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Texas HOSA History

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HOSA, TEXAS ASSOCIATION

A powerful curricular program of student led activities designed to develop future leaders for the health care system. HOSA participation provides opportunities for students to:

- develop effective leadership qualities and skills;
- enhance communication skills;
- develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills;
- build self-esteem through individual and group achievement;
- participate in community service activities;
- develop character and responsible citizenship traits;
- set goals for lifelong learning and make realistic career choices;
- network with health care professionals and peers who have similar goals;
- and access student scholarship opportunities.

HOSA, TA HISTORY

The Texas Association of Health Occupations Students of America began in 1972 as a state organization of students enrolled in Texas health occupations education programs. Groundwork for the formation of the Texas Association of Health Occupations Students began with a survey of interested students in 1970-71. This survey polled all of the students enrolled in secondary health occupations training programs in Texas. The students, most of them members of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, Texas Association, were asked to give their opinions on the formation of a new organization limited in membership to students enrolled in health occupations education. The majority of students were in favor of forming the new organization.

The results of this survey were read to coordinators of health occupations programs in an annual in-service workshop in San Antonio during July 1971. A steering committee was appointed to investigate, make recommendations, and develop a framework for the new organization. This committee was directed to report to health occupations students in the spring of 1972, and develop a mechanism for the new organization to be initiated in the 1972-73 school year. Using recommendations from students, educational administrators, and advisory committee members, the committee developed a proposed set of bylaws. They were presented to health occupations students attending the VICA state meeting in Dallas, on April 22, 1972. Bylaws were adopted by the students and a name for the organization was selected. Plans were also announced for a leadership conference to be held in May 1972. Elbert Marcom, Director of Health Occupations Education, Texas Education Agency, appointed Catherine Junge to serve as State Advisor for the new organization.

The leadership conference was held at Bastrop, Texas, May 19-20, 1972. Two junior students and their coordinator from each of the 53 health occupations programs in Texas were invited to attend. The purpose of the conference was to develop guidelines for the new organization and to elect state officers to serve for 1972-73. As an indication of the enthusiasm generated by the "Bastrop Happening", 42 out of the 74 students attending the conference were interested in running for office. These delegates also helped organize and conduct area leadership conferences for local chapter officers in October and November of 1972.

An Executive Council Meeting was held in August, 1972 at Burnet, Texas, to consider ideas regarding the scope and direction of the organization. This meeting was attended by seven elected state officers, two alternates, Catherine Junge, Elbert Marcom, two health occupations consultants, Texas Education Agency representatives, four local chapter advisors, and a Texas Association for Careers in Health representative. The name Texas Association of Health Occupations Students was chosen by a majority of the members. The acronym TAHOS was pronounced Tejas, for the Tejas Indians from which Texas derived its name.

Statewide membership as of December 1972 totaled 68 chapters with 1,870 members. The first state meeting was held in April 1973 in Austin. This meeting included competitive activities, election of state officers for 1973-74, the organization of four area divisions and election of area officers for 1973-74, and an awards banquet.

In November 1975, representatives from TAHOS met with persons from five other states having a health occupations student organization. These states were Alabama, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. They took the first steps toward forming the national student organization. A Constitutional convention was scheduled for November in the bicentennial year of 1976. Delegates, advisors, and observers met in Arlington, Texas November 17-19, 1976, for the Constitutional Convention. The delegates adopted Bylaws to

form Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and elect the first National HOSA officers.

In May 1978, the first National HOSA Convention was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The organization had grown to include representatives from 17 states. Highlights of the convention included the election of new National officers, initiation of several leadership competitive events, and an awards banquet.

In March 1979, at the TAHOS State Convention in Austin, Texas, the delegates voted to amend their bylaws to comply with the national organization's name. Therefore, the name of the organization was officially changed to Health Occupations Students of America, Texas Association (HOSA, TA).

1995-1996 National HOSA President was **Gwynne Jurries** from Brenham, Texas.

1998-1999 National HOSA President was **Lowell Doringo** from Houston, Texas.

2008-2009 National HOSA President was **Luis Baez** from Houston, Texas.

2014-2015 National HOSA President was **Hugo Quezada** from El Paso, Texas

HOSA information and resources can be found on the HOSA, TA web site or National HOSA.

