Executive Council Meeting

January 15, 2026

The meeting started at 9:42 a.m.

Everyone read the minutes supplied on the table.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes, it was seconded and passed.

There was no correction to the minutes.

All of the districts gave their reports.

Northwest district's report consisted of the following;

"(Ask Renee)"

North Central district's report consisted of the following;

"The North Central Spring Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at OSU-IT in Okmulgee. We are excited to welcome 164 registered contestants who will showcase their Skills and hard work in this year's competitions. In addition to the contests, we will elect our new NC District officers and announce the NC District Advisor of the Year. This event promises to be a day of growth, teamwork, and celebration, and we are truly looking forward to an outstanding Leadership Conference."

In their financial report they had a balance of 17,363.06.

It was given by Sara Goosman

Northeast district's report consisted of the following;

"Our North East district spring leadership conference will be held on February 20, 2026; however, we are still working to secure the chairs and judges. There is no financial news to report today. Thank you.

It was given by Chloe Reed in place of Ms. Piper.

Southwest district's report consisted of the following;

"The Southwest District Spring Leadership conference will be held on February 18, 2026, at the Grady County Fairground in Chickasha. The sheriff's deputy that has been onsite at our Fall and Spring Leadership conferences the past two years was severely injured in a motorcycle accident on Christmas Day. We are hoping to incorporate a fundraiser to support Deputy Alexander at our SLC."

In their financial report they had a balance of 13,982.79.

It was given by Memphis Hixon.

South Central district's report consisted of the following;

"The South Central District Spring Leadership Conference will be held at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee on February 18, 2026. There are over 100 contestants registered to attend."

In their financial report they had a balance of 7,131.43, and after Leadership Conference expenses expect to have approximately 5.130.00.

It was given by Daniela Sanchez-Lynn.

Southeast district's report consisted of the following;

"The Southeast District Leadership conference will be held February 18, 2026 .District Directors met to discuss several items on January 14, 2026.

- Proposed bylaw changes of CTSO memberships, the proposed changes do not look favorable to continued participation.
- We would like to see a qualifying statement that a substitution can be made to allow for the next contestant who placed to be allowed to compete at the state level.
- Reach out to anyone you can who might be interested in judging
- We heard that some instructors are unhappy that Pin and T-shirt Design contests are being held online. We cannot successfully add more in-person contests with the resources we have available, but we encourage anyone interested in hosting it in person to reach out to the State Department.
- We discussed the different events and activities we do with our district officers throughout the year.
- Finally we discussed the challenges in finding organizations that need two hundred volunteers for the Community Service portion of SLI. We agreed that that is a responsibility we are willing to take on and find ourselves."

  It was given by Mia Reich

Renee Reed gives the State Advisors report.

T-shirt design

- It will be an executive decision
- Could end up being a generic shirt this year
- The rotation process will be just like with the pins

CTSO Day

There is no room at the Capital on the original date, so we are going to try and reschedule it for sometime later in February.

Contest registration dates

It was asked to move the registration date to December instead of February 5; however, a problem arose that we would need a bigger testing window, which would result in having to move the competitions to March. Some of the district representatives said they would have no problems getting the testing done in two weeks; however, it was decided that before making a decision each district would discuss it with their testing coordinators to make sure they would have enough time. Everyone was reminded to not over test so that the competition fees would cover the testing forms.

Blake-Lee came back to the podium

It was asked how its determined how many students can compete in one contest; this is determined by how many instructors there are in that field at every school and averaged out.

It was asked what programs we are looking at to eliminate if they don't get enough contestants; not very many and most major trades are fine, this is just a good way to help us reduce unnecessary costs.

Clarification was asked for on a percentage for contest removal; there is no percentage as of now, we would have to give a percentage for each individual contest which would take an extremely long time. It is determined by a major number drop in contestants, and instructors have 3 years to get more students competing if they would like to keep that contest.

It was asked to get a base quote on the expenses of running a contest. On average, awards cost about $290.00, pipe and drape $27.50, chairs and tables $28.00, and lunch for the judges $22.00. We also have building, bathroom, and other miscellaneous expenses, and these quotes differ for every contest. Contest registration isn't enough to cover the expenses; therefore, we are installing the 3 year removal rule. This isn't necessarily just to eliminate contests, but to try and get more people interested in competing by adding new contests, and also getting instructors to care more about getting their students signed up for the current ones.

The motion was made by Gabe Morson, and seconded by Pake Carlson to include the 3 year rule in our policy.

The motion passed.

Recess started at 10:51 am

The session continued at 11:03 am

Committees were formed

Committee 1 was for contest security and was run by Jadis Pierce, Blake Thomas, and Memphis Hixon

Committee 2 was for Champion's Night and was run by Carlos Moniel, Mila Ilyushekno, and Tristan Haws.

Committee 3 was SLSC delegate session and was run by Jesse McClaran, London Navarro, and Sarah Grissom.

We broke into groups for the committees at 11:05 am

Lunch break at 11:35 am

Session continued at 12:15 am

Executive Council Committee Report Forms

Security Committee

Discussion: Guests come in to the conference that don't pay, and they eat and drink where that money could be saved.

Decision/ Recommendation: Four places to get in, have someone check for credentials, courtesy core, criminal justice, Alumni stand guard. We'll have a list of the people that will attend and says they have paid their dues, and for the ones that are not on the list we will charge $10-$15 for them to come and eat. We also plan to increase signage saying to pay your dues before taking food. This year would be more of an information gathering overall, we could see how many people come in that don't pay and get an idea of how much money we're losing.

Champion's Night Committee

Discussion: Trying to make it more fun for the students.

Decision/ Recommendation: we discussed having a scavenger hunt, advertising on social media, fliers for conference and registration box, a 360 video and/or photo booth. We also discussed letting students wear their badge to enter instead of their skills shirt, since so many students didn't come last year because of that. We would need to know a budget

to plan for these, and the problem is that we don't even have an idea since most of the budget is donations.

Delegate Session Committee

Discussion: HOSA videos played in classrooms, but they would have to be in the same video format and quality so that there's no question of fairness. Meet and greet is important with questions, and allows for more of a connection.

Decision/ Recommendation:

- Speeches and screening with videos in classrooms.
- Remove official dress requirement as delegate.
- Meet and greet in open area, earlier times. Meet and greet at 6-7:30 and vote at 8.
- Open window to vote, school votes together
- State decides video release
- No campaign outside of designated area materials
- Absolutely no campaigning prior to delegate session
- Don't count video as campaign

Renee asked if food trucks would make feeding students easier, they answered no, but Sunday it would be good.

Register delegates by email, voting online, students would have to watch the whole video before voting and the video consists of the speeches of the contestants.

Meeting ended at 12:47 pm