



## 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:** Serving as TFA President is a huge responsibility, and institutional knowledge is critical to ensuring the organization stays on track for a given year. In the past, Presidents were required to serve a year in the under role of Vice President. This allowed a good cycle of mentoring and scaling up of responsibilities which made the role of President less overwhelming for those who served. It was also a more stable way to transition between administrations and retain institutional knowledge which benefitted the organization. This amendment seeks to return to this older method of service at the highest levels of the TFA.

**Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:**

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

Page number of change: Page 8, Page 11

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

Implementation Time Frame: 2022 Annual Meeting and Elections

**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.)*

**Page 8 current language:**

Section 2: **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The President shall appoint, at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, a Nominations Committee of five members. Each region shall have at least one member on the committee. None of the five have been a member of the immediate past Nominations Committee. This Committee shall present the names of at least two members as nominees for each position: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The committee shall ascertain that each nominee will serve, if elected. This

slate will be made public at the earliest possible opportunity and will be presented at the annual meeting. There shall be an opportunity for nominations from the floor for names of additional nominees prior to the election of officers.

**Amend page 8 to remove nomination for President and make three year cycle apparent:**

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**Page 11 current language:**

A. **The President.** The President shall be required to perform the usual duties of such an officer. S/He shall have the power to call meetings of the Executive Council; to appoint State Tournament Tabulation Directors and State Tournament Committee members, the members of standing committees and special committees unless the original motion formulating the special committee shall designate another method of appointment. S/He shall be responsible for developing the sectional meeting programs at the annual convention. The term of office shall be two years and will be elected in odd number years. The President shall not serve more than one consecutive full term.

B. **The Vice-President.** In addition to those duties assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive Council, the Vice-President shall be responsible for coordinating judging assignments at the State Tournament. The term of office shall be two years and will be elected in even number years.

**Amend page 11 duties, term length, and election cycles:**

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B. **The Vice-President.** In addition to those duties assigned to him/her by the President or the Executive Council, the Vice-President shall be responsible for coordinating judging assignments at the State Tournament. The Vice-President will work closely with the President to ensure they are prepared to transition to the role of President the following year, The term of office shall be one year, and the Vice President will become President the year immediately following their term in this office.