<http://www.texashosa.org>

www.hosa.org



MEMBERSHIP

Active HOSA members shall be secondary or postsecondary/collegiate students, who have an interest in health science technology education and/or planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions. Active members may serve as voting delegates, run for office, and participate in competitive events. Other types of membership include professional, alumni, and honorary life.

Secondary Division

The Secondary Division shall be composed of secondary students who are or have been enrolled in a Health Science or an organized health career awareness program or are interested in, planning to pursue, or pursuing a career in the health professions.

The official definition for secondary members of HOSA for the purposes of Competitive Events is:

A secondary student is one who, a) is enrolled in a state-approved Health Science program or is planning to pursue a career in the health professions; b) has not received a high-school diploma (or its equivalent) prior to the state's annual conference; or c) has been within the continuous, sequential educational system for two or more years prior to the current year's HOSA National Leadership Conference.

Middle School Division

The Middle School Division shall be composed of middle school students who are in grades 6-8 and are interested in or planning to pursue a career in the health professions.

The official definition for middle school members of HOSA for the purposes of Competitive Events is:

A middle school student is one who: a) is enrolled in a state-approved health science program or is planning to pursue a career in the health professions; and b) has not been promoted to a secondary institution (grades 9-12) prior to the state's annual conference.

Postsecondary/Collegiate Division

The Postsecondary/Collegiate Division shall be composed of students enrolled in Health Science programs at the postsecondary/collegiate level as specified in Article III, Section 4 in the HOSA Bylaws.

The official definition for postsecondary members of HOSA for the purposes of Competitive Events is:

A postsecondary student is one who (a) is enrolled in a state-approved post-secondary program or college level program; (b) has received a high-school diploma (or its equivalent) and/or has been out of the

continuous, sequential educational system prior to the current Health Science enrollment for two or more years prior to the current year's HOSA National Leadership Conference.

Even though adult students may be enrolled in a secondary program, they may not compete in secondary competition at the HOSA National Leadership Conference. When students satisfy one or more of the criteria of being postsecondary/collegiate students, they are to be classified as members of the postsecondary/collegiate division of HOSA.

The official definition for collegiate member of HOSA for the purposes of Competitive Events is: A collegiate student is one who is seeking a baccalaureate degree.

Professional

Advisor - The person(s) responsible for advising students on health science activities that relate to HOSA. They shall pay affiliation fees, but may not vote, hold office or compete for HOSA member awards.

Professional - (Other than HOSA Chapter Advisor) - These shall be health professionals and other adult members of the community who wish to assist and support the HOSA program of activities. They shall pay affiliation fees, but may not vote, hold office or compete for HOSA member awards.

Alumni

The Alumni Division shall be composed of persons who have been enrolled in Health Science programs and were members of HOSA, or former members of a HOSA chapter who no longer meet the requirements of regular chapter membership. Alumni members shall pay no affiliation fees, and may not vote, make motions, hold office or compete in events.

Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be persons who have made significant contributions to the development of HOSA and/or have rendered outstanding service to the organization. Honorary membership may be conferred for life by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors of HOSA, Inc. Honorary members shall have none of the obligations and all of the privileges of membership except voting, making motions, holding office and competing in events.

Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership shall be available for persons who are or have been active members and who are or have participated in HOSA in a professional capacity. Lifetime membership affiliation fees shall be

\$150. Lifetime members may not vote, make motions or hold office by virtue of this membership alone. Lifetime members will have all privileges accorded if serving in other roles in HOSA; e.g. Delegate Assembly, HOSA, Inc. of Board of Directors.

LEVELS IN HOSA

LEVEL I: Local Chapter

Local chapters are composed of students who have an interest in a health science technology education program. Students pay annual affiliation fees for state and national membership. Local chapters elect officers and develop a program of work that encourages members to participate in leadership development, community service activities, professional programs, and social events. Local chapter members attend area fall leadership conferences. Spring area conferences provide students an opportunity to participate in area/state/national competitive events. Affiliated chapters may have two voting delegates per chapter at the area spring leadership conference and one voting delegate per chapter at the state leadership conference.

