

**Lana Hall**

Whereas, Lana Hall stood out as a leader in TSCA, and  
Whereas, her fiery red hair was matched only by the fire in her spirit, and  
Whereas, she taught with her heart, not just her head, and  
Whereas, West Texas will not be the same without her bright smile, therefore  
Be it Resolved that TSCA bid a fond farewell to our dear Lana and send our love and prayers to her children, Casey & Michael, grandchildren, and husband, Charlie.

**Communicator of the Year**

Whereas, our convention theme this year is "Facing Challenges and Making choices, and  
Whereas, spending your days in a federal district criminal court is by definition "Facing Challenges and Making choices," and  
Whereas, our Communicator of the Year engaged us with humorous stories from his "very serious" courtroom, and  
Whereas, we too wonder if "it" was drawn to scale, therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA thank our Communicator of the year, The Honorable Judge Philip Kazen, and rise to his challenge to always remember that words are the key to our human connections.

**We're Having a Baby!**

Whereas, facing challenges is easier when you take time to celebrate the special moments, and  
Whereas, children are a blessing, and  
Whereas, several of our members have been busy...mhmm..., therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA members congratulate those in our ranks who are welcoming blessings into their hearts and homes:  
- Rory & Kari McKenzie, Royse City HS  
- Sarah Spiker Rainey, Wiley College  
- Lacye Odom  
- Erin Stage

**Aimee Kasprzyck - Moving schools**

Whereas, moving can be exciting and scary, and  
Whereas, while school is school, 1A seems really different compared to 4A, and  
Whereas, the support of colleagues can mean the world to someone in a new town, new school, and new conference, therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA shout out to Aimee Kasprzyck, "Congratulations on your move to Ennis, We are here for you!"

**Myrna Bass**

Whereas, TSCA is a special time for professionals to encourage one another, and  
Whereas, we all attempt to put our best foot forward this weekend, and  
Whereas, TSCA is, as yet, not a nudist organization (Sorry, Shawn Duthie), therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA thank James Bass and the good folks at FedEx for keeping our dear Myrna fully clothed this weekend!

**VP & Comptroller**

Whereas, TSCA is moving back into the black, and  
Whereas, the efforts of our officers cannot be overlooked, and  
Whereas, Mike Jones has faced lots of challenges and made lots of choices - but always kept our interests at the forefront of his heart, and  
Whereas, M'Liss Hindman sold a record number of ads, to help cover the cost of our convention program, therefore  
Be it resolved, that TSCA thank our dedicated VP & Comptroller for their hard work for the organization!

**President, VP, Parliamentarian, VP Elect, Archivist**

Whereas, Connie McKee inspired us with her words of encouragement, and  
Whereas, Russell Kirkscey put together an amazing schedule with a plethora of programs to dazzle the mind and renew the spirit, and  
Whereas, LouAnn Seaborn kept them all in line as they conducted business, and  
Whereas, Mellessa Denny is a fantastic addition to our leadership council, and  
Whereas, Jana Riggins will document any mistakes these guys make in the archives, therefore  
Be it resolved that we bid a fond farewell to our fearless leader as we usher in our 2012-13 Leadership team!

**Journal & Newsletter Editors**

Whereas, written communication is NOT a lost art... darnit!, and  
Whereas, Aimee Kasprzyck is on a mission to document our special moments, and  
Whereas, Mr. Pachecko is keeping the Journal relevant, exciting, and updated, and  
Whereas, going paperless takes time and dedication, therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA thank Aimee K and Dr. P for their hard work and colorful publications!

### **Educators of the Year**

Whereas, teaching is hard work, and

Whereas, TSCA boasts some of the most accomplished teachers and professors in the business, and

Whereas, it is important to honor our own, therefore

Be it resolved, that TSCA once again applaud our educators of the year:]

- George Tennison - Middle School

- Gay Hollis - High School

- Jim Towns - University

### **Convention Luncheon & New Member Breakfast**

Whereas, we like to eat, and

Whereas, food is good, and

Whereas, TSCA appreciates new members as well as old, and

Whereas, all that food talk is making me hungry..., therefore

Be it resolved, that the membership thank our fearless leaders for a wonderful New Members breakfast and Member Appreciation reception!

