

## **TSA's Ten Member Minimum Policy**

In 2007 the ten members per chapter minimum policy was implemented to:

- 1) **Provide a variety of improved services and resources for members.** These include on-line affiliation and conference registration, website updates and maintenance, *Total TSA* CD Rom resource, and the development and maintenance of the competitive event program. Chapters need to have a minimum of ten members based upon the value of all services and resources provided for National TSA to financially "break even."
- 2) **Promote leadership opportunities.** Instituting the ten member minimum policy helps insure that TSA chapters provide a well-rounded program for their members. Ideally, TSA chapters should offer leadership and committee opportunities to plan related activities and service projects, as well as prepare for a variety of competitive events. Ten members provide enough chapter members to elect officers and form committees.
- 3) **Strength TSA state delegations.** Ten members insures that there will be more state delegation members participating at state conferences, more state officer candidates, and more members to share the responsibility of managing the state delegation. State departments of education will value stronger TSA participation through more chapter members within the local education agencies.

If a chapter does not meet the ten members per chapter requirement, affiliation can still take place by paying the fee for ten members. Chapters with fewer than ten members can then undertake a recruitment campaign to encourage other students to be a part of TSA and then complete their roster at a later date. The TSA, Inc. Board of Directors will review the policy annually.