

TFA Business Meeting

October 3, 2019

Current paid membership: 197. Joe asked to establish a quorum. Counted 74 in attendance.

1. President's welcome and opening statement-Joe Uhler delivered his opening speech.
2. Moment of silence to honor the life of Father Robert Busch.
3. Hall of Fame Inductions - Michael Harlan and Scott Baker-Will occur tomorrow 10/4/19. (S.Baker's plane was delayed.)
4. Committee reports (with the exception of the finance committee).

TFA State 2020 Hosting - The EC met earlier with Shawn Mena (Principal at Franklin and the State Tournament Coordinator) & Danny Rosales (speech coordinator) to host the TFA State Meet. Both spoke to the Body.

6 p.m. Registration in the Gym. two ½ days for the tourney. Franklin is a large school with main bldg, fine arts, and magnet bldg. Need walking shoes for walking from the main bldg and magnet bldg. (We've done this before) Surrounding area is safe but security will be there and it will be well lit for everyone to see at night.

Thursday Food Trucks

10 restaurants are close

Friday and Saturday - food will be available for students

Out rounds will be at main bldg and magnet bldg.

Door Prizes will be given

Shuttle for judges will be provided.

Shawn has hosted 5 TFA Tourneys.

Danny has run State twice as well. He was a speech coach.

Two tourney hotels and obtained a block of hotels; they will be up on the website ASAP.

Hotels-if you book at the DoubleTree, notify them of a charter bus.

Danny/Shawn's email will be on the TFA site.

T-Shirts up before Winter Break.

Awards @ Coronado HS: 8min drive. We have a backup just in case.

Special Needs-notify for elevator key at Awards. We are on Mountain Time in El Paso.

Scholarship- JP Fugler: same process as last year. 1/30-deadline. Will go on the website asap.

Public Relations-- Vicky Beard- We agreed that we need to be more active. Smore App. Will share info with Region Reps. Keep young coaches - help them with Smore App.

Professional Relations -Robert Shepard spoke. We need curriculum (lesson plans) for new teachers. Be more than a once a year organization.

Debate Topic Selection -Bryan Winn expressed an interest in writing topics

Finance - Follow up with non profit status

Congressional Debate - Nathaniel Council,
Judges at the State Tourney and future legislation.

Constitution - Kim Falco - Colin Malinek and Eric Mears have been finding issues. Date set in early June to have dedicated time to work on Constitution.

World School Debate-5 teams qualified and then 20 thru region tourneys. Cindi Timmons spoke to the Body.

Ad Hoc - ADA Compliance -Jackie Ochoa - Committee reached out to lawyers and diff organizations like NSDA & UIL. . Better for the EC to handle. Are we providing compliance? EC needs to designate responsibility for ADA compliance. Recommended having a lawyer on retainer.

Ad Hoc - Judge Certification - Melissa Denny - committee recommendation is to use a third party. Publish information where judges can go to pay \$10 to become certified. Camps should do this. TFA not endorsing the list, just providing one, if you need it.

Nominating Committee-BN

5. Officers' reports (finance committee comes right after Treasurer's report)

Vice President - JOY for judges. State meet on JOY within the month to start applying for judge contracts. Recommendation from John,

If you know a judge, please help facilitate rides with you as coaches. There is an application on JOY. \$500 and covers hotel (outside of El Paso).

Secretary - Keeping up with minutes. EC minutes are given to Brent and uploaded. Sent to President and Brent.

Treasurer-financially-we are fine. We lost our status w/ Secretary of State and the IRS. Noah has been working on this with a CPA. Slow process but happening. We can use the old numbers that we had.

6. Region Rep. Reports

Region 1-Tascosa/wtamu 11/21/23 is now just wtamu 11/22-23. Nathaniel Council voted as congress rep.

Region 2 new tourney Southlake Carroll 12/6-7. The Body voted to approve

Region 3 Corpus Christi Carroll move to 10/26; Corpus Christi King move to 11/9; Gregory Portland move to 12/7. Stoney Point-become a swing with Round Rock HS-pending payment received for January. Body voted to approve all. Gina Lozano re-elected as congress committee chair for region 3

Region 4 Elkins got flooded so move to 2/13-14. Unanimous vote.

