The delegate experience is vitally important to SkillsUSA. It is a mechanism to ensure the student voice is heard, and it provides delegates with an opportunity to influence the direction of the organization.

At the 2019 National Leadership and Skills Conference, the high school and college/postsecondary delegations presented and approved the following motions:

**High School Delegates - Dakota Chixarro, Massachusetts**

Mr. / Madame Chair,

Dakota Chixarro, representing Massachusetts

I would like to rise to a point of personal privilege. With all due respect to the national officers and SkillsUSA as an organization, I would like to request, on behalf of the delegation, that tables be brought into our session. In a professional business meeting, tables are a necessity to ensure the serious and understanding of business throughout the meeting. Without tables, the delegates have to rely on writing in our lap, while trying to juggle all other documents we may have. This impacts our ability to effectively listen and completely participate in the meeting. It is also unfair for any national officer candidate who may have used money from their campaign budget to purchase items designed to be placed on the delegates' tables, as those items can now effectively useless, which would take away valuable resources from their campaign. Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of the delegation, and thank you for listening to my personal privilege.

**College/Postsecondary Delegates – Ryan, Utah**

I move to receive chairs and tables
Response to Presented and Approved Motions:

Kim Hegedus, Sr. Manager Education Development and Delegate Program Manager, SkillsUSA

Feedback is always appreciated to ensure programs continue to grow and provide great opportunities for our members.

To glean additional information and brainstorm potential solutions we will:
- Review delegate evaluation results
- Engage in conversation with numerous national staff members as well as past national officers that serve as delegate management team members.
- Coordinate with venue staff

This will assist us in researching solutions and weigh/balance priorities in areas like comfort of the delegates, engagement levels of delegates, and available venue space and layouts.

Process improvement is critical as programs grow and expand; we welcome the opportunity to dig deep in researching this motion and find the best-case scenario for the entire program and the delegates.

Next Steps:

An update of the review, research and collaboration progress will be shared no later than January 31.

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