

Hello all!

My name is Noah Recker and I am the current Treasurer for the Texas Forensic Association. I would like to once again throw my hat in the ring for a second term as Treasurer of this great organization.

I always have looked at leadership in these organizations as one of a servant leader. I am usually in the service of kids in the classroom but in Executive Council role I find myself in the role of being of service to the great speech and debate coaches across our state. In both roles as Treasurer and President, I have tried to attend tournaments across the state to listen to all coaches about the triumphs and concerns they have with the organization. It was with this knowledge that I have tried to introduce and implement changes that are beneficial to all coaches. The difficulty in getting a check for the state tournament was of utmost concern to many of you. With this knowledge, I suggested to the EC a model for accepting payment through PO's as the first deadline and the EC did adopt this change. It is my hope that this has taken the stress off of many coaches. I have worked to make sure that finances are more transparent. I created a shared folder with bank statements and ledgers for the finance committee to review. For the first time in some time, I employed the use of a CPA to audit our finances, something that is mandated by our Constitution.

Although we have moved the needle in many aspects of the organization there is still a lot of work to do. Now is not the time for a blame game, but the simple fact of the matter is that we need to be in compliance with the state of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service. We simply are not there yet. The amount of time spent in trying to rectify reporting with these agencies and reclaim our solid status is daunting. I intend to forge ahead with these organizations and make sure that we are the best Texas Forensic Association we can be in terms of finances. I hope that I can lead the organization through this bump in the road. That being said, we are financially sound, and I will continue to look for ways in which the organization can provide opportunities for students and coaches including scholarships and professional education. I hope that I have your support in serving this organization for another 2 years. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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