

CONVENTION & DEGREE ✓ @ _____

May _____, 2020

As well as DEGREE CHECK-All books/apps
We need **ALL** hands on deck for this event to be pulled off successfully

THIS INFO IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE so PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAILS

5/ / Sunday Scholarship Application Reviews by Ag Teacher committee

- Scholarship applications due & check will begin
- 2 representatives from each district present on this day

5/ / Monday Area Degree Check Pre-Convention

- 8:00 a.m.
 - Area Scholarship interviews begin
 - Awards & Degree Check will begin* ALL APPS MUST BE IN
 - Area Officer Selection and Interviews begin
 - Speaking contest judges meeting/manuscripts for Speaking Contest Due
 - Speaking Contestants Sequestered
 - Speaking Events Begin (**Teacher receiving ___ is responsible for judging State Contest**)
- Time TBA Talent Team meeting/sound check/lyrics due (form on JC) Talent will perform during the Area Convention the following day usually after lunch
- Time TBA District Officers: top 4 officer from each district will meet for flag ceremony

Tuesday Convention

- Delegate Sign-in 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. ALL delegates must be signed in by 8:45 to vote

Entry Fee is \$15.00 register on judging card

Speaking Events:

The following Speaking Events will be held at Crockett.

- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Ag Policy
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Agribusiness
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Agriscience
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Animal Science
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Natural Resources
- Senior Prepared Public Speaking- Plant Science
- Jr. Prepared Public Speaking
- Soil Stewardship Prepared Public Speaking

Area IX Convention Responsibilities

Normal Duties for Area Convention

Area officer team/advisors may adjust these committees as needed

Positions revised as needed each year by Leadership Dev Coordinator, B. Otto

Area Coordinator

1. Sets up date and works with host
2. Contact Event/ Facility Coordinator to book facility, custodial staff and sound technician for auditorium.
3. Secure American Flag & Texas Flag on stage
4. Secure sound system and mikes. Make sure they work and now how to operate
5. Know how to operate lights on stage and auditorium
6. Secure Rooms:
Auditorium
Rooms
 - a. Judge's room for interviews.
 - b. 2 holding rooms near auditorium for both days. (AST's will be assigned to monitor holding rooms)
 - c. 1 computer lab for officer testing
7. AST Hospitality Room (assign for help with this)
8. Sign in table is set up at front entrance with chairs
- 9. Secure sealed envelope with question for officer candidates on stage ahead of time**
10. Secure and set up testing procedure for officer candidates. District- Area Candidates will test and interview during the "Dress Rehearsal"

Area President Advisor: Works with officers:

Area IX President

Area Officers

Area Officers/Advisors

Area President

Crystal Taylor

Area President AST

Crystal Taylor

Crystal Taylor

Area Officer AST's

Area Officers/Advisors

Beldon Rudloff

Jessica Graham

Area Secretary & advisor:

Area IX FFA President **brings gavel and Area Banner**

Theme

Decorations

Script

Programs

Highlights Video

Order retiring plaques---Take pictures for retiring plaques

Works with officers on retiring officer video clips and music

Downtime music (*checked for lyrics and inappropriate material*)

Host "Dress Rehearsal" for talent teams and officer candidate speeches to determine show order. This is the time when students/parents can practice onstage and discuss any audio needs with the sound technician.

Decorate stage the afternoon b4 convention

Ballots: bring enough for delegates, talent (one vote) District and Area (one vote, possible runoff vote)

Voting delegate area /Parent area in front is roped off with streamers/rope. Bring 5 posts (or some way to identify the 4 districts and parent seating if possible.)

WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE TO Host Facility & sponsors on MONDAY

Voting Committee: **ONLY THESE PEOPLE** are allowed in the room to tabulate ballots:
District Presidents, Area Coordinator, Asst Area Coordinator and VATAT
representatives

If you have a child (your personal child) in the running, please allow the next person in line VP or Sec
to step in to take your place.

Registration Table

Beldon Rudloff- Area Treasurer: (brings Roster data/voting delegate list for sign in)

✓ **District President & Treasurers: work table**

- Delegate sign-in begins at 8:15 a.m., with the actual convention beginning at 9 a.m.
The district **President & Treasurer** needs to be set up at the delegate sign in tables by 8:15 a.m.
- District **President** and Vice **President** are in charge of turning in ballots also during voting.

