MEETING AGENDA for Monday, August 31, 2020

Attendance: Lillian Adeyemi, John Mast, Joe Uhler, Vicky Beard, Nicole Cornish, Kirsten Nash, Rory McKenzie, Ryan Lovell, Yolanda Silva, Noah Recker, Michelle Watkins

Time: 7:02pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Recap of minutes from last EC meeting - Vicky Beard gave a recap. Kirsten made a motion to accept last meeting’s agenda, Ryan Lovell 2nd it. All voted unanimously to approve 7-0.

III. Hopin Platform - Jay Stubbs discussed the uses and costs. A purchase of $99 for membership is required. It can record and goes to the cloud. EC asked Jay various questions about Hopin. EC continued the discussion after Jay’s presentation. Question arose: can you use classrooms.cloud for extemp draw only? Yes, you can.

IV. Vice President’s Report – John Mast-discussed how TFA is going to hire judges for an online TFA State. Scheduling the tournament with the 8 hour online limit. Need to create a schedule for State now. Eliminating a debate topic committee and creating an equity committee for an amendment at convention. Equity Officer duties need to be clarified in an amendment for convention. Also, need an amendment for the WSD committee to be standing committee

V. Treasurer Report – Noah Recker shared his report of expenses paid. TFA still waiting on our tax-exempt status. He will contact our CPA again to speed it up.

VI. Region 1 – 5 Reports
Region 1-Take Hereford off of September.
Region 2-new tournament application from Melissa HS.Jan 22nd-23rd.
Region 3-Harlingen/Harlingen South want to do a swing. Body will vote for it.
Two coaches have not paid IQT application fees.
Region 4-no news to report.
Region 5-no news to report.

VII. Archivist Report – Kirsten Nash-2 applicants for Hall of Fame.

VIII. IQT Coordinator Report – Nicole Cornish

IX. Title I Committee Report – John Mast-committee must decide the definition of what A Title I School is. Possibility-do kids qualify for free SAT/ACT at their school.

X. Code of Conduct Committee Report - Kirsten Nash
   A. It was cleared by an Attorney
   B. Will be posted on txfa.org

XI. vIQT Committee Report - Joe Uhler. Noah moved to allow observers for educational purposes in vIQT world at the tournament director’s discretion on size capabilities when the system allows. Kirsten 2nd it. 9-0 Unanimous Vote.

XII. DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice) Training reflection with KristyThomas. She would appreciate any feedback.
XIII. New Business Opening weekend for viQT- Michelle informed the EC about a tournament in her district and issues with viQT guidelines and rules. Discussion followed. Jitsi was lagging at times. Problems should be handled by the tournament director. Rory informed the EC about a tournament in his region where volunteer judges never showed up. People need to know the right person to contact for troubleshooting for virtual tournaments.

A. Meeting with Scott Wunn
   1. NSDA Campus- $15,000 by 9/15 and remaining $5,000 after it is fully functional which was supposed to be ready for our first tournament and it was not ready. They are not sure about the yearly maintenance yet, maybe $5,000. Kirsten made a motion to reject contracting NSDA to build our IQT tabulation system. Rory 2nd it. Vote is anonymous to pass this motion. 9-0. Kirsten made a motion to pay $15 an hour up for no more than 10 hours a weekend for Nicole for IQT Coordinator which is more work than ever before while we keep looking for a system to do this. Rory 2nd it. It passed:9-0. Yes was unanimous vote
   2. Noah made a motion not to use NSDA Campus Platform. Vicky 2nd it. Yes: Ryan, Michelle, Noah, Vicky, Yolanda, John, Lillian and No voted to keep NSDA Campus: Rory and Ryan Lovell. Motion passes on a 7-2.

B. Equity violation form made for tournaments placed on the website that schools who opt to have an officer can use.

C. TSCA Convention Panelist-Lilly shared a list of possible panels for convention. 6-11 panel options may be spread throughout the year.

D. Officer Elections for VP & Secretary, Region Reps. 1, 3, & 5 and Congress committee members 2 & 4 letter of intent

E. September Letter to the TFA Body going out by September 2nd

XIV. Closing-Vicky made a motion to close the meeting. Kirsten 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.