

9:31 Meeting called to order

Present: Kevin Berlat, President; Beth Clarke, Vice President; Adam Symonds, ASU; Paul Lanphear, 4A Conference Rep; John Wolnisty, 1-3A Conference Rep; Cassie Alber, 5A Conference Rep; Meg Howell, NFL Chair; Erin Long, 4A Conference Rep; Lauren Colombo, 4A Conference Rep; Steve Abaroa, AZ Thespians; Matt Guthrie, 1-3A Conference Rep; Tim Cornwell, 5A Conference Rep; Lelanya Hunsaker, 4A Conference Rep; Brian Gruman, 5A Conference Rep.

Absent: Tony Rosenberger, 1-3A Conference Rep; Erik Dominguez, Secretary; Ronda McWhortor, Treasurer.

John moved to accept minutes; Beth seconded; Steve pointed out a potential grammar error in Reports for Thespians – Could be “Starting” not “start”; Adopted unanimously

#### CONFERENCE REP REPORTS:

1-3A: John & Matt reported-Smooth tournament overall, no protests. Snowflake pulled out on the Thursday before the tournament; Status of TIER-turned all in but the receipts from Winslow. These were received one week ago and dropped in mail to Dean on Friday morning. No W9s to fill out. Kevin added that Brent is working with the AIA directly to pay for the Joy of Tournaments software license.

4A: Erin, Lelayna, Lauren & Paul reported- Tournament was smooth, ran well, entry numbers were smaller than expected, no protests, no site issues; paperwork is done and submitted

5A: Brian & Cassie reported- Smooth overall; did not have to flight semifinals because of judge numbers. Teams w/o proper supervision and w/o judges were dropped or required to prove supervision; no site issues; paperwork is done and was submitted yesterday.

#### OTHER REPORTS:

THESPIANS: Steve reported-Festivals done; 1 problem-protest – A team was accused of performing a “copied pantomime”; DQd both teams- The original team had a deliberate cough as a sound effect (violating the rules), and the second team for plagiarism; 1 Acts went well at Sabino-Gilbert HS won by 1 point over Willow Canyon.

#### **Ronda arrived at 9:45am**

NFL: Meg reported- Tournament was awesome; had enough rooms; weather worked out in our favor; one official protests-tie used as a visual aid – protest not upheld when student was observed and did not repeat the violation; Computer data needed some clean up after tournament and on the website, what was announced at awards was correct; discussed team ad and t-shirts; Kevin is setting up boot camp for congressional debate qualifiers;

National Federation: Kevin reported- Congrats to John who was the Arizona Educator of the Year this year; should also be up for next year’s section award; have not heard about Beth’s Citation nomination yet; can award another Educator of the Year next fall; promoting membership to NFHS-sponsors that are

not coaches who have college kids coaching-liability insurance is important; possibility of being a 100% state discussed – membership dues in the FLA would also pay for NFHS membership – would require a constitutional change.

FLA: Ronda reported and said if we do not pay out scholarships we should be able to cover everything; Need to come up with another way to fund scholarships or something; a couple of schools still dealing with districts to pay; about \$500 in the black without McClintock's invoice, in the red with McClintock's expenses from Winter Trophy; our current VIN # does not exist in any database; must go back through process of re-establishing ourselves as non-profit

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 7. Already dealt with in reports

1. FLA Website- potential coach reported attempting to download documents and getting blank pages, may be a district firewall or filter issue; revamping is on Kevin's list; would like to add biographies of Hall of Famers so we need to contact them for their information; State champions are posted on there as well, 2012 champions and years prior to 2010 need to be added to the spreadsheet;
2. Public Relations Officer-at convention we voted to create office; the AIA Legislative Assembly in March voted 34-0-0 to adopt the proposal to make the office a full member of the committee; at convention 2012 we will elect someone; FLA Constitution Article 5, Section 2, E will become PRO and bump down the other offices from there; Need to specify the duties of the job-we've talked about website, public face (vague), legislative issues, bombard media with tournament results, newsworthy events, that's more of a Community Relations Officer, and we are not yet ready for that job; Meg moved to pass description of PRO as publicizing to the media and maintaining website; Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>; all approved; Person will become full voting member of board.
3. AIA Divisional Alignments- starting in 2012-13 that next year AIA will be called Division 1, 2, 3 no matter how we decide to divide. 5A could be Division 1, 4A is Division 2, and 1-3A is Division 3; Cassie suggested revisiting John's proposal and Brian suggested without an appeals process to move up and down because of concerns about the politicization of the committee; many concerns expressed about size & quality of the tournaments pre and post-split, and the can of worms we could potentially open; need to keep in mind the impact on rural programs; Brian also suggested combining a couple of divisions and have one school host to cut down costs (like State in 4A-5A in 2006 or 2011) ; no consensus on proposal; Meg suggested straw poll; 10 in favor; Steve moves that proposal to move into 2 divisions with the dividing population line to be set by board once the makeup of the state next year is determined is sent to Convention; Brian seconds ; all vote in favor

