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A couple of years ago the FSMTA Board approved my request to hire 3 judges every year, regardless of the number of entrants (MTNA requires 3 only if there are more than 7 entrants). This request was the result of valid complaints from the teachers of entering students, students who were required to pay the same entrance fee no matter the number of entrants. And these fees are pretty high, for example, students in the senior level (high school age) are charged \$100 to enter.

This year the entrants totaled 14, and after expenses, FSMTA only fell short by \$22.65!

I recently polled the state officials in the rest of the Southern Division, and our state looks very good by comparison. FSMTA's participating teachers responded well to our promise of 3 judges, and I hope our student participation in this wonderful event will keep increasing.