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
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 take recesses 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
      extemperns 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..

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 acceptanace 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”