



# Texas Forensic Association

December 2010 Newsletter

## TFA State Information

TFA State is quickly approaching. As you are busy qualifying students and making your preparations, remember to check the website for a few reminders to help you out.

**#1** Student Congress legislation is due December 15. Remember that in order for your students to compete in either division (qualified House or “free” Senate) your school must submit legislation to Cheryl Potts at [cheryl.potts@pisd.edu](mailto:cheryl.potts@pisd.edu)

**#2** Visit the TFA Website! [TXFA.ORG](http://TXFA.ORG) has all the information you will need about the 2011 TFA State Meet at Flower Mound High School. Hotel blocks, a tentative schedule, cross entry rules and t-shirt forms – all this information will be on the site soon.

**#3** Prose Entry Reminder. Each school that enters the state meet will be allowed to enter a free Prose entry. Like last year’s Poetry entry, each member school may enter a Prose spot. Poetry will be the consolation entry this year.

**#4** Reminders from our TFA State Host:

- A. Hotel reservation information will be available at the beginning of January. Schools should stay in the block because
  - i. We are coordinating with the multitude of restaurants for late night openings during the tournament.
  - ii. Avoid D/FW freeways to and from the school.
  - iii. Avoid construction.
  - iv. The block includes the closest hotels anyway.
- B. Schools should plan on no power supply in extemp draw.
- C. Meal tickets will be purchased along with entry fees online. As contracts with vendors are based on these tickets, we cannot guarantee refunds for unused tickets.
- D. Visitors to Flower Mound High School are expected to follow FMHS, LISD, and Flower Mound rules, regulations, and laws. Failure to do so will adversely affect the individual and/or team’s ability to participate in the tournament as well as other potential negative consequences.
- F. It’s going to be fun!

## **TFA Student Information**

The EC will be collecting information about TFA State Competitors. This information will be used only for the promotion of the organization. We are attempting to showcase the abilities of students who compete at TFA State in our programs. We will be using surveymonkey.com in the Spring to accumulate educational information about our students.

Coaches, please begin to collect information about your state-qualified students.

Information we will be collecting next semester will include:

1. Class rank (out of \_\_\_)
2. SAT and or ACT (if applicable)
3. PSAT Score
4. TAKS Scores
5. TAKS commended in any area
6. National Merit Semi Finalist or Finalist
7. National Achievement or Hispanic Scholar
8. Number of AP/IB classes taken or currently enrolled.

## **TFA Executive Office Elections**

Next year's TFA officers will be:

President:	Shawn Mena
Vice-President:	Heath Martin
Secretary:	Scott Baker
Treasurer:	Cindi Havron

Region 1 Rep:	Mellessa Denny
Region 2 Rep:	Eric Mears
Region 3 Rep:	Kirsten Nash
Region 4 Rep:	Debbie Waddell
Region 5 Rep:	Yolanda Silva

## **Community Service Information**

As an organization, we do some amazing things during the course of the year. We would like to highlight those activities, awards, community service and events in which you participate outside of competition.

If your team/organization participates in any kind of community service or activities outside of competition, please send your region rep pictures and information regarding these events.

We would like to showcase the great work our TFA membership does outside of the tournament schedule.