Roll Call

_____ :
Work with District Presidents on roll call. District President officers meet at 8:30 at the delegate sign
in table to go to stage to practice.

- ✓ **District FFA Presidents:** Give delegate count in OC 1st session & works with taking up ballots on floor.
- ✓ **District FFA VPs:** Give delegate count in OC 2nd session & works with taking up ballots on floor.

Flag Ceremony

Brandon Otto: meet with secretary and treasurer's on flag ceremony at 8:15 am or whenever this
time and day is set by Mr. Otto

FLAGS big deal work with officers on this: Have music if possible for flag ceremony to play softly.
Bring copies of flag ceremony and go over enunciation of words and how to carry the flags.

Flag ceremony is posted on area website.

- ❖ **District Secretary:** 3 recite part in flag ceremony during OC, 1 gives the invocation (these
positions can rotate from year to year as advisors wish) MGB-FFA Flag, RB-US Flag, PW-TX
Flag, SH VP-gives invocation
- ❖ **District Treasurer:** MGB,RB,PW's Carry Flags in flag ceremony (SH will be chairman of cc
(these positions can rotate from year to year as advisors wish)
 1. FFA Flag goes in first down the center and turns to the left to go on stage **cross over
stage and place flag to the left of the speaker (to the right of audience)**
 2. Texas Flags goes next and **turns left also to cross the stage** to be **placed right of
speaker next to FFA flag (to the audience's right)**
 3. American flag comes in and turns left to cross stage to hold a position of superior
prominence, **on stage right (left of the speaker as speaker faces the audience)**.
Stay standing **hoisted until words/music end.** public auditorium on or off a podium,
the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence,
in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the **speaker's right as he
faces the audience.** Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the
speaker (to the right of the audience).

Courtesy Corp

Liz Green

- meet with remaining DO's at 8:15 am in corner of convention floor for instructions.
- All remaining district officers will be courtesy corps members.
- (brings arm bands) Sits at registration table to line out CC members

Talent Team:

Stephanie Lambert

- ❖ Talent teams may sit in auditorium for convention but will be called out before talent contest, they may listen to other teams from hallway beside stage, but must stay together and quiet –no music or strumming that would distract others)
- ❖ Bring rules on talent and go over with teams.
- ❖ Take up forms for music; Make sure they know about dress and wording used.
- ❖ VERIFY LANGUAGE on LYRICS and attire

Waiting Rooms & Escorts:

Elizabeth Parrish & Keith Ming

Behind Stage: In charge of officer candidates behind stage and running kids on and off stage during convention. Bring large numbers for candidates.

Michael Neuman & Ali Steadham

Testing Room on computers:

Dusti Darby & Andy Gresham: must be at the rehearsal interview day

Time Keepers:

_____ & _____ -- bring stopwatches, write down times

Ballot Committee:

Beldon Rudloff: Sits in voting delegate section and hands out ballots & pencils with District Presidents & Treasurers (brings or secures ballots for voting process) Hands off to District Presidents during voting session. Eddie Nichols assists

Ballots to Tabulation Room:

Eddie Nichols: secures ballots from Beldon and hands off to Area Coordinator in tabulation room

Crowd Control in Auditorium:

All other Advisors please be present in auditorium around sides to monitor student behavior or assist with degree check follow ups

Each Chapter: can check with CC Advisor, Liz Green at 8:30 to see if she needs anymore CC members. They could help with cleanup after the convention. It's hard to hold people to help thought.

Degree Check WILL BE AT CONVENTION:

- ✓ Adam sent an email with the degree check chairs over different apps. If your application is not with Adam to go to State Degree Check please bring it unless you are getting it there yourself.
- ✓ If your applications need to be signed/checked bring them to this last degree check to be finalized for State Check.
- ✓ **Anyone not directly involved** with convention PLEASE help with apps.

IMPORTANT

Please talk to your kids about picking up after themselves. Every year we have to stay after and few of us sweep and clean the entire ballroom

The amount of trash is astounding and embarrassing.

The noisemakers are the biggest problem- the kids don't pick up their mess.

Please help out by talking to them about this: Please.