



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:

All members of the Executive Council of the Texas Forensic Association are either elected public representatives of the membership of the Association, or are appointed by those elected as an organization that either is (or operates as), a 501c3 nonprofit organization. As such, there are legalities and expectations that go with serving in such a role. Mandated onboarding, by an entity outside of the TFA familiar with nonprofit educational entities, protects the Texas Forensic Association and its officers.

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: 8

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

Implementation Time Frame: This amendment, if approved, will take effect immediately.

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.)

All members of the Texas Forensic Association Executive Council will be required to receive formal training, consistent with educational 501c3 nonprofit organizations and their board of directors. Formal training should focus on, but not be limited to, best practices and legal requirements for fiscal oversight; equity and inclusion; fiduciary responsibilities of Council members; organizational record keeping; succession processes. The Executive Council will take bids from a firm to conduct the training and select the firm no later than December of that calendar year. The training should be initiated no later than February 1 of each school year. If members are added to the Executive Council after the training occurs, they must receive training immediately before serving on the Executive Council. A report to TFA members outlining the bid process and training process should be made no later than the end of the TFA State tournament.