### **Spotlight Session**

Whereas, as Angie Richard shared, technology is life, and

Whereas, our students are going to use the toys with or without our help, and

Whereas, kids are dumb and we better help them!!, and

Whereas, technology tools are a gift when used effectively, and

Whereas, technology sessions help get CTE funding for convention attendees, therefore

Be it resolved that TSCA thank our techno gurus and encourage members to attend our Spotlight Session after today's general session!

### **Ronald Reagan The Next Great Communicator Contest**

Whereas, our members work tirelessly to provide opportunities for their students, and

Whereas, sometimes outside organizations have the nerve to offer scholarship contests during convention, and

Whereas, we support our members and students during these hard choices, and

Whereas, Ronald Reagan was indeed a Great Communicator, therefore

Be it resolved that TSCA congratulate the participants of the first ever Ronald Reagan The Next Great Communicator speech contest and wish our coaches and students the best of luck!

### **Local Arrangements**

Whereas, we are an organization that loves door prizes, and  
Whereas, a Starbucks gift card will give a squeal of delight, and  
Whereas, a Godiva chocolate bar will make you say, Go Diva, and  
Whereas, multiple bottles of wine, whether they be red , or white, or something Barbara Mc Cain will creatively pronounce, will lead to competitive ticket watching,  
Therefore be it resolved that TSCA greatly appreciates the local arrangements committee, and their hosting of the Wino Convention-San Antonio Style.

### **Hotel Staff**

Whereas , the flowers are always lovely, and  
Whereas, the faces are always friendly, and  
Whereas, check-in was fast and efficient, and  
Whereas, the staff is always accommodating, especially when they hand deliver ice at just the right time,  
Therefore be it resolved that TSCA offer a hearty “thank you” to the Omni Colonnade.

### **Hotel Quirks**

Whereas, the temperature of the conference rooms necessitated wraps, blankets and padded bras, and  
Whereas, the goodie bags needed emergency flashlights during Thursday night’s committee meetings blackout, and  
Whereas, the use of an Omni toilet decreased depth of the Riverwalk 3 inches every time it flushed  
Therefore be it resolved that, although these may be minor challenges, we still keep “choosing” the Omni.

### **10/11/12**

Whereas, we live in interesting times, and  
Whereas, interesting times force us to make interesting choices, and  
Whereas, Some people \*cough\* Karen Wilbanks had to remind us of something  
Therefore be it resolved that because of TSCA, we all know where we were at 8:09 10/11/12.

### **Shawn Mena**

Whereas, El Paso is short a fabulous coach and teacher, and  
Whereas, the El Paso speech community will miss the words \*clap, clap\* “Pull up sweeps”, and  
Whereas, Austin gained a wonderful \*clap clap\*leader  
Therefore be it Resolved that TSCA congratulate Shawn Mena on her new assistant principal position at Akins H.S.

### Illnesses

Whereas, TSCA is not just an organization but a family, and  
Whereas, when one member of the family is hurting, we all hurt, and  
Whereas, this year has seen some of our members facing great challenges,  
Therefore be it resolved that the TSCA family collectively send our love and support to the following members who have lost loved ones or who have encountered challenges due to health concerns among family members:

Ann Shofner	Virginia Myers
Susan Gainor	Lou Ann Seabourn
Guy Yates	Ronda Craig
Cindy Wiebusch	Cindy Havron
Jean Adams	Kyle Peterson
Teresa Lee Galiazzo	Sami Beth Womack

### Brent Hinkle

Whereas, most of us get a crick in our neck from looking up at him, and  
Whereas, most of us can learn a lot from his calm cool demeanor, and  
Whereas, Brent's social life is the subject of much gossip, and  
Whereas, there are disturbing rumors about chocolate covered KANDI and LACY things..., and  
Whereas, this might be the last time he may have to hear how much "Joy" he brought into our lives...Nah!  
Therefore, be it resolved that TSCA bid Brent Hinkle a joyous farewell, but we know he'll be back.

