



Texas Forensic Association

Constitutional Amendment Form

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

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Rationale for Amendment:

Much conversation has occurred about the relationship between the Texas Speech Communication Association and the Texas Forensic Association and the value-added nature of most high school educators to be TSCA members has been questioned. In addition, insurance from the National Federation can be attained either directly from the National Federation for High Schools or from the National Speech and Debate Association. While it should be noted that membership in the TSCA and/or the NFHS might be in the best interest of members, a requirement that one joins both organizations seems paternalistic. One consequence of a choice might also be for the leadership of TSCA to work year in and year out to push the interest of Texas Forensic Association members at all levels throughout the year.

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

- Constitution
- Bylaws
- Code of Professional Standards
- Standing Rules: Competition on Event Guide
- Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual
- Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Page number of change: ___page 4_____

Select One of the Following: **Add Language** **Delete Language** **Amend Language**

Implementation Time Frame: ___For adoption in 2024 school year_____

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.)*

Current language – Constitution – Article III Membership – page 4

All members of the Texas Forensic Association must also be members of the Texas Speech Communication Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. Annual dues for these organizations must be paid through TSCA registration.

Amendment – This language would replace the current wording.

All members of the Texas Forensic Association are strongly encouraged but are not required to be members of the Texas Speech Communication Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. Annual dues for these organizations must be paid through TSCA registration if those wishing to be members of the Texas Forensic Association opt in for membership in those organizations (TSCA and/or NFHS).