

My name is Brian Alford and I am submitting my candidacy for TFA Treasurer. Currently, I am the Director of Speech and Debate at A&M Consolidated HS and I was previously the debate coach at Bowie HS in Austin.

After 9 years of being involved in the organization, I have slowly worked my way up through the ranks. I have served the parliamentarian for the organization since Cheryl Potts retired (never a dull moment there!), a member of the Congress Committee for 5 years, and the chair of the Congress committee for the past year.

The organization has had some financial issues which were fixed by Noah Recker, who has done an amazing job over the last 6 years as President and Treasurer. I did not know he was not running this year, which is the reason for the later notice. Noah has got the organization's financial affairs in order, and deserves much credit. Knowing Noah, I feel that he would be an amazing mentor and I would learn a lot from him.

I have bookkeeping and accounting experience on my resume, having served as the general manager for a high sales establishment in Austin for many years. I was responsible for bookkeeping, taxes, expenses and other financial aspects of the business.

When it comes to being a representative on the EC, please know that I have coached an extremely large team as well as a rather small team. I have also done debate in a large urban area as well as in a large city 90 minutes away from the closest TFA Tournaments. I know the constrictions of a budget well and understand the issues for smaller schools who have to travel everywhere. I believe this would be beneficial as an EC member as I can bring insight from both large and small programs.

I look forward to seeing many of you in San Antonio and I would appreciate your consideration for the position.