

# EC Minutes for Monday, November 29th, 2021

**Present:** Lillian Adeyemi, Preston Stolte, Tasha Jones, Rory McKenzie, Davy Holmes, Nathaniel Council, Kimberley Falco, Aaron Timmons, Brain Alford, Robert Shepard, Stef Cambra, Nicole Cornish

**Absent:** Ryan Hennessey, Noah Recker

**Start Time:** 6:32PM

- I. Welcome
- II. Special Guests
  - A. TFA State Store Vendor- Tasha Kinney presented to the EC her website for TFA merchandise. All orders will ship to one location and be picked up at TFA state. Store will launch Dec. 17th for people to begin preordering.
  - B. TFA State of Affairs- Joe Uhler, Salena Pereida, Madison O'Brien presented to the EC on TFA State updates. Joe reshared the TFA Hotel document with the EC which now includes over 400 rooms in TFA hotel blocks. 40 rooms have been secured at a Portland hotel for judges. The link will be included on the TFA website. Opening ceremony will happen at registration in the stadium and include some of the awards and scholarship recognition. Backup plans were established for an award ceremony auditorium.
- III. Secretary Report, Tasha Jones- October minutes were presented. Kim Falco motions to accept. Rory McKenzie seconds. All in favor: Unanimous. Edits to the constitution have been shared with the EC and 3 Slack votes have been sent to Brent to be published on the TFA website within the 5 day deadline. 3 Slack votes include: IIQT Payments, WSD, TFA School Names.
- IV. VP Report, Preston Stolte- A hotel block has been established for judges as per Joe's recent report. Noah and Preston have been working on the state budget that will keep the state tournament out of the red. The recommendation is to not hire as many judges as last year and increase judge fees for schools. Eliminating extra tab positions will save 16k. Lillian notes that we will cap hired judges at 82 to reflect the available hotel rooms. Robert Shepard asks how the hiring of IE judges will be handled. Preston speaks to the strength of IEs in South Texas, his hiring tier system, and the paradigms he used last year for IE judges. Aaron Timmons asks how the EC will tell schools their judge is not qualified. Preston speaks to the ability to check past ballots to check for legitimacy. Aaron asks about the possibility of virtual judges in a F2F tournament for events such as WSD. Preston wants to watch how a few other tournaments utilizing this system go. With the TFA website opening Dec. 17th, it is suggested to let schools know early about the need to bring judges. Davy asks if local judges who do not need hotel rooms will count toward the 82 limit. Lillian says no. The option of increasing the ratio of entries to judges is mentioned. Robert Shepard reminds the EC to publish the State Budget.
- V. Treasurer Report- Tasha shared the Treasurer's report in Noah's absence. See below.
- VI. Region Reports

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- A. Region 1, Nathaniel Council- asks about the honor crew application. Lillian says it will come out in January. Honor crew can be used to help Stef for social media, check rooms, and assist events. Lillian would like to recruit 3-5 people from each region.
  - B. Region 2, Rory McKenzie- Nothing to report.
  - C. Region 3, Davy Holmes- Westwood is asking to be moved to the last weekend of the competitive year. Moved by Lillian to approve the move. Nathaniel Council seconds. All in favor: Nathaniel, Preston, Tasha, Kim, Davy, Lillian. Abstaining: Rory. Davy brings a concern about the minimum number of entries that will break in the event the entry number is low. This was not addressed at convention. Preston suggests sending a vote to the body by email to adjust numbers. Lillian will work with Robert Shepard and Brian Eanes to clarify wording.
  - D. Region 4- Absent
  - E. Region 5, Kim Falco- shared update on naming convention.
- VII. Archivist Report, Robert Shepard- in the process of securing insurance. Printer has provided a price quote to print our tournament book. Ads will be sold for the book.
- VIII. Social Media Report, Stef Cambra- working with Kandi King to reach out to alumni to include pieces of advice and pictures in this year's anniversary state book. New Years roll out coming to social media.
- IX. IQT Coordinator Report- Nicole Cornish- Reminds Region Reps that she can see if anyone has attempted to submit a tournament for clarification.
- X. New Business
- A. Texas WSD team Report- Lillian shared an update from Team Texas WSD coaches who reported that Texas Blue advanced to double octos and Texas Red went 4-2 at their recent international tournament. This was a great showing for both teams. Lillian would like to recognize them at the TFA state opening or closing ceremony. Pictures will be coming soon to social media.
  - B. Reconfiguration of Regions Committee- committees are official.
    - 1. Region 1- Ryan Lovell (Tascosa) & Mellessa Denny (Amarillo)
    - 2. Region 2- Chuck Walts (Hockaday) & Michael Donaldson (Grandview HS)
    - 3. Region 3- Travis Tiffany (Austin HS) & Madison O'Brien (Gregory-Portland HS)
    - 4. Region 4- Ashley Freeman (AECHS) & Brian Darby (CCHS)
    - 5. Region 5- Kyle Peterson (El Paso Coronado) & Coby Evers (San Angelo Central)
  - C. DEI Training for EC- Kristy Thomas will be providing the training. Training will be on January 19th & 26th.
  - D. Texas Law "Critical Race Theory" Impact on Debate Arguments- Alford states that the law would not apply because educators are not facilitating the discussion. A debate would be considered student to student interaction. Aaron Timmons asks if a judge can give feedback after said debate because they are in

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an educational role. Kimberley answered that a judge is not mandated to comment and is not pushing curriculum.

- E. TFA preliminary site launch- Dec. 17th will be the launch date with the ability to order state shirts and swag at this time. The goal for Registration will be Jan.18th.
- F. Onboard training- Region 1, Region 2, Treasurer need to receive onboarding training.
- G. Brain Alford informed the group that the congress docket is done and will be posted on time.
- H. December 12th will be the next meeting @ 2pm.
- I. Kim motions to adjourn. Preston seconds the motion. All in favor: unanimous.

**End Time: 8:45PM**

## October 2021 – TFA Expense/Deposit Report

Starting Balance - \$100,107.36

### Deposits:

Reimburse for Courtyard Marriott TSCA - \$247.06

Check Deposit (IQT Hosts) 10-18 - \$700.00

Interest Payment - \$.87

### Withdrawals:

Slack Recurring Payment - \$6.40

Mod Pizza – TFA President for TSCA - \$29.21

Shell Gas – TFA President for TSCA - \$34.21

TSCA Membership – TFA President - \$265.00

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Hotel Room Colonnade – TFA President – TSCA - \$297.88

Hotel Room Fairfield Inn – TFA President – TSCA - \$104.00

Hotel Room Fairfield Inn – TFA President – TSCA - \$263.61

Magnolia Pancake House – TFA President for TSCA - \$38.41

Buc-EE's Gas and Food – TFA President for TSCA - \$38.74

Hall of Fame Plaques – Winner's Circle - \$294.58

Reimburse Nicole Cornish Mileage for Retreat - \$228.80

Reimburse Preston Stolte for graphic design - \$251.24

Website – Hinkle Solutions - \$525.00

Josh Smith scholarship - \$500.00

Zoom Video – Recurring Payment - \$94.44

Entry fees for Texas WSD - \$121.08

Ending Balance - \$97,962.69