

I am running for reelection to the office of President of the Texas Forensic Association.

Two years ago I promised to help new coaches navigate the ins and outs of their responsibilities. In service of that, I created an Ad Hoc committee on new coaches and coach retention. Thanks to the efforts of that committee, Vice President Preston Stolte, and many seasoned coaches across the state we released a starter pack of debate research to help all coached with introductory research across the debate events. The committee will continue to make recommendations and advance the services TFA provides to new coaches.

One thing I have focused on in my first two years as President is the expansion of systems to make the process of being a leader in this organization more transparent, less demanding on our volunteers, and more inclusive. These efforts include reducing tabroom staff to allow more coaches to participate in the judging pools at TFA State, capping expenditures for the TFA President, changes to the Constitution to include language more inclusive of members of the LGBT+ community, facilitating an in-person summer meeting of the Constitution Committee, and making efforts to increase diversity in tabrooms across the state to prepare the next generation of tabroom officials.

From working with Treasurer Brian Alford and our attorney to regain our tax-exempt status with the State of Texas to partnering with the National Speech and Debate Association to implement a new and sustainable IQT system that works in tandem with tabroom.com, improving our relationship with TSCA and increasing their accountability to TFA by attending their Executive Council Retreat two years running, and by introducing legislation in the business meetings of both organizations to add a permanent TFA leadership position to the TSCA Executive Council, I have striven to foster our relationships with professional organizations that impact TFA and its operations.

I serve as the head of an amazing group of educators and leaders. It has truly been an honor. I would like you to consider allowing me to continue to advocate for the students and coaches of TFA for another two years.

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