

Board Agenda

8 March 2019

2:30 p.m.

Fishers H136

1. Call to Order - 2:47 pm

In attendance: Fridh, O'Conner, Smith, Rothrock, Alt, Woodhouse, Malone, Troyer, Berghoff, Douse, Shroyer, Chenowith, Coots, Thorpe, Kennedy

2. Minutes

Moved by Coots seconded by Kennedy to approve last meeting's minutes.

Passed unanimously

3. Executive Director Report

NFHS: 100th anniversary celebration in June, a week after NSDA nationals
- would like speech pieces from different time periods

Google Form for State Hosting bids through 2029. Will be emailed for feedback before opening for bids in next newsletter. (State Debate is looking for host bids, especially)

Elections: Ballots sent to all head coaches. 2,4, 6, and 8 were up for election. Dave McKenzie wins 2, Aaron Smith wins 4, Sara Berghoff wins 6, Leslie Austin wins 8

3 Hawker Nominations received for this week

Protest form for speech was created for this weekend's tournament - includes identifying rule in Tournament Manual which rule has been violated

4. C.O.O Report - No report

5. Committee Reports

Ad Hoc - Survey on how to expedite State Speech (UIndy)

Students did not make it to a sectional tournament, but will observe State this weekend - ballot distribution, administrative inefficiencies and wasted time, other specific items will be evaluated: don't be spooked or drive them away

Calendar

Site for State Debate 2020 - no site for next year yet. Kokomo and Lafayette Jefferson declined. Needs approximately 100 classrooms.

Rules - No report

Coach Education

Need to know how many rooms and what their names are to finalize schedule for Coaches' Conference

Jr. High/Middle School

Preparing report on goals for Middle School coaches and programs

6. State Debate Reflection

Event Tables

PF/LD: Lots of entries and ballots - might want to split events into separate tables; Tournament Manual does not match common practices on Speechwire (tiebreaking procedures); several ballots are returning improperly filled out; speaker points not asked for in Speechwire at certain point in outrounds

Congress: Judges scheduling issues; po/parli meeting elsewhere (not in tab); pull parlis early and have sign at registration for meeting

Policy: really small event, could policy and WSD be combined?;

WSD: Distance between prep rooms and competition rooms may be an issue; can/should we collect cell phones before impromptu prep?; "should" and three contentions language in Tournament Manual;

Audit

Audit is tedious, but needs to be; should auditors also be assigned to work ballot table as well?; could we use an information/help desk?; people are asking how to judge debate; how does rotation of responsibilities from event tables work?; school check-in and payment needs to be separated from judge check-in - not enough space!; keep debate coaches with entries competing away from ballot table so coaching doesn't occur at the table; do we need to check-in judges at debate on Friday? (Speech isn't checking in judges anymore) (could signing next to your name replace a computer update?)

Ombudsperson

A lot of protests this year. Some were inane, one was extremely serious and required very difficult resolution. A lot of urban legend about debate rules that are not substantiated in the Tournament Manual. May need judge training or certification.

Event tables sometimes challenged authority of ombudspeople when information or individuals needed to be located quickly.

Dysfunctional and unprofessional behaviors in the tabroom. Might entertain idea that board members should consider recusing themselves from tab work in order to coach. Could see things fracture in debate if these trends are not corrected.

COO feedback

Much smaller pool of staff or judges to run the tournament (do we invite speech coaches/judges to help out at debate?); should prioritize non-vested coaches working the tournament;

Most of the tab staff at debate was late, so meeting before the tournament was impossible. (Can this information be spread through a document instead of a meeting before tabbing begins?) (Recruiting people at Coaches' Conference might help staff the tournament - would need a job description of characteristics that are being sought for positions)

Google Doc that describes jobs in the tab room; Commit to merge WSD and Policy tables; Can SOPs be made more widely available before the tournament?; Ad hoc committee for tournament oversight? **Assigning Debate Committee the task of proposing changes - Gary Peters, Josh Coats, Scott Woodhouse**

7. Sectionals Reflection

By section, provide feedback regarding the following as appropriate:

Entry process

Participation

Protests

Qualification

Finance

1: Went well, flighting became problematic for scheduling, but was fixed

2: Problem fitting judges in enough rounds (few large programs; many tiny programs)

3: We had fun

4: Protest heard: A piece was run as a duo that is a collection of poetry - narrowly accepted; people paid fees and fines;

5: Not represented

6: Went wonderfully; protest over same piece being run two consecutive years (even if duo partner changed); some programs are bringing a lot of clean judges; need to change language so that drop fine is same as original invoice anyway

7: Smaller tournament with a large program not attending

8: Larger tournament than last year, but still small entry numbers; still experiencing problem with judge fit

COO feedback

Who is supposed to be the ombudsman for sectional tournaments? (TM says it should be appointed by Executive Secretary); we need to clean up the protest process in the manual

7. Old Business

Mission Statement and Core Values

We should put this stuff on our website on our landing page!

Joe Troyer will stay on as Webmaster!

8. New Business

Elections and Appointments (Sections 2, 4, 6, 8)

Will need a new at-large representative for Summer Meeting - let's start gathering names

Joe Troyer will be working at District level and will leave the Board of Directors

Treasurer (two year term in odd numbered years)

Is Matt Rothrock interested in continuing? Yes

Are there others who wish to be considered? Contact O'Conner

FYI: The COO position is in rotation to be re-appointed this summer.

NSDA Conference: I will entertain motions regarding sending a delegate if it is the will of the board.

(There's already a budget available for conference attendance for state directors and policy wording conference)

Date for Spring Working Session Tournament Manual/constitution

Alignment: **Soliciting list of issues from members, with smaller group organizing and creating proposals to be shared before Summer Meeting.**

Summer Business meeting date: **Google Form will be sent to determine where the fewest schedule conflicts will be.** Cathedral is volunteering to host if a site is needed.

9. Adjourn - moved by Douse, seconded by Rothrock; passes unanimously