### Poetry Slam

Whereas, the two Poetry Slam authors presented their hardcore life lesson poems, and  
Whereas, the audience totally connected with the message, and  
Whereas, they reminded us that poetry is life and life is poetry,  
Therefore be it resolved that TSCA recognizes Kevin Burke and Good Ghost Bill Moran with enthusiastic finger snapping applause.

### Luncheon

Whereas the convention luncheon has inspired the following poetry:

#### *Ode to Cheesecake*

Graham Cracker-y  
Cream Cheesy  
Caramelly MMM  
Tiny dollop of whipped cream  
Minute Madarin orange

Therefore, be it resolved...YUM!

### **Custom Awards and Engraving**

Whereas, Norma Coston and Bo Williams have been friends of TSCA for years, and  
Whereas, Custom Awards and Engraving, (281) 647-6262, provides beautiful awards for nominees and honorees, and  
Whereas, Norma can interp a teaching philosophy like no one's business,  
Therefore be it resolved that TSCA once again thank them for their continued generosity - that number again is (281) 647-6262

### **TFA celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup>**

Whereas, the Texas Forensic Association was founded in Houston in 1972, and  
Whereas, one of our founding parents, Dr. Bill English, attended the TFA meetings, observed debate and Wondered where it all went wrong, and  
Whereas, while TFA members may never agree on the mechanism , we always agree on the ultimate goal: what's best for Texas students,  
Therefore be it resolved that TSCA join TFA in celebrating 40 wonderful years and be it further resolved that even though our founding parents may shake their heads, rest assured, they did everything right.

### **Professor's Performance Hour**

Whereas, Chris Collins looks much different with a beard, and  
Whereas, he exposed himself - body and soul - for the benefit of his audience, and  
Whereas we were inspired by his journey to be aware of our own crossroads, therefore  
Be it Resolved that we take this first step and thank Chris Collins for his moving performance at our Professor's Performance hour.

### **Public Relations Committee**

Whereas, content-specific professional development is sometimes difficult to find, and  
Whereas, TSCA always offers a slate of helpful, informative, and well-coordinated panels, and  
Whereas, someone has to handout those certificates, therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA thank Chad Filsowski and the Public Relations committee for providing us with official documentation to present to our administrators proving that we really were working!!!

### **Football Season**

Whereas, most of us shouldn't engage in contact sports - other than Duet Acting, and  
Whereas, NO, Barbara McCain, CX Debate is NOT a contact sport, and  
Whereas, we are all ready for some football!!! Therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA Congratulate our WT Buffs (including our outgoing president and newly elected VP-Elect), our Red Raiders, our Aggies, and our Horn-frogs on a successful weekend! But let us not forget to offer our sincerest of condolences (group sad face) to our Bears and Longhorns as they tend their wounds.

**Vendors**

Whereas, most of us don't need an excuse to spend extra money at convention, and  
Whereas, we are all grateful when we can shop for pretty gems and useful classroom tools right here on-site, and  
Whereas, we are always excited to support our colleagues and friends, therefore  
Be it resolved that TSCA members feel free to buy up the stock of The Forensic Files from Richard Colling, The Interp Store from Greg Burns, and of course the beautiful creations of Randy Ellis and Sammy Green!

**Resolutions Committee**

Whereas, writing resolutions is fun, and  
Whereas, sharing the news of our membership with you is a highlight of convention, and  
Whereas, spending Saturday night on a computer is less fun, and  
Whereas, I'm truly grateful for anyone willing to help with the creative but ill-timed project, therefore  
Be it resolved that this committee chair thank each member of the 2012 Resolutions Committee and humbly ask the membership to echo that gratitude with a round of applause!