

# EC Minutes for Monday, April 26th, 2021

**Present:** Lillian Adeyemi, Kim Falco, Ryan Hennessey, Preston Stolte, Rory McKenzie, Nathaniel Council, Robert Shepard, Nicole Cornish, Davy Holmes, Tasha Jones

**Start time:** 7:00pm

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Recap of minutes from last EC Meeting: Ryan Hennessey moved to accept the minutes. Kim Falco seconded the motion. All in favor: Rory McKenzie, Nathaniel Council, Ryan Hennessey, Kim Falco, Preston Stolte, Davy Holmes, Lillian Adeyemi, Tasha Jones.
- III. VP Report: Preston addressed the total spent on TFA State Judges and pointed out there were 18 cross entered students in debate and extemp with only 2 clearing. \$16K-\$20K was spent to hire extra judges for single flights. Preston recommends putting a pen in this issue for next year.
- IV. Treasurer Report: Noah sent a list of schools who have not paid TFA State to Lillian for report: Hallsville and Harlingen South. Rory has made contact with Hallsville and it is recommended to cancel check and resend. Rory suggests a PO box for TFA business. Robert suggests resending 1099 to school business offices to update information.
- V. Region Reports:
  - Region 1- Nothing to report
  - Region 2- Nothing to report
  - Region 3- Nothing to report
  - Region 4- Nothing to report
  - Region 5- Region discussing competition options for next year
- VI. Introduction of new Archivist, Robert Shepard. Robert has set up a new email [ffaarchivist@gmail.com](mailto:ffaarchivist@gmail.com) and is structuring a drive to share permanent items including minutes and agenda.
- VII. IQT Coordinator Report: Nicole recommends continuing to use the same point recording system 2021-2022. Ryan asks about the removal of non Texas schools. Nicole ensures this will be smoother next year when the system is not backlogged.
- VIII. Superintendent of Schools report: Dr. Ken Rohrbach not present
- IX. New Business:
  - A. Implementing onboarding training- Group debriefed on their takeaways from the training. Everyone found the session very helpful and enlightening. Increasing transparency is a highlight of the takeaways including treasury ledger in monthly meeting minutes. The EC will flesh out their onboarding ideas/goals at retreat this summer.
  - B. TFA tournaments in 2021-2022- Region Reps asked to share out what they have been hearing from coaches in their area. Ryan addresses the increase in vaccine availability. Lillian would like to go back in person with the caveat of what summer covid numbers look like. Ryan suggests using the current voting system to declare virtual/ in person tournaments for the upcoming month. Kim asks if there is an option for choice in hosting virtual vs in person. It was pointed out that last

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year we did not allow for a hybrid option. Lillian mentions the need for setting some parameters on a system that would allow for hybrid. Kim mentions schools in her region are saying they can save money by still allowing virtual tournaments. Robert asks if anyone has spoken to UIL about their vision for next year. Lillian will reach out to Jana Riggins. Lillian mentions the other UIL activities/sports that are back in person. Preston notes the decline in speech events on local circuits last year. Ryan and Nathaniel remind the group of the VIQT committee's first vote: it is preferred to have in person tournaments. Rory asks if there is an objective criteria for opening vs not opening by CDC or another group that we could use as our metric. The group suggests consulting their districts and bringing information back to the EC. Preston warns that September tournaments may see push back from their administrators. Ryan presents the following motion: the EC is committed to returning to in person tournaments for 2021-2022, with the understanding that if there is a drastic change of the current covid trends the EC. In which case, the EC will announce by August 1st that virtual tournaments will have to remain. Moved by Ryan Hennessey seconded by Kim Falco. In favor- Davy Holmes, Rory McKenzie, Kim Falco, Ryan Hennessey, Preston Stolte, Nathaniel Council, Tasha Jones, Lillian Adeyemi.

- C. IQT schedule- Region Reps will organize to set the IQT schedule for posting on June 1st.
  - D. 2022 TFA State- Lillian proposes we allow Region 3 to hold their turn for hosting. GP has said they are willing to host March 9-12, 2022. Ryan motions to accept GP's bid to host TFA State on March 9-12 at Gregory Portland High School. Preston asks if the date is negotiable to help retain college judges on their college exam dates. Second by Nathaniel Council. In favor- Rory McKenzie, Davy Holmes, Kim Falco, Nathaniel Council, Ryan Hennessey, Lillian Adeyemi, Tasha Jones. Against- Preston Stolte.
  - E. EC Retreat- Retreat is scheduled to be in person in Houston on June 6th- 8th, 2021. Attendees should fly into Hobby on Southwest early on June 6th and plan to be in town by 3pm to meet for business by 5pm. Full day of work on June 7th and fly out on the June 8th.
  - F. TSCA Convention- Region Reps should start vetting candidates for President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Region 2 & 4, Congress 1,3,5, World Schools 1,3,5, and Hall of Fame nominations. Share any ideas with Lillian you may have for panels. Lillian is not sure whether TSCA will be in person or not. We could also use someone to work on the social media aspects of TFA to promote students and events.
  - G. NSDA Nationals- we will not be hosting the Tx Party because nationals will be virtual.
- X. Additional business:
- A. Preston mentioned using novice packets to help build students in debate and speech. Rory brought up Robert's idea of having materials available for novice

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coaches to help them. Lillian suggested committees that could create curriculum. Robert volunteered to head the speech curriculum side and Ryan was appointed to head the debate curriculum side. Preston suggests talking to coaches who work camps that might be willing to share introduction lectures. Robert suggests we include a Professional Communication curriculum.

- B. Lillian will put together information from camps that will include coach clinics/ professional development opportunities to share with the body .
- C. May 24th, 2021 will be next month's meeting.
- D. Closing- Ryan motions to adjourn. Kim seconds. All in Favor

**End Time:** 9:07pm