LEVEL II: State Association

HOSA, TA is endorsed by the Texas Education Agency. The state organization is led by a student executive council of state officers and area presidents. HOSA, TA is managed by a group of elected area advisors and the Board of Directors. The Texas association is divided into seven geographical areas. Two members from each chapter serve as voting delegates to the Spring Area Leadership Conference. One member from each chapter serves as a voting delegate at the State Leadership Conference. State officers serve as voting delegates at the National Leadership Conference.

LEVEL III: National Organization

State associations affiliate with the national organization, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Individual members must affiliate with state and national HOSA. The HOSA, Inc. corporate body is composed of one representative from each state association. It is governed by a Board of Directors. The elected national officers form an executive council to conduct the business of the organization. These national officers are elected by voting delegates from state associations.

THE HOSA MOTTO

“The Hands of HOSA Mold the Health of Tomorrow”

HOSA MISSION

To enhance the delivery of compassionate, quality health care by providing opportunities for knowledge, skill and leadership development of all health occupations education students, therefore helping the students to meet the needs of the health care community.

HOSA CREED

- I BELIEVE in the Health Care Profession.
- I BELIEVE in the profession for which I am being trained; and in the opportunities which my training offers.
- I BELIEVE in education.
- I BELIEVE that through education I will be able to make the greatest use of my skills, knowledge, and experience in order to become a contributing member of the health care team and of my community.
- I BELIEVE in myself.
- I BELIEVE that by using the knowledge and skills of my profession I will become more aware of myself. Through fulfilling these goals, I will become a more responsible citizen.
- I BELIEVE that each individual is important in his or her own right; therefore, I will treat each person with respect and love. To this end, I dedicate my training, my skills, and myself to serve others through HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA.

THE HOSA EMBLEM



The circle represents the continuity of health care; the triangle represents the three aspects of humankind well-being: social, physical and mental; and the hands signify the caring of each HOSA member.

The background of the outer circle is maroon. The letters in the circle are medical white. The triangle is navy blue, and the hands, figure, and the "HOSA" in the triangle are medical white. The area around the triangle is also medical white. The "Founded 1976" is navy blue.

HOSA SUPPLY SERVICE

The official supplier of HOSA emblematic materials is Awards Unlimited, Inc. A current catalogue may be obtained by contacting:

Awards Unlimited, Inc.
360 SW 27th St
Lincoln, NE 68522
Phone: 402-474-0815
Fax: 402-474-3782
Email: info@awardsunlimited.com.

HOSA Logos

HOSA Brands and Logos

HOSA is pleased to provide access to the new HOSA: Future Health Professionals brand, the Official HOSA Emblem and the HOSA Stethoscope logo. The style guide should be referred to when using the new HOSA brand. Links to download the fonts to be used with the new brand are included below as well.

Please contact National HOSA at hosa@hosa.org if you have any questions.

