

Texas Tidbits-1-24-18

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

As you are making your plans for SLC, here are a few items to consider:



It's posted. The Texas BPA website will have all the latest information posted for you. Check out www.texasbpa.com under the Conference tab. I'm providing a helpful link for you here. You'll find the pre-conference books and the program here. I'll add other helpful items as we get closer to SLC.

[2018 SLC Corpus](#)

Deadlines. Registration deadlines and pre-submits are coming up quickly. Please be sure to have everything ready to submit. **NOTE: There is an updated SLC Registration address.** Please be sure that you have this changed in your business office. If you need updated vendor forms completed for your school district, contact Phyllis Kostka at pakostka@gmail.com.

Payments. Remember, if you have **dues or RLC fees outstanding**, you will not be allowed to compete at SLC. Please make arrangements to have all of these items taken care of NOW. We do not want to penalize students for a mistake made by your finance office. Bring copies of all registration and checks with you to ensure that all items are cleared.

Pre-submits. **NEW THIS YEAR**- For projects that have a URL: The judges will be told that if the URL will not open or that they can't access files due to password protection, they are to give that project a zero-technical score. Advisors will not get a notice from BPA to fix their URLs. Advisors please have students practice opening their projects on a computer that is not on the school system to make sure it can be accessed by judges. Pre-submit upload site is active and ready to receive student project files. Don't wait until the last minute. Contact Diana Weber 210-386-4983 if there are problems. Students must be registered to upload and you must use the student login. **Pre-submit deadline is February 8.**

Alternates and Move-Ups. Our last RLC is Saturday. If you have students who cannot attend, please copy your regional advisor and Phyllis Kostka at pakostka@gmail.com and tell us: Event, Area and Region, Student Name, Advisor Name, School. This will allow us to qualify the next student. Also, if you are moved up to a qualifier, please confirm that your student will attend.

Teams. If you have students that need to be added/changed/deleted from teams, you can change these between RLC and SLC. The team must have at least one original team member. If you have trouble or need to move members between chapters, please let me know immediately. I cannot move any students who are listed on a conference invoice. Once they are registered, they are locked.

Judges and Volunteers. We are still in need of judges. If you have chaperones or parents who are planning to attend, we would love to have their help. They can sign up online www.texasbpa.com under the Judges tab. Remind guests that professional dress guidelines apply to them as well. If you have additional time during the conference, we love volunteers! Please stop by HQ and we would love to find you something to do. BPA can only work with the help of all of us.

Dress Code. I understand that some RLCs were a little flexible and forgiving about dress code. Please note that SLC will not waiver in professional dress expectations. Please ensure that YOU and YOUR students have the required professional dress for SLC.

New Sponsorship. We would like to welcome **Southwestern/Great American** to our Texas BPA team. They are our newest Gold sponsor at the national level as well. We look forward to our partnership! Don't miss the marketing session for your students and stop by their booth for some great fundraising options. We'd like to thank BPA Alumni, *Collin Corrington*, for working with us on building a great program for your students.

Opportunities. We have **Unboxed Training Solutions** joining us at SLC for some great team building and leadership sessions. Professional dress is required for these sessions but plan on getting up out of your seat and participating. You can sign up yourself and your students for these sessions during registration. Registration is preferred but not necessary. Please send them whether registered or not. There will also be **drawings** at each session for student giveaways.

Paperwork. There are several items that need to be signed and submitted at SLC registration. Besides bringing copies of your registration and payments, don't miss the **SLC Responsibility and Special Event Liability Forms** in the pre-conference book that must be submitted at registration. Please take the time to READ the pre-conference book and be sure that you have all items with you for SLC.

Hotels. If you are having trouble with securing hotel space, please contact Robin Goff, robingoff@ymail.com as she will be best to assist with finding you the rooms that you need. If you have booked rooms and do not need them, please release them to the block by Monday.

Bus Driver Information. When you register for a bus driver hotel room, the advisor must give the bus driver a name, so the hotel can look it up (ex. First Name: Seguin -- Last Name: BusDriver). Advisor can then go back into their reservation and modify it to edit the bus driver's name once they get the actual name.

Middle Level and Associate Advisors. Remember for pre-submits, you must select ML or Associate for the projects to be submitted correctly. The Friday computer events for ML/Associate are from 8:30-11:30 am.

Business Law & Ethics. This event will be held on Thursday, March 1, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm in the ABC Water Garden A. It was inadvertently left out of the SLC Pre-Con and the SLC printed program. Please make a note of the day, time and room number. This event is listed in the online SLC Program.

Interns. Apply to be a Texas BPA Intern at the State Leadership Conference. The link to the online application can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/txintern2018>. Once you have applied, join the **Remind: Text @txintern18 to 81010**. Students can report to the intern desk at any time during the conference and will be sent to the areas where they are most needed. This priority assignment style will be used this year to ensure that we have coverage at peak times. Note: Intern orientation and other items will follow. At the conference end, Interns can get their hour sheet and certificate signed to document their service. We appreciate you sharing your students with us!

Food Options. In addition to the food booths at the American Bank Center, there will be food trailers in Heritage Park all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Heritage Park is located directly across the street from the Chaparral Street side of the ABC. Maps will be provided at registration.

Congratulations to you and your students as you prepare for the next level of competition!

Remember, I am here to help you ***Dream Bigger!***

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