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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 Student Congress legislation is due December 15. Remember that in order for your students to compete in either division (qualified House or “free” Senate) your school must submit legislation to Barbara Garner (babsq2003@aol.com).

#2 Visit the TFA Website! TXFA.ORG has all the information you will need about the 2010 TFA State Meet in El Paso. Hotel blocks, a tentative schedule, cross entry rules and t-shirt forms – it’s all there.

#3 Make sure you have paid your membership dues. Check the list on the website if you are unsure.

TFA Calendar Extended Due to Weather

The TFA Executive Committee voted to extend the tournament calendar by one week in order to accommodate tournaments that were canceled due the inclement weather the weekend of December 4 and 5. The added weekend is February 19 and 20, 2010. So far, Cypress Ridge HS, Bay City HS and Calallen HS, have re-scheduled their tournaments for this weekend.

Seminole HS was also effected by the weather, but re-scheduled their tournament for February 13.

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about
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TFA!*

Free Entry in Poetry Signals Equality

On December 10, the Executive Committee unanimously voted to add Poetry as a free event at this year's TFA State Meet in El Paso.

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This means Poetry will stand alongside Student Congress Senate as "free" spot events for 2010. President Karen Wilbanks welcomed the addition, "I know a National Congress Champion who started out as his school's "free" entry. It's time we extend that opportunity to all children."

Just as in the Senate, the student selected to be a school's free Poetry entry must not have qualified in any other TFA event this school year. Poetry rules can be found on page 49 of our Standing Rules – under Consolation Events.

Financial Statements



	October 2009	November 2009
Balance Last Statement	39,981.32	54,186.41
Deposits	18,420.00	7,905.00
Withdrawals	4,214.91	1,904.00
Ending Balance	54,186.41	60,187.41

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