HOSA: Future Health Professionals Brand Style Guide

HOSA: Future Health Professionals Style Guide

HOSA: Future Health Professional Brand Font Links

<http://fontfabric.com/dekar-free-font/>

<http://www.fontsquirrel.com/fonts/PT-Sans>

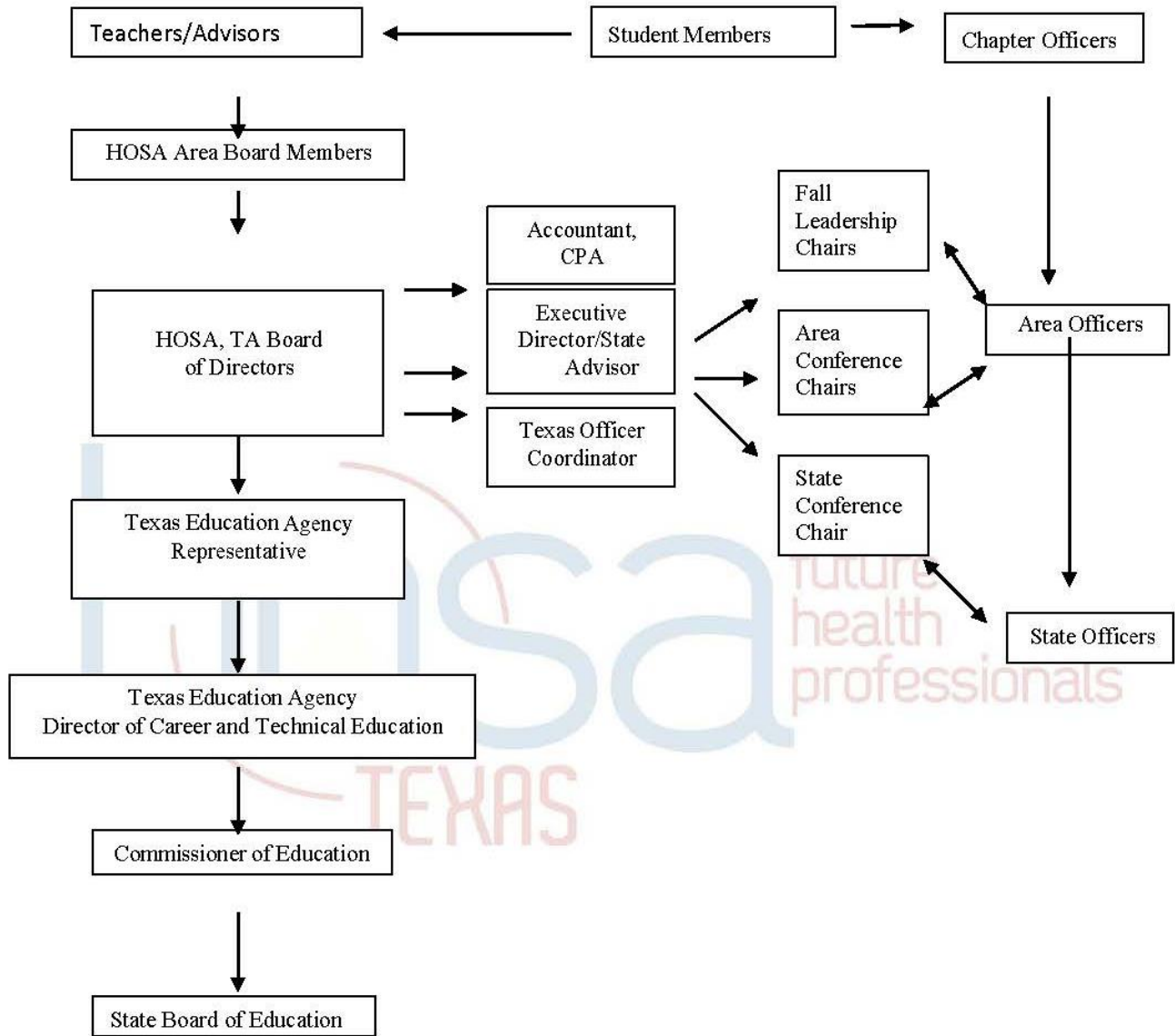
<http://www.trypo.com/trypo/fonts/aldo/index.php>

Brands and Logos

Below you will find the HOSA: Future Health Professionals Brand, HOSA Emblem and Stethoscope Logo in multiple formats



HOSA, TA and Texas Education Agency Organizational Chart



The Commissioner or Designee shall have the authority to veto any proposed action of the Board of Directors. This is to assure that actions are consistent with Texas Law and the State Board of Education rules for the conduct of all educational programs in Texas.

HOSA, TA BOARD OF DIRECTOR LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE

2017-18 Roster

AREA	MEMBER	TERM
President	Nestelynn Friday	8/12-7/19
President-Elect	Cindy Robinson	8/12-7/18
Past-President	Lisa De Leon	8/13-7/18
Area 1	Dr. Luis Vielma	8/17-7/20
Area 1	Melissa Rohrbough	8/12-7/18
Area 2	Angela Vong	8/15-7/18
Area 2	Marguerite Bagwell	8/17-7/20
Area 3	Rebecca Williams	8/17-7/20
Area 3		
Area 4	Dr. Olivia Jimenez	8/17-7/20
Area 4	Ana Angerstein-Thompson	8/17-7/20
Area 5	Annalyn Deen	8/17-7/20
Area 5	Sheila Temple	8/17-7/20
Area 6	Pam Lard	8/16-7/19
Area 6	Dr. Christina Garcia	8/16-7/19
Area 7	Dr. Anabell De Leon	8/15-7/18
Area 7	Jennifer Mahoney	8/16-7/19