Region 5 Midland Lee move from 10/12 to 10/19. Body voted to approve. Abilene Swing is now Stanford/Abilene Swing. Body voted to approve. Snyder pending payment to host a tourney. Body voted to approve. Tim Haynes was re-elected as their congress rep

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PASSES

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7. Election results (Regions 2 and 4 Representatives) and Elections (President and Treasurer)

Region 2 Rory McKenzie

Region 4 Ryan Hennessey

President nominees running: Lillian Adeyemi & Colin Malinak
Results: Lillian Adeyemi 4/1-will take over

Treasurer- nominees running: Noah Recker
Results: Noah Recker

(WSD workshop TOMORROW at 9:15am Friday in the private dining room in the hotel restaurant)

8. Proposed Amendments

1. #1 An Amendment To Create a Penalty System for IQT Hosting Payments ([Download as PDF](#)) requires 2/3rd - by laws (money goes to scholarships for students)

Cindi Timmons asked for a Friendly amendment to change 'fine' to 'late fee' was accepted by author-Noah Recker

Noah Recker speaks in Affirmation.(authorship speech)

Yes: 91

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

2. #2 An Amendment to Add a Penalty System to Schools Paying TFA Dues Late ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority ('Fine' will be changed to 'Late Fee'). Noah Recker (author) gave a speech for this amendment.

Yes: unanimous vote 91 vote yes

No: 0 Abstentions: 0

Pass/Fail; **PASSES**

3. #3 An amendment to remove CX from the Standard Break Procedure at State ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority (Aaron Timmons asked for a friendly amendment- "the breaks is at Doubles in CX" Yes was the answer from Noah Recker. Cindi Timmons gave a speech in negation.

Yes: 30

No: 42

Abstain: 13

Pass/Fail: **FAILS**

4. #11 An Amendment Regarding State Tournament Coordinator ([Download as PDF](#)) requires 2/3rd

Yes: 87

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

5. #12 An Amendment Regarding Public Forum (codify with NSDA) ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Joe Uhler gave the authorship speech to codify TFA rules with NSDA rules.

Yes: unanimous vote aye
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

6. #14 An Amendment Regarding Prepared Events ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Rory McKenzie gave an authorship speech. The PDF should say “Duo” instead of “Duet” twice. Friendly amendment to take out “POI” of this amendment was suggested by Cindi Timmons. The vote for friendly amendment: 40/31/12.

Tim Cook proposed to table this amendment: Clear Majority voted YES, so this was TABLED for an Ad Hoc Committee. Rory’s ad hoc committee: Language of the Constitution concerning “POI” & “Selection” wording.

POI Ad Hoc Committee met (Rory McKenzie-EC Advisor, Amberley Tanner, Meg Parker-Wilson, Eric Pinon, Frank Rivera, Stef Cambra). Rory McKenzie said they wanted the words: Program of Oral Interpretation. “Selection” is defined and “Same Speech” defined. **Reinsert the language back to POI. Vote: 60-3-3. THIS PASSES TO READ BELOW:**

Add the definition of selection to each section of the competition standing events (for interp events). Definition of selection:

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Add the definition of same speech to each section of the competition standing events (for info and oratory).

[Committee recommendation to the EC; can add clarification.]

Definition of same speech:

"The same speech shall be defined as a speech that has a significant repetition of sources, structure, ideas, and arguments."

7. #4 An Amendment to Alter The Number of Tournaments Hosted in a Weekend ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Noah Recker gave authorship speech.

Yes: 46

No: 39

Abstain:5

Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

8. # 5 An Amendment Regarding World Schools Numbers ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Noah Recker gave the authorship speech. Chris Brennan gave a speech in negation.

Yes: 57

No: 19

Abstain:5

Pass/Fail **PASSES**

9. #6 An Amendment Regarding Adding Events to State ([Download as PDF](#)) requires 2/3rds included another event besides debate.(as stated by Kim Falco author)

Yes: 6

No: 82

Abstain: 1

Pass/Fail **FAILS**

10. #7 An Amendment Regarding EC Decisions ([Download as PDF](#)) requires 2/3rds Kim Falco gives an authorship speech.

Yes: 29

No: 24

Abstain:13

Pass/Fail: **FAILS**

11. #8 An Amendment Regarding Graduated Students ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Kim Falco gave an authorship speech.

Yes: 75

No: 15

Abstain:1

Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

12. #9 An Amendment Regarding Meeting Minutes ([Download as PDF](#)) requires 2/3rds. Kim Falco gave an authorship speech.

Yes: Unanymous Passed.

No:

Abstain:
Pass/Fail: **PASSED**

10/4/2019 TFA Convention Meeting #2-

Joe Uhler calls the meeting to order.

Hall of Fame Presentations:

Joe introduces Kandi King who then introduces Michael Harlan. Joe Uhler delivers Michael's introduction.

Kandi King then introduces Scott Baker. Vicky Beard introduces Scott.

Hall of Famers for 2019: Michael Harlan and Scott Baker.

