

# EC Minutes for Sunday, July 18th, 2021

**Present:** Lillian Adeyemi, Davy Holmes, Kim Falco, Robert Shepard, Ryan Hennessey, Stef Cambra, Nicole Cornish, Preston Stolte, Rory Mckenzie, Noah Recker, Tasha Jones

**Start:** 2:00pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Treasurer Report- organization is still financially stable. Currently inquiry from the CPA is whether we need to change the organization name completely or start from scratch to regain status.
- III. Secretary Report- Reviewed minutes from the previous meeting.
- IV. Region Reports
  - A. Region 1- Nathaniel not present.
  - B. Region 2- Rory is working on updating the calendar on tournament status: virtual or in person.
  - C. Region 3- Davy will be sending out a message to the region to have them declare virtual or in person tournaments.
  - D. Region 4- Ryan will be sending out a message to the region to have them declare virtual or in person tournaments.
  - E. Region 5- Kim addresses the process for schools who paid late. Ryan says region reps should confirm payment with Noah and then update the calendar accordingly.
- V. Archivist Report- Robert addresses an issue brought up about the status of the organization to continue moving forward. Noah has been working on regaining the status of TFA, it is a lengthy process. We are still connected to TSCA. Noah continues to abide by all laws and documentation as we work through the process to regain status. We are an incorporated organization but without tax exemption status. Noah still files all necessary paperwork to keep up with legal aspects. Preston did some research and says we are an incorporated organization and suggests creating a new organization name, Texas Speech & Debate Association, and clarify "doing business as Texas Forensic Association".
- VI. IQT Report- Nicole reports she will be archiving last year's data to begin collecting fresh data for the upcoming competition year.
- VII. Social Media Report- Stef will be providing Lillian with information on how many prizes will need to be pulled to start shipping out from the NSDA social media push. As the summer winds down there will be content on what students/educators learned at summer camps. Interaction numbers are still increasing and TFA's social media accounts have grown significantly.
- VIII. Vice President Report- Preston shared a working document from the Safe Restart Committee. Major talking points have been the requirement of wearing masks, notification of a tournament's status as virtual vs in person (6 weeks in advance), advanced notice of tournament schedule, and what protocols will be followed being published on the tournament invitation. The committee is still working through some major issues such as contract tracing. Ryan suggests our liability would be minimal

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because it would be impossible to prove where a child gets covid from. Noah addresses HIPAA rules and the need for a more blanket statement that goes out. Nicole says none of us fall under HIPAA because we are not medical professionals. Rory asks for clarification on the status of whether these are guidelines or mandates. Preston says a tournament host would be declaring ahead of time on their invitation if they will be following the guidelines, not following the guidelines, or which combination they would be following. VIQT changes include congress numbers, preset presidents/direct questioning, and tech time. The committee voted to keep asynchronous speech and to eliminate split screen duo. Kim points out that tournaments would have to have outrounds unless we bring this up to the body and get a vote for it. The group discusses using synchronous ie's with a backup link option for asynchronous video. Preston reminds the group of the need to look ahead at TFA State and protocols that will be necessary there. Preston motions to have coaches declare to their region reps whether they will be hosting an in person or virtual tournament, their tournament schedule, and until their tournament can appear on the TFA circuit on tabroom 6 weeks ahead. Motion is seconded by Noah. All voted in favor. Grace will be given to August/September tournaments.

- IX. People who have paid late will need to be placed on the calendar.
- X. IQT point schedule has returned back to normal. Lillian will let the body know in the next email correspondence.
- XI. TSCA- Lillian would like Kristy Thomas to do a diversity, equity, and inclusion training at TFA State this year. The group agrees this would be beneficial.
- XII. Texas National World School Debate Team- the team would consist of applicants from Texas not on the national team. Students will hold practices virtually. Cindy Timmons and Aaron Timmons would coach the team. Noah suggests this be a formal proposal made at convention.
- XIII. New Business:
  - A. Preston discusses the needs for a more permanent lawyer for TFA. Ryan suggests Seth Phillips. Preston suggests gathering bids and finding someone in our area. It is also suggested to solicit bids for a CPA, as well. The current one has not been charging us and may not be staying on long term. Robert suggests the need to have someone who has sister/satellite offices in Dallas, Houston, and Austin.
  - B. Lawyer issue
  - C. Nathaniel addresses the legal insurance issue that was brought up during onboarding by Scott Wunn. Kim has included this in her amendment to the body. Noah will consult with an insurance professional to gather pricing options. Preston reminds the group that the more bid options we pull in will give us the best options and increase transparency. Kim suggests contacting Scott for suggestions.
- XIV. Noah motions to adjourn. Rory seconds the motion. All in favor.

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**End Time: 4:21**