Texas TSA Contest Directors Report
ATTE Conference Feb 18, 2010

The Texas TSA State contest is coming up soon and plans are in place to have the best conference we have ever had. We have the contract at the Heart of Texas Fair complex signed and are working with J.D. Ewing to create an atmosphere for a great contest. This year we will have the coliseum, the Fine arts and General exhibits building as well as the Dodge Pavilion room, which is a large room to the north of the coliseum. We will have more room and great space to expand this year. Mary is working with the catering service for the contest and needs to know what the officer team needs.

Mary has talked with the Waco convention center; they contacted us to set up the annual Waco Water park night for Friday May 7th. Mary is working to see if we can have a motivational speaker or entertainers that would come speak with our students, Michael Peterson and the My Real Life tour will not be able to make it this year due to scheduling conflict. Mary wants to let you know that she is working on scheduling for next year and that Mr. Peterson has stated that he would like to be a sponsor for Texas TSA, but he would like to do that on a year that he will be able to present that in person. We hope that will be next year.

Mary has also been getting a group of alumni together to have a mixer, but this has not been finalized and we will only have a few refreshments this year.

Vendor and sponsorship information has been sent out and we hope to hear some good feedback soon. Ribbons have been ordered, we did not need to order as many this year due to the fact that our numbers were down last year. Entry Cards are here and will be handed out at this conf.

Judges are always a priority, last year we finished judging and points tabulation at 7am, just in time for me to go back to the hotel and shower to return to the contest Sat AM. We are trying to get more judges this year, last year we were short due to the reschedule. If you have any alumni or business contacts that may provide some judges let us know.

We also have several contests that need a coordinator, a list is provided. You will also see all of the filled positions, and the stipend included with each. This is where Texas TSA could save some money in our opinion. If Texas TSA could have an online registration system for at least the On-Site areas with a firm deadline then we could tell before that weekend if we need to have a coordinator for that contest and not pay coordinators for events that have no or very few entries.

Mary and I look forward to this years contest and making it the best yet.

Terry and Mary Zimmerman
Texas TSA Contest Directors