13. #10 An Amendment Regarding Adding Senate ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Harry Yu gave an authorship speech in lieu of Weston Elkins. Jane Boyd gave an authorship speech for amendment: If a school has 10 entries or less , they can bring one free Senate spot. To be continued... 10:57pm Tabled 10/3/19. Rescinded by Jane Boyd 8:21pm 10/4/19. Back to the original - Dave Huston submits an amendment to the original amendment. Jane moves to change wording; no 2nd so this motion fails. Ashley Freeman presents an amendment to change wording and The Body voted unanimously: 1. Add "AND" and end of line. Also, combine 2 with 3 using "OR" in between them. Vote-Yes: 7; No: 64. New amendment: to change wording. Vote: Yes: 25 No:49 Abstain: 7. Failed. Vote on Dave Huston's amendment: Yes: 35 No:40 Abstain: 5. Original Amendment Vote:

Yes: 43
No:45
Abstain:2
Pass/Fail: **FAILS**

14. #13 An Amendment Regarding State Tournament Schedule ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Dave Huston gave an authorship speech for this amendment.

Yes: 47
No: 21
Abstain: 9
Pass/Fail: **PASSES - GOES INTO EFFECT FOR 2021 STATE TOURNAMENT**

15. #15 An Amendment Regarding Internet Access in Congress ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Tim Cook gives the authorship speech.

Yes:Unanimous Vote
No:
Abstain:
Pass/Fail **PASSES**

16. #16 An Amendment Allowing Internet Access in Congress ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. **Withdrawn by Neal White.**

Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Pass/Fail

17. #17 An Amendment Prohibiting Internet Access in Congress ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority **Withdrawn by Neal White**

Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Pass/Fail

18. #18 An Amendment Regarding Congress at State ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Neal White gave an authorship speech.

Yes: Unanimous Vote

No:
Abstain:
Pass/Fail **PASSES**

19. #19 An Amendment Regarding Device Searches ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Neal White gave an authorship speech- following NSDA rules.

Yes: 62
No: 7
Abstain:6
Pass/Fail **PASSES**

20. #20 An Amendment Regarding Four Minute Speeches in Congress ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. **Withdrawn by Neal White**

Yes:
No:
Pass/Fail

21. #21 An Amendment Regarding Time Limits in Congress ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Authorship speech given by Neal White.

Yes: 46
No: 16
Abstain: 3
Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

22. #22 An Amendment Regarding Sudden Death Elimination ([Download as PDF](#)) requires simple majority. Authorship Speech by Stef Cambra.

Yes: 57

No: 13

Abstain: 5

Pass/Fail: **PASSES**

-----REQUIRES $\frac{3}{4}$, submitted after 14 day deadline -----

23. #23 An Amendment Clarifying Informative Speaking Rules ([Download as PDF](#))

Yes: Unanimous Vote

No:

Abstain:

Pass/Fail **PASSES**

24. #24 An Amendment Regarding Debate Advancement Criteria ([Download as PDF](#)) Chris Hammer gives an authorship speech.

Yes: 11

No: 62

Abstain: 2

Pass/Fail: **FAILS**

Rory's ad hoc committee: Language of the Constitution concerning "POI" & "Selection" wording.

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New Business:

25. #25 Kris Wright’s Amendment regarding judge fees at TFA State. “Title I schools attending TFA State will not be charged judging fees associated with unfulfilled judging obligations. Title I schools that do provide judging will receive a 30% reduction of entry fees for the events they have provided judges.” Kris gives an authorship speech.

Vote:

Yes:57

No: 3

Abstain: 4

PASSES

26. #26 Ryan Hennessey’s Amendment regarding constitutional language in the congress section of TFA State Operations. Brian Alford read the constitution. PG 52 4a: Take out wording that congress time for each bill be 45 minutes. We should publish Neal’s amendment in advance about congress debate time at tournaments.

Vote:
Yes: 64
No: 0
Abstain: 1
PASSES

27. #27 Colin Malinak's Amendment regarding judge panels at TFA State. Change in Constitution, Pg 87 on judge: quarters, of IE's, panels of 5 will be used, in semifinals of IE's, panels of 7 will be used, in final rounds of IE's, panels of 9 shall be used. Panels of 3 or more shall be used in all debate elim rounds. Amendment proposed by Brandon Fisher from Vines make finals of IE's have 5 rather than 9. The amendment to the amendment passed: 45-6-8.

Vote:
Yes: 36
No: 22
Abstain: 3
FAILS

28. EC MTG approved a piloted/adjusted State Point System. Noah Recker read it to the Body. It will be posted on the website ASAP.

29. EC MTG approved competitors and compete in 3 events rather than 2.

30. Ad HOC Committee researching the possibility of expanding opportunities for participation at TFA State for Title I and schools in a similar situation

31. Thank you Brian Alford our **AMAZING** Parli!

32. Motion to adjourn! Adjourned.