

Agenda
AIASDCA - Wednesday, January 18, 2017

In Attendance:

Beth Clarke, John Wolnisty, Kevin Berlat, Kristen Taglia, Brian Gruman, Brittany Stanchik, Tim Cornwell, LeAnn Richards, Adam Symonds, Erin Long, Ronda McWhorter, Nick Klemp, Meg Howell-Haymaker

1. Call to Order – 9:32 AM
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Unanimous consent
3. Conference Representative Reports
 - a. Division 2 – Trophy went very well. Greenway was a great host. There were a few minor issues, but everything worked out well. Policy was collapsed due to number of entries. This brings up what to do for future? This should remain at tournament director discretion because factors change. The new computers worked great. Would like to address adding a stipend for hosting Winter Trophy.
 - b. Division 1 – The tournament went well. ASU was a great host. No problems at all. Tried out new scanner for ballots. That worked out really well. The one issue was when no congress judges. People signed up for 1st or 2nd session, but that was not communicated. One judge thought she could just pay and not judge. This goes to a communication issue. Community lounge has its weaknesses; we can add that to the discussion.
4. Reports:
 - a. NSDA –
 - i. Put in for awards for coach and students. Will send out information on what needs to be done.
 - ii. Needs to go to GCU to evaluate facilities for Congress qual. They are difficult to communicate with, so it might not be an ideal site. We need to discuss lunches and the possibility of adding a lunch break. Main tournament at PCDS again. Revisit schedule discussion. Currently, it is 3 days, but thoughts of going to 2.
 - iii. Congress – we will not be piloting new evidence rules. Will need to be able to access the articles. Do not know if this will be used at Nationals.
 - b. ASDCA
 - c. Thespians –
 - i. One act festival dates updated below. No other information.
 - d. NFHS –
 - i. The debate topic ballot was sent out – topic sent out quickly after. The awards were accepted. Susan Seep – Educator of the Year, Cassie Alber - Citation
5. Other Reports

6. Old Business

- a. Hall of Fame discussion
 - i. No current applicants. We need submissions.
- b. Updated rulebook ready for review and formatting
 - i. It is close to being done, but other eyes are always good. Section of book on advice for judges. Should these be different documents? Discussion: create one document with different sections. It will be provided at State tournaments. Include a full copy of ballots.
 - ii. Judge Training: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/judge-training/>
 - iii. Should we add anything about eballoting? No
- c. Definition of a novice discussion
 - i. Suggestion: If the student competes in a year, that is their novice year. That can be appealed at an invitational. IE and debate would be separate. The problem is people following; we need to be able to enforce it.
 - ii. Novice eligibility for debate is limited to a student's first academic year of competition in any debate event (PF, LD, Policy, Congress) regardless of number of competitions. Both debaters must qualify to this rule to compete in the novice division. Violations will lead to disqualification. All appeals must be submitted to the tournament director at least one week prior to competition.
 - iii. Definition accepted by unanimous consent.
- d. Bylaw changes (submitted and updated)
- e. Divisions discussion
 - i. Changes to divisions & reps is done
 - ii. Petitions discussion: proposed that schools can petition up, but they can't petition down. This will go into effect the 2017-2018 school year.
 - 1. Meg motions; Erin seconded
 - 2. Passes 11 yes, Ronda no

7. New Business

- a. Treasurer's report
 - i. \$54,000 in bank now; will invoice Winter Trophy next week
 - ii. 3 schools did not pay ASDCA dues – do we have recourse now? Need to follow up with the schools.
 - iii. Collections good and checks are coming in
- b. Tim-- proposal on Duo Act
 - i. Proposal: Move to eliminate duet acting from Winter Trophy and State.
 - ii. Meg seconded
 - iii. Discussion: Not really a speech event. Very close to interp. Will that deter students especially for schools who focus on that event? With new events, why do we need this one? It is the least speech event. This kills an opportunity for students. This can be a gateway into speech. It provides connection to Thespians. It is down right now, but our events

become cyclical and what is down one year goes up the next (oratory for example). Need to make sure that it isn't promoted as novice; we need to bring up the level. There are no true negatives.

1. Call to question and seconded
 - a. 2 in favor
 - b. 9 against
 - c. 1 abstain
- c. Nick-- proposal on Expository/ Informative speaking
 - i. Proposal: Eliminate expository speaking from Winter Trophy and State and replace it with informative with rules from NSDA. Ballots should be NSDA informative ballots. This is take effect in 2017-2018 competition year.
 1. Informative purpose – illuminate on topic is primary goal but entertain is secondary. VA are optional and less of an emphasis.
 2. Right now we have a competition between visual aides. At nationals it is across the board. Poverty with creating boards. Some are judged based on aides. Expos is more about entertaining. Things won't change because of judges. This brings us into alignment to NSDA. Arizona is at a disadvantage because we don't follow he same.
 3. Move to question. Seconded.
 4. In favor: 10 Abstain: 2
- d. Updated One Act dates
 - i. Jan. 21, 2017 South Region U of A
 - ii. Jan. 28, 2017 North Region Valley Vista HS
 - iii. Jan. 28, 2017 Central Region Mesa Community College
- e. Items from the floor
 - i. Money/Food for Winter Trophy
 1. John proposes ASDCA give \$500 to run the tournament with receipts provided at end. Was there already a cost? We need adequate judges lounges.
 2. 1/22/2014 – voted stipend for tournament hosts (reviewed previous minutes)
 - a. Move to pay Greenway.
 3. Nick: Move that add a budget of \$250 for judges' lounge. School will return receipts and/or remaining money at conclusion.
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Favor: 11 Abstain: 1
 - ii. Judge issue
 1. Issue at Mountain View tournament with a judge. The judge's account is very different from that of the competitors'. Accusation of sexual harassment.
 - a. Based upon the evidence presented, the judge in question will be banned from judging tournaments indefinitely.

After four years, the judge can apply for reinstatement to the AIASDCA Board.

- b. Names of judges that cannot judge will be sent to tournament directors.

8. Adjourn 12:20 pm