



Texas Forensic Association

Constitutional Amendment Form

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

Name: TFA Executive Council

School: ___ N/A _____

Region: ___ N/A _____

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Rationale for Amendment: The current version of the TFA Constitution does not specify how the TFA State Tournament Coordinator is elected or appointed. This amendment specifies how this office will be filled moving forward.

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: pg. 12 (TFA Const. updated 9/9/19)

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

Implementation Time Frame: **Immediately upon passage**

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.)*

Under The Bylaws - Section 5 Letter J

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J. 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 cannot 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 logistical 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.

Add: Before the first sentence that begins “An individual familiar...” insert the sentences: **“After soliciting applications from the TFA membership, the President will select from the group of applicants, and make public on the TFA website by July 1, a member to serve as the TFA State Tournament Coordinator for the upcoming TFA State Tournament that will take place the following March. Immediately after the President’s selection has been publicized on the TFA website, all voting members of the EC will vote on whether or not the President’s selection will fill this office. For this person to hold office, this selection must be approved, through a majority vote of the voting members of the Executive Council, including the President.”**

Add: To the sentence “An individual familiar with the TFA and marketing will be compensated by and serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Council”

“An individual familiar with the TFA and marketing will be compensated by and serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Council for one year.”