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## TFA State Update

TFA State is almost here. I know you all are busy qualifying students and making your preparations – so here are a few reminders to help you out.

**#1** The list of schools eligible to participate in Student Congress House and Senate has been published on the website. Please verify that your school is on the list.

**#2** Visit the TFA Website! TXFA.ORG has all the information you will need about the 2010 TFA State Meet in El Paso. Try and get your t-shirt order in to Shawn Mena as soon as you can.

**#3** Make sure you have paid your membership dues. Check the list on the website if you are unsure. Also, make sure you are checking your students' qualification points. Changes can only be made within a strict time frame.

## TFA Calendar – Cancellations

If you need to cancel your TFA IQT, you must inform your Regional Representative, the TFA President and the IQT Coordinator. We all know that there are circumstances that arise that are out of our control, but it helps the Executive Committee keep track of reports, scheduling, etc., when they get the news first (Okay, second...let Brent know first.)

## Financial Statements

December 2009

Balance Last Statement	60,187.41
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Ending Balance	60,187.41



## New Hall of Fame Members Inducted



A new crop of members was inducted into our Texas Forensic Association Hall of Fame at our Annual Business Meeting in October. They have provided a lifetime of service to the organization and we are proud to call them colleagues and friends. From left to right: Karen Wilbanks, David Huston, Barbara McCain, Shawn Mena, and Gary Boeger. Not pictured: Aaron Timmons.

## TFA State Congress

There will be 25 pieces of legislation for prelims. School names are included because authorship speeches are guaranteed to those schools. The first 5 pieces of legislation must be debated, in order, before a chamber can set their own agenda.

Semis and finals will have 16 pieces of legislation. No school names appear on them. No authorship speeches are guaranteed.

All rules for the state congress contest are as stated in the constitution. Please have your students review these prior to state. Any changes discussed at convention or recommended by the congress committee will go into effect for the 10-11 school year.

Reminder about judges at State: If you enter a student(s) in Congress, your school can be assigned to the congress judge pool. You may want to identify the judge who would best covers your congress obligation.

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