

Addition of a State Tournament Coordinator

In the listing of Executive Council members, the following will be added

State Tournament Coordinator: An individual familiar with the TFA and marketing will be compensated by and serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council. This individual will perform the following functions:

1. Beginning at least two years prior to the dates for the state tournament, the STC will solicit potential tournament sites from the region whose turn it would be in the constitutionally mandated rotation. If a suitable site can not be found in that region, the STC will then be authorized to solicit potential sites from other parts of the state
2. The STC will use a bid package created in conjunction with the EC in soliciting organizations for the state tournament. That package will include tournament logistic needs (rooms, internet access, food service, etc.) and community characteristics (hotel rooms; airport access; bus parking, etc.) The STC will provide necessary information such as economic impact for the tournament.
3. The STC will begin with appropriate convention and/or tourism bureaus It will then be the responsibility of the local convention/tourism bureaus to work with school personnel to make appropriate sites available. Partnerships between business and education communities will be used to procure and prepare tournament sites. The STC will work with the hosting school district personnel to help with the approval of release time so that the maximum number of rounds may be scheduled.
4. The STC will announce the state tournament site at the TFA Business meeting in the school year prior to the tournament being held. For example, the 2021 TFA State Tournament site will be announced at the 2019 TFA Business Meeting.

Rationale

We need to begin to follow the model of other organizations in how we determine sites for the state tournament. The rotation is not consistent in how it occurs. We are too reliant on school personnel willing and able to host. It is the TFA's responsibility to host the tournament and that responsibility should not be thrust on a single individual or group of individuals. Soliciting community support will help with the marketing of the event. Placing the burden on persons to procure the site at least one school year prior to hosting also assists with planning by member schools.