

Meeting: TFA EC Meeting

Date: 5/19/20

Start Time: 7:01;

In Attendance: Lillian Adeyemi, Michelle Watkins, John Mast, Vicky Beard, Joe Uhler, Yolanda Silva, Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Noah Recker, Brent Hinkle, Dylan Bennett, Ryan Lovell, Ryan Hennessey, Kirsten Nash, Rory McKenzie

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Recap of last EC Mtg: Vicky Beard: refer to minutes posted on txf.a.org
3. Financial Rpt from TFA State: Noah Recker

TFA lost a lot of money at state 2020: \$60,000. This is 2 ½ more than last state tourney. Mainly because of hiring more judges.

However, TFA is stable: \$150,000 in the bank. But we cannot afford anymore bit losses like this.

4. The 2020-2021 School Year Outlook: Dr. Kevin Rohrbach (TFA's Superintendent)

He first spoke of how he enjoyed judging at TFA State. He told the EC that superintendents are meeting weekly to discuss what the fall semester will be like

Rohrbach reported that Governor Abbott stated summer school CAN be in schools, which is a good sign we will start in the fall. But districts must provide virtual summer schools

As well. Abbott also stated that summer camps & activities may resume. (Refer to TEA's coronavirus Page) Of course, things could change if there is a new surge of COVID19.

Dr. Rohrbach mentioned if there is still social distancing in the fall, there could only be 14-17 students on a school bus, with a driver. He also said that the countries which have reopened

Seemed to be have very little reoccurring corona outbreaks which is encouraging. However, many parents may still not want to send kids to brick/mortar schools, so they should plan online learning.

5. JOT with Brent Hinkle:

Previously discussed was that Lillian wanted TFA State to be paperless (online) which he working on by July 4<sup>th</sup>. He is working on creating the software/tabulation for virtual tournaments.

If he can't create it by then, TFA will look for other outlets. Lillian is meeting with NSDA as well. If we use JOT, we should recommend IQT's to use it. Since tourneys used tabroom instead, it created extra work

Name corrections, like hours and hours, and Brent and Grant did this for free.

New IQT Coordinator: Nicole Cornish. Grant Hahn will train her.

6. Virtual IQT & Ad Hoc Committee: Joe Uhler. After the EC discussed Joe's Report, Kirsten Nash made a motion to vote on the following: All fall tourneys be virtual (to include Ad Hoc Proposals):

***This Ad Hoc Committee formally recommends to the TFA E.C. that all TFA-sanctioned IQTs in the fall season of 2020-2021 be virtual tournaments, and that the E.C. would be able to decide, based on a thorough assessment of the current climate, at the beginning of each month, whether hosts would be able to offer an in-person tournament. For example, on October 1st, the E.C. would decide whether hosts in November could offer in-person tournaments.***

Ryan Hennessey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Yes: Lilly, Michelle, John, Yolanda, Vicky, Ryan Lovell, Ryan Hennessey, Rory, Noah Recker. This is a unanimous vote and the motion passed. 2<sup>nd</sup> friendly motion was proposed: for the 2020-21 tournament season:

***The EC is allowed to make tournament calendar changes outside the normal approval parameters in the best interest of TFA membership.***

The EC unanimously voted: yes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> friendly amendment and it passes as well. Lilly has informed all Region Reps to schedule Town Hall Mtgs before 6/1 via Zoom for further discussion.

7. The 2020-21 TFA Tournament schedule will be posted June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Noah will contact all Region Reps for tourney calendars to be posted on txfa.org

Victoria East HS did not pay any of its judges from their last IQT & applied for a new IQT. Harlingen HS did not pay for TFA State in 2020.

8. TFA State Bid for 2021: Gregory Portland HS has put in a bid. Lilly is waiting to hear back from Selena if they can accommodate for 220 rooms. TFA is still waiting for Medina Valley HS to put one in also.

9. State Tabulation Committee: Ryan Hennessey. His committee met for the 1<sup>st</sup> time today. Ryan reported that the tabulation amendment is unconstitutional and should not have been passed. This Committee is currently wanting to have more fair tabulations of IE's. Question arose: how many competitors should break? What the committee did not like is: prelims, quarters, & semis weigh the same in tabulating who breaks to finals. The proposal: prelims ranks x .5 (Like having 3 judges), then add to quarters, and semis. The committee will meet again next week. This will be reviewed at the EC Retreat.

10. Title I Schools Committee: John Mast. This committee is meeting next week. He presented idea of charging judge fees and not entry fees since judges are always needed at State. Before the committee meets, John will look at last State's breakdown of how many schools paid judge fees vs entry fees.

11. Social Media/Communications for TFA: Dylan Bennett. She will have facebook, Instagram, & twitter up and running by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She proposed an idea to use Google Suites for Region Reps to have a separate email address. And suggested Google Video Messaging in the future.

Texas Party/Nats: we can have an online send-off party with video messaging on youtube. Social Media can get the word out. TFA social media needs to give a shout-out to Irene Gardea for NSDA Educator of the Year. Dylan proposed a fun once-a-month newsletter each month.

12. Professional Development for TFA Coaches at online camps. Not many have reached out to Lilly. Members of EC will help and contact camps.

13. TSCA Convention Panels/TSCA Retreat-TBD. Joe & Lilly are doing panels for TSCA b/c Amy (from TSCA) has everything on her school computers and she's not allowed back in b/c of COVID19. We don't know if TSCA Convention will be virtual. A friendly amendment was for the TFA President-Elect to make panels and work with TSCA instead of current President since he or she would not be the TFA Chair for next convention. This duty would fall on the President-Elect who would take office on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If TSCA were virtual, we could recruit people from all over the country.

14. EC Retreat: 6/1/20 Online. Lilly will reserve rooms for Dallas/Austin members of the EC. Let her know by 6/6/. Also mentioned was the idea of virtual TFA-making convention more equitable for coaches. This will be discussed at retreat.

15. Lilly will sent out special email about eIQTS and town halls on Monday 5/25. She will send the monthly letter to TFA Body June 1<sup>st</sup>.

16. The EC scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month for meetings starting July.

17. Motion was made to close the meeting. End time of the meeting 9:26.