

TFA EC Minutes

Type: TFA Business Meeting #1 – TSCA/TFA Convention, Irving, TX

Date: October 1-3, 2015

Call to Order/End Times: 7:20pm, 9:52pm

Those In Attendance: Wendi Brandenburg, Gay Hollis, Debbie Waddell, Rhonda Smith, Yolanda Smith, Perry Beard, Mellessa Denney, Ryan Lovell, Jason Warren, John Mast, Grant Hahn, Kirsten Nash

Those Not In Attendance: Robert Shepard

(Quorum= TFA members in attendance = 118)

Agenda:

1. Welcome – Gay Hollis – “The Ripple Effect”
“Be More” is our theme
2. Officer Reports
 - a. Past President – Kirsten Nash
 - b. IQT – Grant Hahn – Use the IQT Report FORM, do not email Grant with changes/corrections
 - c. Treasurer – Jason Warren – Details are posted on the website and will be included in the Minutes
 - d. Secretary – Wendi Brandenburg
 - e. Vice President – Perry Beard – send qualified JUDGES for STATE to Perry at tfastatejudges@gmail.com
 - f. President – Gay Hollis – Minutes will serve as report
3. Region Rep Reports
 - a. Region 1 – Mellessa Denny/Ryan Lovell (appointed as Region 1 Rep per Gay Hollis)
 - b. Region 2 – Rhonda Smith
 - c. Region 3 – John Mast
 - d. Region 4 – Debbie Waddell
 - e. Region 5 – Yolanda Silva
<NOTHING TO REPORT>
4. Officer Elections
 - a. Nominations
 - i. President – **Eric Mears** <from the floor>: Noah Recker Reg3, Chris Stowe Reg4
 - ii. Treasurer – Jason Warren Reg2, <from the floor> Collin Malinak Reg3, Cindi Havron Reg4
 - iii. **VOTE:** Runoff between candidates Recker and Stowe

- iv. President-elect – **Noah Recker**
 - v. Treasurer-elect – **Jason Warren**
 - vi. Motion to destroy the ballots
5. Committee Reports
- a. Congress – Cheryl Potts – Move all Congress to one section, clean up sections in constitution
 - b. Constitution – Ryan Hennessey – 7 housekeeping recommendations
 - i. See Attached changes
 - ii. Items are accepted by the Body
 - c. Debate Topic Selection – Gay Hollis – New Orleans presentation next year
 - d. Finance – Glenda Ferguson – No Report
 - e. Nominating – No Report
 - f. Professional Relations – No Report
 - g. Scholarship – No Report
 - h. Middle School Program Development – Collin Malinak – wants to build stronger MS programs, join this Committee if you're interested. Might wish to host a MS State Tournament.
 - i. Tournament Norms – Dave Huston – Norms are posted on the website under "Minutes" and are not "rules" but "best practices."
Motion to accept the document in this spirit – **VOTE: MOTION PASSES**
 - j. Student Code of Conduct -
 - k. Emeritus/Hall of Fame –
 - i. Selections: **Glenda Ferguson** Region 2, **Janet Melton** Region 3
 - ii. Words of introduction presented by members/friends
 - iii. Awards given at TFA State 2016
6. TFA State 2016 Report
- a. Hotel info will be on the website asap
 - b. Hendrickson HS (Austin area) will host State in March (and use of the middle school) including golf carts for transportation.
 - c. 400 of 600 hotel rooms available now
 - d. Rates might be a bit higher, but have free breakfast and wifi
 - e. Thursday at 2pm
 - f. Friday should start between 11am-12pm because of an off-campus event
 - g. Saturday use of the Roundrock PAC
7. Amendments
- a. Codify the powers of the EC – Eric Mears
 - i. Two powers to be discussed:
 - ii. Power to investigate/hire/fire, etc. hired personnel (business manager, director, adhoc, etc.)
 - iii. Moved to divide this motion and accept the first part (above)
 - iv. This motion **PASSES** (82-5)
 - v. Power to pilot programs on the IQT level (contrary to standing rules in the constitution)
 - vi. Moved to divide this motion and accept the second part (above)

- vii. This motion **FAILS** (25-51-5)
 - b. POI/Informative Speaking – EC (Perry Beard)
 - i. NSDA is piloting these new events this summer, so this would mirror that opportunity
 - ii. THIS YEAR TRIAL ONLY (regular rotation for next year, or we can vote to remove the part about the vote)
 - iii. VOTE – **PASSES** (73-5-1) Effective THIS State Tournament 2016
 - c. Other? Required 2/3 majority
 - i. Amendment from the Floor
 - 1. Brian Eanes, Winston Churchill HS – **Penalties for overtime** (replaces all overtime rules in the constitution to **downrank** (rather than DQed)
 - 2. Amendment to change to “shall not” and also to take effect this year.
 - 3. VOTE – PASSES (66-21) by one vote**
 - ii. Amendment – Jason Warren
 - 1. Change several pages in the constitution (pgs 3,7,10,11,33,55,70) to change the amendment deadline **to 14 days**, instead of 30 days for a simple majority to pass.
 - 2. VOTE: **PASSES** (85-0)
 - iii. Amendment – Wendi Brandenburg (remove minimum entries at a tournament)
 - iv. VOTE - **FAILS**
- 8. Other Business
 - a. Speaker speaking out of turn – Jane Boyd – refer to Constitution Committee
 - b. Tournaments to add/change?
 - i. Pampa – move to Jan 16
 - ii. Centennial Swing – move to Feb. 14 with Arlington
 - iii. West TX A&M to Nov 20-21
 - iv. Roosevelt HS to last weekend in Jan
 - v. Add Bellaire – Nov 7
 - vi. Add Abilene HS/ Cooper SWING – Dec 4/5
 - vii. Burgess to Jan 115/16
 - viii. Add Odessa HS Jan 30
 - ix. Add Socorro Early College Feb 12-13
 - x. DROP Hanks
- 9. Announcements
 - a. No need for TFA Meeting #2
 - b. ADJURN

Recommendations from the Constitutional Committee

p. 10 Delete "mailing the agenda"

Add: "The agenda will be made available at the beginning of the first business meeting"

p. 36

Use of computers during round #4

Delete last sentence.

Add "Refer to pg. 36 Availability of Evidence #1 and #5"

p. 49, 51

p. 49 #6

Delete "set the scene and mood"

Or

p. 51 "Add "set the scene and mood and"

p. 49

#8 Add "The penalty for this is disqualification in all events that the same piece is being used"

Delete ", but"

Add "A student"

p.57

Delete #2 "Letters of acceptance of responsibility from each experienced director must accompany the application"

Delete #4 No applications shall be considered after August 15. (contradicts with #6)

p. 60

#19 Change "finals" to "semifinals"

Add "Every effort should be made to panel all finals"