Areas by County

Area 1

Area 2

Area 3

Atascosa	Kendall	Aransas	Lee	Anderson	Hunt
Bandera	Kerr	Austin	Matagorda	Bowie	Kaufman
Bastrop	Kimble	Brazoria	Milam	Camp	Lamar
Bexar	Kinney	Brazos	Refugio	Cass	Limestone
Blanco	Llano	Burleson	Robertson	Cherokee	Marion
Burnet	Mason	Calhoun	San Patricio	Collin	Morris
Caldwell	Maverick	Colorado	Victoria	Dallas	Navarro
Comal	Medina	DeWitt	Waller	Delta	Panola
Edwards	Real	Fayette	Washington	Ellis	Rains
Frio	Sutton	Fort Bend	Wharton	Fannin	Red River
Gillespie	Travis	Harris		Franklin	Rockwall
Gonzales	Uvalde	Galveston		Freestone	Rusk
Guadalupe	Val Verde	Goliad		Grayson	Smith
Hays	Williamson	Grimes		Gregg	Titus
Karnes	Wilson	Jackson		Harrison	Upshur
	Zavala	Lavaca		Henderson	Van Zandt
				Hopkins	Wood

Area 4**Area 5**

Andrews	Floyd	Midland	Archer	Johnson
Armstrong	Gaines	Mitchell	Baylor	Jones
Bailey	Garza	Moore	Bell	Lampasas
Borden	Glasscock	Motley	Bosque	McCulloch
Brewster	Gray	Ochiltree	Brown	McLennan
Briscoe	Hale	Oldham	Callahan	Menard
Carson	Hall	Parmer	Clay	Mills
Castro	Hansford	Pecos	Coke	Montague
Childress	Hartley	Potter	Coleman	Nolan
Cochran	Hemphill	Presidio	Comanche	Palo Pinto
Collingsworth	Hockley	Randall	Concho	Parker
Cottle	Howard	Reagan	Cooke	Runnels
Crane	Hudspeth	Reeves	Coryell	San Saba
Crockett	Hutchinson	Roberts	Denton	Schleicher
Crosby	Jeff Davis	Scurry	Eastland	Shackelford
Culberson	Kent	Sherman	Erath	Somervell
Dallam	King	Stonewall	Falls	Stephens
Dawson	Knox	Swisher	Foard	Sterling
Deaf Smith	Lamb	Terrell	Hamilton	Tarrant
Dickens	Lipscomb	Terry	Hardeman	Taylor
Donley	Loving	Upton	Haskell	Throckmorton
Ector	Lubbock	Ward	Hill	Tom Green
El Paso	Lynn	Wheeler	Hood	Wichita
Fisher	Martin	Winkler	Irion	Wilbarger
		Yoakum	Jack	Wise
				Young

Area 6

Area 7

Angelina	Bee
Chambers	Brooks
Hardin	Cameron
Harris	Dimmit
Houston	Duval
Jasper	Hidalgo
Jefferson	Jim Hogg
Leon	Jim Wells
Liberty	Kenedy
Madison	Kleberg
Montgomery	La Salle
Nacogdoches	Live Oak
Newton	McMullen
Orange	Nueces
Polk	Starr
Sabine	Webb
San Augustine	Willacy
San Jacinto	Zapata
Shelby	
Trinity	
Tyler	
Walker	

NATIONAL HOSA AFFILIATION PROCESS

1. National HOSA will electronically disseminate affiliation information to local advisors.
2. You must affiliate online.
 - **Internet** - go to the **HOSA Web Site:** <http://www.hosa.org> and follow the directions.

Before you get into the web site, you will need:

1. A list of all member names and addresses, school address, phone/fax numbers
 2. Your five digit National HOSA CHARTER NUMBER & PASSWORD
 3. If you need assistance call the Executive Director at 1-877-728-0150
3. Complete the affiliation process according to the directions.
 4. When asking for your **NATIONAL CHARTER NUMBER**, they are asking for the five digit number.
EXAMPLE: Charter Number: 60408
 5. Send ONE CHECK made out to NATIONAL HOSA for the national and state affiliation fees:
(State fee \$15.00 + national fee \$10.00 = \$25.00 per Texas member and advisor)

