Paulus Carolyn Thomas
OCT.-NOV. 31-1	Frenship High School-1 Flower Mound High School-2 James Martin High School-2 Alief-Hastings High School-4 Northbrook High School-4 Loretto Academy -5	Elayne Patridge Melody Barnhart Jack Baker & Stacie Van Auken John LeMaster & Elizabeth Dronet Cecil Trent Billye Lucas & Betsy Geery
NOVEMBER 7-8	Pampa Independent School District-1 The Hockaday School-2 Jack C. Hays-3 Richard King High School-3 Humble High School-4 Memorial High School-4 EPCC Valle Verde-5	Heather Fuentes Nancy Walker Erin Greene & Jenny Rivers Rachel Torres & David Gardiner Craig Stowers & Paul Byrne Michael Scates Keith Townsend & Marc Ybarra
14-15	West Texas A&M University-1 Arlington High School-2 Donna High School-3 Douglas MacArthur High School-3 Spring High School-4 Cinco Ranch High School-4	Russell Lowery-Hart Jeb Puryear & Vicki Risinger Marc Bazan Amanda White Randy Ellis, Sammy Green, & Gailan Woods Perry Beard
21-22	Naaman Forest High School-2 Mansfield Summit High School-2 Round Rock High School-3 W.B. Ray High School-3 G.C. Scarborough High School-4 Langham Creek High School-4 Bel Air High School-5 San Angelo Central High School-5	Rhonda Hill Tim Whiting Debbie Johnson Douglas Holcomb & Lorinda Hamilton Dr. Michael Fain Martha Howard Shawn Mena & Zane Harwell
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend	

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DECEMBER 5-6	Amarillo High School-1	Mandy Manning & Connie McKee
	Vines High School-2	Patricia Wienbrenner
	South Garland High School-2	Keith Haney
	Flour Bluff High School-3	Elena Gomez & Eleanor Reddig
	University of Texas, Austin-3	Joel Rollins & Randy Cox
12-13	Stratford High School-4	Ken Ogden
	Ysleta High School-5	Susan Telephany & Idalia Vega
	Lubbock High School-1	Melissa Denny
	Harlingen South High School-3	Lee Ann Ince
	The Woodlands High School-4	Gary Boeger & Larry Wood
15	Americas High School-5	Mario Maldonado
	Deadline for Coach Judge Paradigm & Legislation for State Student Congress	
20	TFA Executive Council Meeting	
JANUARY 9-10	Colleyville Heritage High School-2	Cindi Timmons
	Williams High School-2	Pam Ballow & Amy Zsohar
	Stony Point High School-3	Richard Colling
	Lamar Consolidated High School-4	Connie Aufdenbrink & John Farr
	Westfield High School-4	Kaye Magill & Meghan Guy
16-17	Cathedral High School-5	Dan Flores, Robert Candelaria, & Scott Thoreson
	Big Spring High School-5	Jennifer & Clint Adams
	Coppell High School-2	Maleda Kunkle
	Calallen High School-3	Gina Koehn & Charlene Dietrich
	Winston Churchill High School-3	Kandi King & Brian Eanes
23-24	Cypress Falls High School-4	Walter & Cheryl Willis
	West Side High School-4	Megan Dorsey
	Abilene High School-5	Rosemary Kincaid
	Texas Tech University-1	Rick Shafer
	University of Dallas-2	Richard Simpkins
30-31	Rowlett High School-2	Rhonda Smith
	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi-3	Leonore De La Santos
	Anderson High School, Austin-3	Joseph Uehling
	Aldine High School-4	Eloise Blair
	Katy High School-4	Robert Powell
	Snyder High School-5	Ron Hester
	Coronado High School-5	Sara Corlett-Roberts
	Boswell High School-2	Lisa Barnett & Kathryn Wilson
	Pharr-San Juan Alamo High School-3	Ofelia Pena & Cynthia Almaguer
	Taft High School-3	Rosanne Gray
	Jersey Village High School-4	Cindi Saukel
	San Elizario High School-5	Cookie Lafler & Charles Woodal
	(The Irving Nimitz tournament will not be held this year)	

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FEBRUARY 6-7	Tascosa High School-1 Grand Prairie High School-2 McAllen High School-3 Pflugerville High School-3 Crosby High School-4 Lamar High School-4 EPCC Transmountain-5	Ann Shofner Susan Crocker & Terry Cross Suzanna M. Beltran Sandra Greene Raymond Blanchard & Jason Courville Angela Rice Casey Williams & Keith Townsend
FEBRUARY 13-14	Uvalde High School-3 Earl Warren High School-3 Klein High School-4 Pearland High School-4 Midland Lee High School-5	Martin Klein LeNita Smith Roberta Grenfell Paul Peterson Cindy Wiebusch
27-28	TFA Executive Meeting, State Tournament Retreat, Bryan, TX	
MARCH 4-6	TEXAS FORENSIC ASSOCIATION STATE TOURNAMENT BRYAN HIGH SCHOOL, BRYAN, TX	

THIS CALENDAR WILL BE FINALIZED AT THE AUGUST 17 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. ANY CHANGES (DATES AND/OR HOSTS) SHOULD BE SENT TO KEITH TOWNSEND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1.

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