

TFA EC Minutes

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

Date: October 6-8, 2016 – 10/7/16

Call to Order/End Times: 7:38pm Thursday, 7:36pm Friday

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)

ADJOURNED Friday, October 07, 2016 at 11:14pm until next year's Convention in Houston at the Omni Westside--

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*
3. Report on Prep'd – Ian Panchevre, guest and Prepd Founder
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*)
 - i. **Nominating** – no report
6. **TFA State Update/Report** – Rhonda Smith, Plano West Sr. High
- a. Concern about rooms
 - b. Is gathering a local host committee to help
 - c. Plano ISD has approved the 2017 State Tournament to be held at Plano West Senior High School.
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. Pro – check sources, access Google Docs and articles, internet might allow schools to find evidence they might not have access to, teams with fewer extempers have access to fewer files, etc.
- ii. Con – No available WiFi, limits competitive advantage, students should research ahead of time, cheating possibility, verifying cheating, students' advantage with hot spots, etc..
- iii. **VOTE:** 71-50-5 – PASSES for NEXT year, 2017-18.

c. Add INF as qualifier

- i. Pro – we need to be competitive at the Districts/National Tournament, outreach to more debaters who might not relate to OO, other states have this event.
- ii. Con – State Tournament too large, concerns about the schedule at State
- iii. **VOTE:** *NOT retroactive, not stated by the author- will be instituted 2017-18. 68-56 - PASSES.

d. Statement on harassment and discrimination (Chuck Walts)

- i. Allows conduct by anyone at an IQT or other TFA sanctioned event to be acted upon.
- ii. **VOTE: PASSES**
- iii. MOTION – EC cleanup language to exclude language, insults, etc. included in Oral Interpretation selections/performance.

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 2nd meeting tomorrow at 7:30pm – PASSES**
- v. **Amended version of this item by the Ad Hoc Committee formed Thursday night.** Their report is being debated as amended wording.
- vi. **VOTE:** 71-25-3 **PASSES** as amended

f. Inappropriate student behavior at tournaments

- i. **VOTE:**

g. EC Amendments

i. Strike System

1. MJP (LD, CX at State) and IE Strikes language is not included now.
2. Allows us to have strikes
3. **VOTE:** PASSES

ii. 15-minute Rule

1. Competitor forfeits debate or last in round after 15-min at State (at fault of students, not the tournament or judge(s))
2. Exception of cross-entries
3. **VOTE:** PASSES

iii. POI/INF as Consolation Events

1. Motion to Amend- that this only apply **THIS** tournament year, 2017. – **PASSES** (all four events will be offered as Consolations)

2. **VOTE:** majority, PASSES
- iv. **Congress semis**
 1. 3-hour round, not 4, but a 4-hour block
 2. LARGE cut to semis right now, very hard to break
 3. Allow up to 4 semi chambers, more competitive and equitable, two 2-hr sessions.
 4. **VOTE:** PASSES
- v. **Weekend to week**
 1. Clarify a tournament “weekend” would be Monday-Sunday
 2. Would allow weekday tournaments
 3. **VOTE:** Passes
- h. **Add INF as qual (visual aids)**
 - i. Pro – same as other
 - ii. Con – size of State Tournament, cost, etc.
 - iii. Motion to amend to make this retro-active for this year’s State Tournament, including all IQT points students may have earned this year 2016-17. **VOTE:** 1/3 second passes for discussion.
- i. **Eliminate Duet Acting**
 - i. Pro – numbers are not making
 - ii. Con – not hurting anything if it’s not making, some programs thrive, theater arts cross-over, encourages group collaboration, Mission Statement, etc.
 - iii. **VOTE:** 31-82 - FAILS
- j. Adult Supervision (rescinded)
- 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**
 - i. Rescinded until next year
8. **Congressional Debate Committee Report** submitted and accepted
 - a. NOT amending the constitution at this point
 - b. MOTION to move the report to amendments
 - c. MOTION for acceptance THIS season (1/3 second) PASSES
 - d. **VOTE** to accept this report as one document, effective this 2016-17 school year: PASSES
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **POI amendment**
 - i. Concerns about the State Tournament size for this year
 - ii. **VOTE:** FAILS
 - b. **Region Business**
 - i. None

- ii. None
- iii. None
- iv. Add Cy Falls tournament to last weekend in February 2017 (passes)
- v. Add: Mountain View, Odessa, Bel Air, Riverside, Pebble Hills

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"