6. Send payment to:

HOSA Headquarters
548 Silicon Drive, Suite 101
Southlake, TX 76092

7. **In Texas the deadline for the National process is the last business day in October. All chapters who wish to compete in on line testing and area conference MUST be members of National and State HOSA by this date.** You may do supplemental applications for new students or new spring classes.
8. While preparing your National Affiliation, please keep in mind that competitive event team members must be a member of the **SAME** chapter. **No switching of members from one chapter to another will be allowed after submission of the chapter affiliation to National HOSA.**

CHAPTER MANAGEMENT PROCESS

In March of 1999, the Texas HOSA Board of Directors approved the following rules regarding chapter membership (secondary or postsecondary/collegiate). Since voting delegate representation and competitive event participation is based on the chapter process, the Board felt the process would promote fairness and more equal representation throughout the state.

1. The school must offer a Health Science program in order to have a HOSA chapter. The HOSA advisor must be a Health Science teacher.
2. Each secondary advisor may have a maximum of two (2) chapters. Advisors with two chapters must maintain a minimum of twenty (20) members in each chapter. If membership in either chapter drops below twenty (20) members, the two (2) chapters will revert to one (1).
3. Students and Advisor must be affiliated with the same school and chapter.
4. For students to be eligible to participate in HOSA activities the advisor must be active in chapter activities and must be present at all conferences in which their students attend. **Advisors are expected to participate in conference activities and events as scheduled.**

Texas HOSA Conference Online Registration Instructions

1. In your web browser, go to the link that you were given in your conference memo. If you need to select your area, please do so, then the registration page should appear.
2. Please read all directions carefully

Texas HOSA
Area Conference Administrative Functions
Click on the Area below to enter administrative functions for that area,
or click the Edit link to edit the dates for that area conference.

Area	Registration Deadline	Conference Dates	
Area 1	1/7/2016	1/29/2016 - 1/30/2016	Edit
Area 2	2/3/2016	2/26/2016 - 2/27/2016	Edit
Area 3	1/28/2016	2/19/2016 - 2/20/2016	Edit
Area 4	2/17/2016	3/4/2016 - 3/5/2016	Edit
Area 5	1/14/2016	2/5/2016 - 2/6/2016	Edit
Area 6	1/21/2016	2/12/2016 - 2/13/2016	Edit
Area 7	1/6/2016	1/22/2016 - 1/23/2016	Edit



3. Click the **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** button to begin registration. You will be brought to the log in screen, but if you have never registered before, you'll notice text that says, "**If you have never registered this chapter before, please click [here](#) to add your school**". Click the **here** link to add your school to our database. *If you have registered before, please log in with your previous User Name and Password.* If you add a duplicate school record to the database it could cause additional work for yourself and possibly your state advisor. If you have forgotten your user name and/or password, type in your e-mail address in the blank provided at the bottom of the screen, and click **Submit**. Your user name and password will be e-mailed to you.
4. Click the **ADD NEW NAME** button to add a new name to the list. Provide the participant's last name, first name, and select their status from the drop down list. Click the Submit button (either of them), and the name will be added for you.
5. Continue adding names until you have entered all of your participants. At any point, you may press the **VIEW REGISTRATION** button to get an idea of your total invoice amount, and see who you have registered. **Please remember to add t-shirt sizes and meal choices if applicable.**
6. When you are finished press the **SUBMIT TO HOSA** button at the bottom. You may be presented with a red error message. For instance, if you forgot to enter an Advisor, a message will appear indicating the error. Click the **Back to Registration** link to go back and add an advisor to the invoice. Once you have done that, click the **SUBMIT TO HOSA** button again.
7. Be sure to **Print** a copy of this invoice to send in with your payment. Next, press the **CONFIRM** button at the bottom to confirm that the invoice is correct. A copy of the invoice will be e-mailed to you and to the administrator.
8. If you need to edit your registration you may come back to this web site as you did above and make changes up until the registration deadline. In order to make changes, click on the **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** link at the left and log in using your user name and password. The list of registered individuals will appear. Simply click the **Edit** link and make any changes you need. When you do this, remember to press the **SUBMIT TO HOSA** button to check for problems and to resubmit the invoice.
9. Once you are finished with your registration, be sure to either click the **LOG OUT** button to make sure that the connection is securely closed or exit your browser. This will ensure that no one can get in and make changes to your registration.