TFA EC Minutes

Type: TFA Business Meeting #1 – TSCA/TFA Convention, San Antonio, TX

Date: October 6-8, 2016

Call to Order/End Times: 7:38pm,

Those In Attendance:  Noah Recker, Wendi Brandenburg, John Mast, Rhonda Smith, Ryan Lovell, Jason Warren, Perry Beard, Yolanda Silva, Debbie Waddell, Grant Hahn, Kirsten Nash, Kandi King (acting Parliamentarian)

Those Not In Attendance:

(Quorum= established at 146)

Agenda:

1. Welcome Speech – Noah Recker, current President
2. Hall of Fame Inductions – Kandi King
   a. Tim Cook- Kirsten Nash, speaker
   b. Terri Robinson- Debbie Haren, speaker
   c. Sally Squibb- Dave Huston and Eric Mears, speakers
   d. Connie McKee – Ann Shofner, speaker
4. Elections
   a. Vice President
      i. John Mast (reg3)
      ii. Jane Boyd (reg2)
      iii. Floor – Chris Stowe (reg4)
   b. Secretary
      i. Wendi Brandenburg (incumbent) (reg2)
      ii. Floor – Vickie Beard (reg4)
   c. VOTE RESULTS
      i. Runoff for VP between John Mast and Jane Boyd
      ii. VP – John Mast elected Vice President, as of April 1, 2017
      iii. Vickie Beard elected Secretary, as of April 1, 2017
      iv. Wendi Brandenburg remains on as appointed Social Media and Website Manager, a non-voting member of the EC
5. Reports from Committees
   a. Scholarship – no report
   b. Public Relations – Discussed merchandise and where it’s held, draft press releases for TFA
c. **Professional Relations** – no report

d. Finance/Treas

e. **Constitutional** – Discussed fixing the link to Archived Constitutions, Brent has been made aware of the broken link and will fix it ASAP.

f. **Debate Topic** – no report

g. **Hall of Fame** – DEADLINE for applications need to be moved to August 1st

h. **Congressional Debate** – Recommendations: they receive lots of questions, committee consolidated all things Congress. Changed some language, cleaned up wording. See Cheryl Potts for copies of what was changed—added recency/newness to method of selecting legislation (current events), Congress being short-changed at tournaments (start round without extemp cross-entries, etc.), 4 minute speech to all speeches will be 3 minutes. Sentence duplication cleaned up, changes to Ballot points (0-6 points) for consistency, and 3-hours of debate (not 3 hours on the schedule). At STATE- students elect TWO presiding officers for each session, diving the session in half to allow students to speak, as well as run. *This committee needs to submit their report to Noah Recker.*

i. Discussion about changes from the Floor. One concern was “debate time” and when students opt to take recesses.

   ii. Motion to accept the report as one document, taking recessing into account. Rescinded by Cheryl.

   iii. Motion to TABLE so the Body can review (passes)

   iv. **Nominating** – no report

6. **TFA State Update/Report** – Rhonda Smith, Plano West Sr. High

7. **Amendments**

   a. **Internet during debate rounds**

      i. Pro concerns – Google Docs needs access, access to more information, etc.

      ii. Con concerns – ethical concerns, not all schools have computers, internet may eliminate research prep ahead of the rounds, etc.

         1. Gay Hollis – motion to amend this amendment to restrict contact with others outside the round (coaches, consultants, competitors, anyone outside the round, etc.) – VOTE 1/3 to hear discussion passes. (“Competitors found engaging in online communication with other individuals not directly participating in the round will be disqualified.”)

         2. Concerns about enforcement of this additional amendment

         3. **VOTE:** passes.

      iii. Motion to move this to an **Ad Hoc Committee** for further investigation on concerns raised tonight (cost prohibition, wifi access, etc.)

         iv. **VOTE:** passes

b. **Internet in Extemp prep**

   i. 

c. **Add INF as qualifier**

d. **Statement on harassment**

e. **WiFi – Computer use during rounds**

   i. Moved up to item B (Business Meeting 1)
ii. Pro – remove all language banning wifi use, national tournament circuit allowed to use wifi

iii. Con – ethics violations, provable offenses, coach/consultant interference, etc.

iv. RECESS to 2\textsuperscript{nd} meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm - PASSES

f. Inappropriate student behavior at tournaments

g. EC Amendments
   i. Strike System
   ii. 15-minute Rule
   iii. POI/INF as Supps
   iv. Congress semis
   v. Weekend to week

h. Add INF as qual (visual aids)
i. Eliminate Duet Acting

j. Adult Supervision

k. Amending the Constitution (takes 2/3 vote)
   i. 2 weeks to amend constitution
   ii. 30 days other places
   iii. Pg 6 Art 7
   iv. Sect 10 of Bylaws simple majority
   v. Amendment would begin NOW
   vi. VOTE: Constitution (section 1 language) – FAILS, 40-89-1
   vii. VOTE: Bylaws (section 10 language) – FAILS – 44-94-1

l. Coin Flip in PFD
Recommendations from the Constitutional Committee

p. 10 Delete “mailing the agenda”
Add: “The agenda will be made available at the beginning of the first business meeting”

p. 36
Use of computers during round #4
Delete last sentence.
Add “Refer to pg. 36 Availability of Evidence #1 and #5”

p. 49, 51
p. 49 #6
Delete “set the scene and mood”
Or
p. 51 “Add “set the scene and mood and”

p. 49
#8 Add “The penalty for this is disqualification in all events that the same piece is being used”
Delete “. but”
Add “A student”

p. 57
Delete #2 “Letters of acceptance of responsibility from each experienced director must accompany the application”
Delete #4 No applications shall be considered after August 15. (contradicts with #6)

p. 60
#19 Change “finals” to “semifinals”
Add “Every effort should be made to panel all finals”