

August 31, 2021

Fellow Colleagues,

I am running for comptroller because I believe that TSCA is a one-of-a-kind community that soon will face some major challenges. Challenges that will require thoughtful planning and purposeful leadership to overcome. As your current interim comptroller, past president and long-time member of the national tab room staff, I am uniquely suited to understand these challenges and provide TSCA with a plan forward through these difficult times.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, every day we are learning ways to adapt: working from home, social distancing and self-quarantining. Most people believe that all these measures to combat the virus will be temporary. To some extent, this may be true. On the other hand, many changes could well be permanent. This crisis could permanently change how we work. It could permanently change how we socialize. To confront this crisis, and move forward from it, we need experienced leadership. Leadership who recognize that the solutions to yesterday's problems are not necessarily what is called for when trying to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Know that if elected as your next TSCA Comptroller, I will devote myself to fulfilling the trust that is placed upon me. If I represent what you envision as your next comptroller, then I respectfully ask for your vote. Thank you for considering me. Be safe, be kind, and I will see you all again very soon!

Wade

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

1993

University of Houston

Houston, Texas

Graduate Work in Speech Communication

- Eighteen graduate hours in Communication

1992

University of Houston

Houston, Texas

Master of Arts in Theatre

- Emphasis in Directing

1990

University of St. Thomas

Houston, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre – Magna Cum Laude

- Emphasis in Directing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995-Present

Lone Star College-North Harris

Houston, Texas

Professor of Speech

- 2000-Present

Department Chair – Drama/Humanities/Speech

- 1995-Present

Director of Forensics – Speech and Debate

1998-2000

Rice University

Houston, Texas

- *Lecturer in Humanities*

1994-1995

Lone Star College-North Harris

Houston, Texas

- *Adjunct Professor*

- Assistant Director of Forensics

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Texas Speech Communication Association
Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association
Texas Community College Forensics Association
Texas Educational Theatre Association
National Communication Association
Phi Rho Pi
American Forensic Association
American Reader's Theater Association

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Texas Speech Communication Association

- 2020-Present Interim Comptroller
- 2017 President
- 1995-present Member, Texas Speech Communication Association
- 2014-2015 Chair – Educator of the Year Committee
- 2003-present Vice Chair – TIFA Interest Group
- 1995-present Program Participant
 - 2015 Using Collegiate Oral Interpretation Events to Teach Socially Conscious Students
 - 2014 Intro to Reader's Theatre
 - 2012 Coaching Interp for College
 - 2010 How to weave a POI
 - 2009 Teaching and Coaching POI
 - 2007 Performance Workshop
 - 2005 Performance Workshop
 - 1995 & 2002 Coaching Tips Session

Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association

- 2003-present Vice President
- 2003-present Tournament Director

Texas Community College Forensics Association

- Past President, Tournament Director and Host

Texas Educational Theatre Association

- 2006-present UIL-OAP Adjudicator

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP (cont.)

National Communication Association

- 2006 EEOC Statements and the GLBT Community
- 2003 Forensic Program in the Twenty-First Century: The Director's Cut
- 2002 CRAFT
- 2001 CRAFT

Region 6 – Phi Rho Pi

- 1998-2001 Regional Governor, Tournament Director and Host

Phi Rho Pi National Organization

- 2007-present National Secretary Treasurer
- 1998-present Member of Tab Room Staff
- 1996-present Member of Ethics, Interpretation, and Site Committee
- 2008 Participant in the National Developmental Conference on Individual Events
- 2007 National Tournament Host, JW Marriott, Houston, TX
- 2002-2006 National Recording Secretary

American Forensic Association's -NIET

- 2009-present Member of Educational Development and Practices Committee
- 2008 & 2013 Member of Tab Room Staff

American Reader's Theater Association

- 2008-present Member of Tab Room Staff
- 2013-present Co-Director

Lone Star College-North Harris

- 1994-present Director of Forensics
- 2001-present Chair – Speech/Drama/Humanities
- 2006-2012 Member of District Speech Curriculum Team
- 1994-present Chair of numerous faculty search committees
- 2008-2012 Sponsor for GLOSS
- 2014-present Honors Instructor
- 1998-2000 Member of Teaching Excellence Committee

Community

- 1994-present Director of Forensic Showcase that is open to the public and free of charge.
- 1998-2000 Volunteer for Bering's Omega House (AIDS Hospice)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019** American Forensic Association's Distinguished Service Award
- 2018** Lone Star College-North Harris Faculty Excellence Award
- 2017** National Communication Association's 2017 Michael and Suzanne Osborn Community College Outstanding Educator
- 2015** American Readers Theater Association's 2015 Legacy Award Recipient
- 2010** Phi Rho Pi's Taylor-Collie Fellowship Award for Coaches
- 2009** Texas Speech Communication Association's Community College Educator of the Year
- 2006** Phi Rho Pi's Distinguished Service Award
- 2005** Phi Rho Pi's Service Award
- 2003** Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association's Educator of the Year
- 2002** Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- 2000** Phi Rho Pi's Taylor-Collie Fellowship Award for Coaches
- 1999** NISOD's Excellence Award Recipient
- 1998** Lone Star College-North Harris' Teaching Excellence Award
- 1998** Who's Who Among America's Teachers

PUBLICATIONS

- 2002** Approaches to Interpreter's Theater. *Speaker Points Vol. 8.2 (Fall)*
- 2001** A Day of Champions – On Campus Recruitment Tool.
Speaker Points Vol. 9.1 (Fall)



9/2/21

Dear Members of the TSCA Nomination Committee:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of Wade Hescht as he runs for the office of Texas Speech Communication Association's Comptroller. As Dean of Fine Arts, Business, Communication, Computers & Design at Lone Star College North Harris, I am witness to Professor Hescht's commitment to improving the value he contributes the institution by continually reflecting on and updating his professional knowledge. Texas Speech Communication Association certainly provides this opportunity for all of its members and officers.

In conclusion, I fully support Professor Hescht's term as comptroller. I have no doubt that his service to the organization will be exemplary. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric T. Sims".

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