AIA ASDCA Meeting 9/7

In Attendance:
Beth Clarke, Erin Long, Meg Howell-Haymaker, John Wolnisty, Kevin Berlat, Kristen Taglia, Brian Gruman, Brittany Stanchik, Tim Cornwell, Scott Johnson, LeAnn Richards, Nick Klemp, Joel Sannes, Adam Symonds

1. Call to Order 9:30AM
2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Unanimous consent to approve
3. Introductions
4. Conference Representative Reports
   a. 1-3 A
      i. Discussed all items and reported back at convention. Everything is fine. The only issue is computers; however, that has been taken care of already. Believe Tournament Directors MUST be at pre-state meeting, and all materials need to be here. People should leave with everything needed for the tournament.
   b. 4-5 A
      i. The only thing from convention that hasn’t been covered is Ronda’s suggestion for electronic presentations in expos. This would be great; the problem is it isn’t practical at this time.
   c. 6 A
      i. The biggest issue is getting hosts. What can we do in the future to get hosts?
5. Reports: ASDCA, NSDCA, Thespians, NFHS
   a. NSDCA – No new news. Not official, but the rumor is that new events will stay.
   b. Thespians – Not present.
   c. NFHS – Cassie’s award from last year has been held over and up for citation award. Have not received Policy topic list.
6. Other Reports
   a. Convention – Need to have the convention later. What is the sweet spot? Last weekend in August has worked before – avoid Labor Day weekend. Next year, Labor Day September 1st weekend.
7. Old Business
   a. Convention proposals:
      i. Coding of competitors
         1. Proposal stated that Division 1 should “test drive” this process at Winter Trophy.
         2. Logistical concerns: State last year –1000+ ballots that would have to be hand coded and distributed. If we can just scan and distribute later, that would work fine. Concerns with manual coding with some schools having access to the ballots of all schools. Dance cards might help – Meg uses at current
tournament; however, people do not fill them out.

3. Nick moved to call to question. Seconded.
4. In favor: 1, Against: 7, Abstain: 4

ii. Tabulation of PF
1. John move to accept proposal. Tim seconded.
2. In favor: 12, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

iii. Congress cap
1. For Division 2, approximately 30-32 people spoke in each house. The tournament director would have discretion, but this needs to be done ahead of time. The cap would be at 30 – Meg noted that a better number would be 25. Hard cap of 12 would have an A team and B team for State – that way teams preparing wouldn’t lose entries at the last minute. The reason at director discretion is that it could be moved below in order to keep the houses under 30.
2. At Winter Trophy, Congress entries will be limited to 9 per school and all entries beyond will be placed on a waitlist to be added if more Congressional debate rooms are made available by the tournament host to ensure no more than 30 students are in each chamber.
3. Nick moves to amend to read as above. Scott seconded.
4. In favor: 12, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

b. Hall of Fame discussion
i. We need a nomination for this year.
ii. Erin wants to add a bio and a picture on the website to give more interest.
iii. Send nominations to Erin Long.

c. Novice policy debate case materials
i. Materials should be ready by Sunday. Trying to limit to 100 pages for the packet at first. Materials will be added along the way. Students are allowed to add to the packet starting January 1st. Tournament directors for fall events need to be aware that they cannot collapse novice to open. Novice must follow the packet. Any evidence used that is not in the packet will be considered a loss.

d. Calendar changes
i. Dobson is now Mesquite.

e. Divisions discussion from the Convention
i. Many coaches from convention had no idea what division they were in. We need to discuss when schools can petition up or down. Division 1 is not feasible under current conditions.
   1. AIA athletics – can move up not down. Current rule is schools can petition up and down on odd years. AIA changed divisions this year in an even year.
   2. Cannot change for this year because teams have already done
plans for this year. This should be done for the following year.

3. Table: Will bring up an official proposal in January in order to
   garner further thought and input.
   ii. Convention discussion regarding reps. Disband conference reps and then
       have 4 reps per division.
       1. Nick moves to vote on the proposal from convention.
       2. Call to question.
       3. In favor: 11, Abstain: 1
       4. Motion: Eldest reps host Winter Trophy, and newer observe. This
          makes sure there is a rotation of people, and people know.

f. Handbook changes
   i. Basically done, but want one more look over. Beth will re-share with
      everyone again.

8. New Business
   a. Tolleson/University High School – University is an honors program inside of
      Tolleson High School. Trying to clarify via AIA. Important for Winter
      Trophy/State as well as NSDA. Beth will speak with Maria.
   b. Is there an activity membership to AIA for outlaying schools who do not have full
      sports program? Beth will speak with Maria.
   c. Mobile tab room – purchased 4 Dell computers. Still to purchase: wireless
      router. This can set up with the printer, so it is a self-contained mobile unit.
   d. Judge training session at Mountain View September 13th at 6:30p. TPA on
      September 21st.
   e. LeAnn – Can we run a mini judge training at the beginning of the tournament?

9. Adjourn 11:53 am