

Texas Forensic Association Constitutional Amendment Form

The following must be provided before your proposal will be accepted by the Executive Committee.

Name: _EC_____

School: _____

Region: _____

Email address: __krfalco@episd.org_____

Rationale for Amendment: ___clarification of use of visual aids in POI/alignment with NSDA rules___

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

_____ Constitution

_____ ByLaws

_____ Code of Professional Standards

___X_ Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide (POI 2. Manuscript)

_____ Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual

_____ Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Page number of change: _____83_____

Select One of the Following:

_____ Add Language

_____ Delete Language

___X_ Amend Language

Implementation Time Frame: _upon passage_____

Proposed Change(s) (List the change/add here. Changes should include any language you are replacing from the existing constitution along with the proposed new language.) __ POI is a program of oral interpretation of thematically-linked selections chosen from two or three genres: prose, poetry, drama (plays). At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres must be used. Unlike the other interpretation events, Program Oral Interpretation may use multiple sources for the program. The title or author of all selections must be verbally identified in either the introduction and/or transitional phrases. The title may identify the primary source (e.g., book, anthology, journal, magazine, newspaper, approved website, etc.) or the specific title within the primary source (e.g., a poem, a play, a short story, a journal/magazine article, a newspaper article, etc.). If more than one author is attributed to the source, at a minimum, the primary author should be verbally cited. A Works Cited of all sources must be available to tournament officials upon request. Competitors are encouraged to devote approximately equal times to each of the genres used in the program. This distinction pertains to these two or three genres as a whole, not types of literature within a genre (such as fiction/nonfiction). Prose

expresses thought through language recorded in sentences and paragraphs: fiction (short stories, novels) and non-fiction (articles, essays, journals, biographies). Poetry is writing which expresses ideas, experience, or emotion through the creative arrangement of words according to their sound, their rhythm, their meaning. Poetry may rely on verse and stanza form.

No costumes or props other than the manuscript are permitted. Pictures, graphics, and/or illustrations are considered a visual aid, even if included in the original manuscript, and may not be displayed. Violation shall result in being ranked last in the round. _____