

AGENDA
AIASDCA-- Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

In Attendance:

Beth Clarke, John Wolnisty, Kevin Berlat, Kristen Taglia, Brian Gruman, Tim Corwell, Erin Long, Ronda McWhorter, Meg Howell-Haymaker, Joel Sannes

1. Call to order: 9:31 am
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Unanimous consent
3. Conference Representative reports:
 - a. Division 2 – State went great. Thank you, Thunderbird.
 - b. Division 1 – It was great to have a host school for the tournament. The tournament went well overall.
 - c. Tournament related – everything has been submitted to AIA for reimbursement.
4. NSDA
5. Thespians – Double checking on dates for conference.
6. NFHS – Timmy Cornwell got Section 7 winner Speech and Debate Educator of the Year. Susan Seep got Heart of the Arts award for the Southwest Section.
7. Other reports
8. Old Business:
 - a. Hall of Fame nominations – No nominations have been submitted.
 - b. Definition of a novice –
 - i. Where is the language going to go? It should go under general debate rules section of the rulebook. Beth is redoing rulebook to order and number each part. This will be added in.
 - ii. There is talk of having novice at State. Other states do have novice debate categories. Should we bring this to convention? Do we have a separate category that doesn't count? Coaches should have some input on this. Bring this up at convention.
9. New Business:
 - a. Set the 2017-18 calendar – See calendar for updates.
 - i. Calendar approved
 - b. Treasurer's report
 - i. Three schools still owe money for Winter Trophy. One paid entry but not dues.

- ii. Treasurer's report given on a separate form. See form for specific numbers.
 - iii. There have been some inquiries for scholarships, so those will get paid out.
- c. Alignment – The realignment discussion from the last meeting stands. Schools will be able to move up; however, they will be unable to petition down. Waiting on petitions from schools. Email will be sent out with AIA listing and procedures to petition. Petitions will be approved via board email. All petitions must be done by convention.
- d. Items from the floor
 - i. Informative – send out email informing coaches about the change from expository to informative
 - ii. Big Question Debate – We couldn't get enough interest. Present information on it at convention because a lot of coaches don't know much about the event.
 - iii. Tab for Debate – Divisions ran different tie-breakers between tournaments. Strength of Opp vs Speaker Points There was confusion with previous minutes.
 - 1. Kevin moves that we go strength of opp; seconded
 - 2. 10 in favor; 0 against
 - iv. Policy
 - 1. Brian brought up a difficulty at State. Right now we have few teams, but the event itself dominates the tournament. How can we help this? Can we go to 3 rounds vs 4 rounds? This is just about State and Winter Trophy. Pre and post rounds are affecting how long the debates last.
 - 2. Brian proposes that we change the rules for Policy to only run a maximum of 3 preliminary rounds. Seconded by Tim
 - a. 9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention
 - v. Start of debate round
 - 1. Meg moves that debate rounds start at a designated time as specified by posting. If the round has not started, both teams forfeit. Tournament director has discretion to amend this rule based on other unforeseen circumstances.
 - 2. Kevin noted that this already falls within the rules. It just has not been implemented.
 - 3. A time will be added to postings.

10. Adjourn 12:10 pm

