

Minutes
AISDAC
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

Attendees:

Kevin Berlat – President
Elizabeth Clarke – Vice President
Ronda McWhortor – Treasurer
Meg Howell – NFL District Chair
Steve Abaroa – Thespian Rep.
Brian Gruman – 5A Conference
Susan Chubrich Seep – 5A Conference (and recorder)
Cassie Alber – 5A Conference
Erin Long – 4A Conference
John Wolnisty – 1-3A Conference

Call to order – 9:30 AM

- I. Josh Miller from Mootup.com – Online debate-style writing and research assignments.
 - a. Presentation.
 - i. Reviewed core standards/argumentative (persuasive) writing
 - ii. New form of writing assignment/demonstration
 - b. Can have kids “debate” from different schools if teachers work with each other. Will be easier in the future with upgrades.
 - c. Expense
 - i. Free trial (1 free assignment) for teachers who want to try it out.
 - ii. Districts will pay per student/per year. Working to keep it affordable/negotiating with districts.
 - d. FLA will work to help promote this as it will have benefits both in and out of the classroom for us.
- II. Minutes approved (SA moved, SS seconds)
- III. Conference Reports
 - a. 5A-No site for state. Chaparral is a NO. Hamilton only works if we can get a waiver to change the date to the 11th/12th (weekend after currently scheduled).
 - i. Seep will talk to Teresa/Pinnacle
 - ii. Ronda will talk to Bethany at Sandra Day O’Connor
 - b. 4A-Maintenance issues for state?
 - c. I-9 forms will be required for all who are reimbursed by AIA (maintenance, security, etc.) Collect information pre-tournament to insure prompt payment.

- d. 1-3A-Matt Guthrie will write extemp questions that all conferences can use.
 - e. AZ Thespians – profanity is a district-by-district issue (morality policies). These policies trump state policies. You can turn to district policy to resolve, we want to keep this away from state legislation on this issues. (We do NOT want the State Legislature getting involved in our content). AIA also has rules that cover AIA-sanctioned events.
 - f. NFL-do not have an ideal site. Remind teams to enter points.
 - g. FLA – Treasury handover will be completed today with another trip to Desert Schools.
- IV. New FLA website: <http://azforensics.org>
- a. Kevin Berlat created it on Wordpress.
 - b. If it is workable, we can buy for \$17 per year.
 - c. EC moved to accept. CA seconds.
 - d. SA moves to fund annual subscription. SS seconds. (note: domain was purchased on 1/28)
- V. 2010-2011 Calendar Updates
- a. TPA/CPA is trying to set up a practice day at CPA on the old Mesa weekend.
- VI. Rotating event.
- a. Keep events for 2 years? Broadcasting has had a great response and it seems to be a shame to move on so quickly.
 - b. New event? There are many possibilities in all genres of Speech.
 - c. Consider-must decide at the April meeting whether to stay with Broadcasting or move on to a new event.
- VII. New Congress rules
- a. No complaints, working out fine.
 - b. Joy is using these rules as the default settings for tabbing Congress.
- VIII. Notecards in Impromptu
- a. Working out fine
- IX. PCDS rules for timing Policy
- a. Working out fine.
- X. Crisis Plan for tournaments
- a. Need to have an emergency plan for state tournaments (all tournaments, really)
 - b. Plan before each tournament. Who calls 911, where buses will go, etc.
 - i. Meg points out an important issue would be for tournament directors to know how to use their school's intercom.
 - ii. KB will create a form for the website so that each tournament can have a plan.
 - iii. KB suggests that all outside attention be directed to A SINGLE PERSON.
 - iv. Considerations include: tournament participants ought to be identifiable (buttons, ribbons, etc.) in case of stranger danger.
 - v. Lockdowns? Codewords?
- XI. Tiny-Entry tournaments?

- a. Craft round-robins to allow teams to get rounds. (Joy will do this)
 - b. Got rid of “No State Champion” shall be awarded.
 - c. Leave these on the table.
- XII. Reciprocal Breaks
- a. Tie breakers-go to reciprocals, then speakerpoints, then to school code.
 - i. There is an easy way to make the reciprocal easier to use as a break.
 - ii. If we use the adjusted 5s as the value when using the reciprocals to break a tie for 14th place (not reverting to ranks of 6 or 7), it recognizes the adjusted rank that created the tie in the first place.
 - iii. Reciprocal ranks of 5 are much easier to figure out than trying to go to 6 or 7.
 - iv. Moved, seconded, approved.
- XIII. Hall of Fame Election?
- a. Can do internet based election.
 - b. Beth will coordinate the vote.
- XIV. 2011/2012 Calendar
- a. Due date is April 1st for tournament requests.
 - b. JW mentions ASU is changing spring term-might radically change the look of next year’s calendar.
 - c. Lots of discussion
 - d. September Surprises are a big problem.
- XV. NFL is allowing computers in all debate events starting this year.
- a. Should we just approve the rule now, pilot rule, etc. ?
 - b. MH-ought to hand out rules to all judges, can pilot at invitationals and possibly adopt after Bobcat Bonanza.
- XVI. FLA PR Officer-
- a. Not sure whether “friends of forensics” and/or website reduce these issues, but FLA could be doing more to get judges, etc.
 - b. An FLA Public Relations position could be in charge of carrying out these duties, Crisis communication (see above), etc.
 - c. Consider putting before the convention when we meet in April.
 - d. SA moves that someone put the proposal together to propose to committee in April.
- XVII. Divisional Alignments in 2011-2012
- a. Concerns: that AIA will look at the number of schools and reduce the number of state tournaments we hold. (AIA/Dean has indicated no interest in dictating what we do, because we self-regulate well and we don’t cause many headaches.)
 - b. SA-Thespians are going regional. (Won’t work for Forensics/East Valley would be brutal and bloody.)
 - c. Might have to do by-law changes OR at minimum wording changes.
 - d. If by-laws are changed to “Division I, Division II, Division III”, we could determine later what those divisions really mean.
 - e. This is an enormous change. Write proposals to submit in April.

- f. We may have to come up with something before the end of the year. It will be difficult for us to get on to the March AIA meeting agenda
 - g. Time to sleep on it.
- XVIII. First year judges – many concerns
- a. Training? Online certification?
 - b. Could set up online.
 - c. We need to be careful NOT to reduce the number of available judges.

Adjournment at 12:40 PM