4. Hall of Fame Elections: Beth will get an election out with online voting—Ann Tully and Larry Whitesell would be people to consider for next year's list of candidates.
5. Tournament Host Rotation Proposal: a few schools have stepped forward as wanting to host- Cactus 4A Trophy; Hamilton wants to host 5A State;
6. Review of Hriday Sibal Sanction: Not many opportunities to judge in Novice division this semester as both Central and Thunderbird collapsed divisions. He was aware he couldn't judge and adhered to that; next year he is allowed to return; Matt moves to reinstate as judge in good standing; John seconds; all agreed
8. Rotating Event for 2012-13: all like Radio Broadcasting; Matt thinks we should rotate which is the reason why this was established. We should continue to find new events; Beth moves to adopt Extemp Commentary and Timmy seconds; Call to question and all agreed using NFL rules and 20 minute prep.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012-13 Sanctioned Events Calendar- See attached file - Beth motioned to adopt, Matt seconded; all in favor
2. Concern about judges being fed by schools; Brian was concerned that judges are being influenced by schools that provide food/snacks/etc. above and beyond the hospitality lounge; Concerns raised about schools undercutting concessions fundraisers by feeding their own students and not buying from tournaments; Steve suggested discussing at convention during State of the State
3. Official Daily Coach Check In-form: Each day, have the official coach in charge sign in and identify which judges are present. Will allow the tournaments to track who the official adult is. Discussion over having students wear numbers on their jackets like marathon runners and check in individually each day as well, in order to identify no-shows prior to round one; Discuss during State of State importance of being AT tournament the ENTIRE duration of tournament; Hamilton and Chandler High Schools should receive a Letter to the Principal regarding lack of adult supervision – a stock letter could be created for all infractions.
4. Review of Judge Requirements and Penalties: all agree that it is necessary to sanction teams via dropping entries if they do not meet judge requirements; Kevin said that the AIA rules allow for unbalancing teams to clear a section to provide a spot for a clean judge from that school - need

to make sure that the same kids do not hit each other – JOT will not automatically unbalance -  
Need to discuss at Convention

5. State Tournament Fee Increase: John moved and Meg 2<sup>nd</sup> that fees should be \$6 and \$12 and base fee at \$40. Question called by Steve. All in favor. Protest of question being called as there was still someone who wished to speak. Tim moves to reconsider motion and Meg 2<sup>nds</sup>. All agree. Discussion of need for base fee as it stands and whether or not it is too high. Meg moves to table discussion/motion until Sept meeting and set fees accordingly. Tim 2<sup>nds</sup>. All in favor.
  
6. Amendment to Reduce Scholarships to \$0 for 2011-2012: Kevin declares finances as an emergency and asking to set at \$0 for 2011-2012 in order to reduce financial liabilities. Tim moves and Meg 2<sup>nds</sup>. Discussion over whether or not scholarships were promised to students and whether current year students will feel lied to. Steve moves to amend motion to defer. Passes with 1/3 vote. Call to question on amendment and all agree to defer scholarship until further notice and is able to be funded. Call to question by Matt and all agree. Motion passes. Steve suggests we discuss at convention in fall setting to \$0. Brian moves that we propose an amendment at convention to eliminate Market Scholarship for but honor all past scholarships under the rationale that scholarships for champions are extrinsic motivation and that intrinsic motivation should be the goal of the organization. Erin seconds. Discussion took place. Cassie calls question. All in favor.

Lelanya left at 1:21

7. Adjusting numbers of competitors to necessitate semi-finals at Trophy & State: Matt moves to increase number to 20 competitors are needed in order to hold semi-finals in a speech event. Meg seconded. Discussion. Meg mentioned in other states small events have 4 prelims and then go straight to finals. Beth calls to question. All in favor, motion carries.

Dean gives accolades to Steve and Kevin for all they do to assist him.

8. Items from Floor: Meg mentioned Tournament Rules under Oral Interpretation- Pg 24 Rule Book- Overview of rules for all #1 rule states “a program of literature”- Meg moves to strike from overview and move specifically to Poetry. Tim 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. Beth Calls. All in favor.

Adjournment at 1:35 PM