

EC Minutes for Monday, October 25th, 2021

Present: Lillian Adeyemi, Preston Stolte, Tasha Jones, Noah Recker, Kim Falco, Nathaniel Council, Davy Holmes, Ryan Hennessey, Roy Mckenzie, Aaron Timmons, Brian Alford, Stef Cambra, Robert Shepard, Nicole Cornish

Start time: 6:31pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Special Guest Address to EC- Courtney Coffman and Jenn Melin share details about the Texas World Schools Debate Team. The team is preparing for competition during this pilot year. It is requested to provide a handbook/ guidelines. Lillian asks the coaches to consult with the WSD committee to create the handbook. Stolte mentions the advantages of seeking sponsors for the Texas World Schools Debate team and the possibility of the WSD committee taking on this effort. Noah Recker motions to allow for a 5K cap for the needs of the Texas World Schools Debate Team for this pilot year. Nathaniel seconds. All in favor: unanimous. Motion Passes.
- III. Recap of meeting minutes from last EC- Preston motions to approve last month's minutes. Ryan seconds. All in favor: unanimous. Motion Passes.
- IV. Vice President Report- Preston addresses the cost of TFA State and the need to have a discussion about the budget. One of the pressing issues is the cost of judges and their hotel rooms.
- V. Treasurer Report- Noah emailed a September financial recap (see below).
- VI. Region Report
 - A. Region 1- nothing to report
 - B. Region 2- procedural question about the Plano West tournament. Issue has passed. There is a question about the newest committee, which will be addressed later in the meeting.
 - C. Region 3- oversight issue regarding the Westwood tournament. Tournament has been added.
 - D. Region 4- Ryan asks if there is a way to know if a tournament is pending or has not been submitted. Nicole will start copying the EC on her emails that go out to hosts who are missing items. Virtual election for new congress committee member will happen in Region 4 this week.
 - E. Region 5- nothing to report
- VII. Archivist Report- nothing to report. Question about whether the Anniversary Book will be different from the Tournament Book. Lillian says it will be one single book and it may be thicker this year.
- VIII. Social Media Report- social media people are happy
- IX. IQT Report- Nicole answers questions from the chat on which tournaments are missing their reports. Ryan asks if it is easier for swings to put in 1 report as a whole- she says yes. Also, it would be appreciated if tournaments did not submit multiple reports as this complicates the issue. Points are currently being awarded to a school that has an outstanding balance, those points need to be revoked.

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X. New Business

- A. Region Reconfiguration Committee- Member recommendations: 1. Ryan Lovell and Melissa Denney. 2. Rory asks if a non paying member can be on the committee. Will be sending recommendations in the slack. 3. Travis Tiffany and Davy will send the name of a second person. 4. Ashley Freeman and Ryan will send the name of a second person. 5. Joshua Wimberly and Coby Evers.
- B. Convention takeaways- EC members will have a DEI training annually. Rory McKenzie asks if we can set goals going into the training so it is more specific. He also mentions the possibility of opening training to the entire body. Nathaniel suggests doing the training in April when new people are joining along with the onboarding process. Preston suggests having training available on registration day of TFA. Rory suggests the possibility of requiring paid judges to have training. Ryan suggests contacting NSDA for the training they provide for their judges. Aaron advises the EC to be cautious of public school conflicts with CRT and reminds the group to keep in mind members of the body in districts struggling with this issue. It is clarified that training can be a requirement for the EC.
- C. Insurance- Shepard, Adayemi, and Recker will get together to work out the details for insurance. Officer insurance will be \$300. Tournament insurance will be a larger amount. Ryan points out the insurance was not for coverage of the state tournament. Ryan makes a motion to take the recommendation of the insurance agent to cover the cost of EC officers and the state tournament. Davy seconds. All in favor: unanimous. Motion passes. Preston suggests we get bids for comparison.
- D. IQT Points to qualify for TFA State 22- Lillian asks for Nicole to pull the data of how many people were qualified by this time last year. Noah asks if GP has the capacity to hold an increase in numbers, the answer is yes. Ryan motions to move the qualification number to 10 due to the low post pandemic competition numbers. Davy seconds the motion. All in favor: Mckenzie, Recker, Council, Falco, Holmes, Hennessey, Stolte, Jones. Adeyemi (unanimous). Motion passes. Ryan suggests the possibility of bringing back a free entry and asks the group to think it over.
- E. State entry fees- Lillian notifies the EC that entry fees will likely need to be increased this year for TFA state. Noah agrees and Preston explains the entry fees coming in are not covering the expenses. He mentions that we would otherwise have to cut costs somewhere else. Rory reminds the group of the Title 1 Amendment and how the use of that amendment could affect expenses. Aaron suggests the group keep in mind mjp and the concern over the cost of hotel rooms for TFA state. Lillian mentions the plan to limit the tab staff for the state meet to relocate people to the judge pool.

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- F. TFA State store- Lillian suggests a virtual store that goes live December 21st and State is only used for pick up of pre ordered items. Lillian has asked GP to design the shirt for TFA State 2022.
- G. Preston reminds the group of Dan's offer to attend the November meeting to analyze and offer suggestions on meeting efficiency.
- H. Lillian asks Shepard to invite new members to ec folder
- I. Ryan motions to adjourn. Multiple Seconds. All in favor: unanimous.

End Time: 8:47pm

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Treasurer Report – September Funds

Beginning Balance - \$106,100.47

Withdrawals/Debits

Slack Recurring Payment - \$6.40

Refund to Garland HS (TFA State) - \$105.00

Scholarships to Jones, Hall, and Belknap - \$2,500.00

Hinkle Solutions (Website for summer months) - \$1,175.00

Judge Bond TFA State – St. John's - \$500.00

Winner's Circle Trophies (Finalized trophy order TFA State) - \$1,073.82

Zoom Recurring Yearly Payment - \$94.44

TSCA Hotel Room Lillian - \$247.06

Loves (Gas for TFA state site visit) - \$44.09

Chevron (Gas for TFA state site visit) - \$45.05

McDonald's (TFA state site visit) – \$8.19

McDonald's (TFA state site visit) - \$3.99

Railroad Seafood (TFA state site visit) - \$190.92

Credits

Interest Payment - \$.85

Ending Balance - \$100,107.36