

## **AIA Speech Advisory Board Meeting**

**January 25, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Berlat, John Wolnisty, Steve Abaroa, Cassie Alber, Brian Gruman, Adam Symonds, Lelayna Hunsaker, Erin Long , Paul Lanphear

**ABSENT:** Erik Dominguez, Matt Guthrie, Meg Howell, Ronda McWhortor, Tony Rosenberger, Beth Clarke, Timmy Cornwell

Rhonda arrived at 10:40

**Call to Order:** 9:29

- I. Steve moves to adopt minutes. Approved unanimously.
- II. Reports:
  - A. 5A report-Winter Trophy- protest regarding Highland discussed-objection-mild, paperwork for Winter Trophy-Joy not paid and Scottsdale Unified needs W-9
  - B. 4A report-Lelanya's janitor hasn't been paid; Joy has not been paid
  - C. 1-3A report-Only 1 issue at Trophy-LD broke to semis, only 3 with winning record-complaint
  - D. Thespians Report-Start festivals this Sat-Tucson; CAF at Campo; NAF-Greenway; one school trying to send 3 plays to each of festivals-Steve wanted to throw them out but Linda is handling it. Problem with south U of A runs and they don't want 5 judges-still don't want to do it even though the organization pays; State tournament at Sabino
  - E. National Federation-Kevin submitted forms for John & Beth; Kevin should know week of or week after who gets Section award; National Federation memberships (even for volunteers and non-teachers) covers liability-amazing to have (especially for college age volunteers/students); Steve pointed out that he has tried to access and pay fees but has not been able to despite website saying he is paid up and is unsure why?
  - F. FLA-Getting paid for Winter Trophy-Kevin has collected some checks including Phoenix Union
  - G. NFL-Qualifier coming up; potential hosts being explored; Congress qualifier problem-impartial/independent judges are required this year; Kevin has contacts with Rotary 100 and Toastmasters; we will need 4 parliamentarians and 16 scorer spots (could mean 8 that move to different chambers); Can't expect Parlis to be unaffiliated-Kevin mentioned this to Adam Jacobi and got agreement; Student of the Year applications due by end of Feb; Need to get 1400 new members/degrees for 2012-13 school year; Still in bonus this year; Paul asked about how #s are determined for house - depends on strength
- III. Old Business
  - A. Calendar Updates-no real changes- except free workshop for SWSDI which is on Joy-registration by email-workshops for major events to prep for Harvard/Berkeley but all are welcome; ESU Shakespeare Contest Feb 25 at Highland due to costs; May 5<sup>th</sup> is Great Hearts Jr High Tournament at CPA; 4A State is at Apache Junction

- B. FLA: Website-improving, not much breaking news, but Kevin updates once a month or so; updated rule book and protest forms are on the site-AIA website does not have this yet so utilize for State-use azforensics.com instead
- C. Public Relations Officer: Kevin submitted paperwork to Lori Trantor and they will go to AIA Board and then it will be passed and we can move forward at that point
- D. AIA Divisional Alignments: Closed for now, may show up again at convention, AIA is happy with status quo for now but would be open to change possibly too; recommendation that we try to keep this committee away from making decisions that could be political in nature; Conferences still matter for the AIA governance; John questions whether an affiliate can pay their dues and then become member in mid-year so they can attend State this year
- E. Hall of Fame Election: Kevin will remind Beth to get nominees and ballots out. Lynn Stewart received plaque and was thrilled with the honor. 1 new nominee and previous nominees to reconsider.
- F. Tournament Host Rotation Proposal: Still open and out there. Not sure if we have it out there who are willing. Idea still exists.
- G. Close of Appeal of Sanction: Sept letter sent but unable to produce; We made our ruling in Sept; judge Novice debate only; has anyone watched his ballots? According to John behavior at PCDS was exemplary-pointed out that he accidentally got a varsity and swapped for Novice; question about attending Dobson Invitational and answer was no; cannot judge at State and NFL

#### IV. New Business

- A. 2012 State-trophies are ordered; State Tournament Director Meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and done by 11:30-12:00 about paperwork, trophies, final details; clarification that all payments and reimbursements given to AIA, not FLA  
1-3A at Winslow; many schools (preps) want Congress...rural schools do not; John asked for formal letter request; not pushing this year  
4A at Apache Junction; needs to know rooms, recommend contacting Brent to get info; needs refresher to set up Congress  
5A at Mesquite; judges from the County Attorney's office; Princeton Review judges are hoped for. KEVIN says contact Brent and start setting up website; Matt will write Extemp; someone else needs to write Impromptu; Paul purchased extemp topics from a company and willing to provide to all
- B. Debrief of Activity Chairs Meeting: On Jan 4<sup>th</sup>-chairs of S&D, Thespians, JROTC, and Chess met with Dean; who are you, what do you do, why are bylaws the way they are; how can we help you; how can we make things more consistent...S&D and Theatre bylaws are better developed when compared to the other 2 groups; more flexibility because our tournament guides are specific enough but still open; AIA wanted sanctioned events need to be submitted by the AD of the school who hosts tournament; Chairs did not care for that suggestion; Kevin asked if chairs could just submit-still trying to figure out how it will get on Sanction Calendar; Budgets & Entry Fees-Chess & JROTC don't charge or they keep money; Activities side of AIA; can provide certificates-for

semi-finalists so we should secure in March for State tournaments; AIA365 is streaming sports website-broadcast chess state tournament...interested in broadcasting speech & debate tournaments; want to get photos up as well if provided, by next year aiaonline will be strictly governance site-all of pages will be on AIA365 including calendars, etc; AIA has new logos...it looks like multi-color parallelogram; laminated signs possible this year; AIA wants a copy of facility use agreements for state tournaments

- C. 2012-2013 Convention/Practice Tournament Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>; New Coaches Workshop-maybe a meet & greet with coaches and then workshop after; sleepover at Meg's!
- D. Prep for 2012-13 Sanctioned Events Calendar: Next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup> to set calendar. Kevin will send out letters. Will collect by April 1<sup>st</sup> and then we will set calendar & May changes made and calendar set. August we will adjust anything that changes.
- E. Items from the Floor:

\*Brian has a question regarding a school has large judge commitments with untrained, unqualified judges...what can we do? Must define qualified judges. Contact coaches of problem schools- offer training.

\*Treasury Report-deposited \$5200, still owed \$5390, expenses less not including scholarships

Totals Per Conference: \$2700 for trophies for all 3 tournaments-new trophy company possibly?

Winter Trophy Costs

5A-Timmy hasn't submitted facility

4A- \$525

1-3A \$412

Alternatives: Less trophies, Online companies bids, Scholarships revisited

Rhonda is invoicing and Erin suggests emailing schools

Rhonda needs previous lists from Joy of state winners to disseminate scholarships- needs to compile lists back to 2007

Meeting Ends at 11:38