

PA-TSA Board of Directors Minutes
November 4, 2005
TEAP Conference, Camp Hill, PA

The meeting was called to order by President, Craig Jarrett.

Roll was taken and a quorum was established. The following were present:

President	Craig Jarrett
Secretary	Lauren Lapinski
Treasurer	Jeff Seamans
President-elect	Bud Gotwald
State President	Brad Shulenberger
State Officer Advisor	Bekky Jones
State Advisor (PDE)	Dennis Gold
Internet/Tech Coordinator	Chris Miller
Alumni Assoc. President	Bekky Jones
Cooperate Member	Wayne McConahy
Cooperate Member	Richard Penepacker
Executive Director	John Bratton
Region 1 Coordinator	Ken Grimm
Region 2 Coordinator	Bud Gotwald
Region 3 Coordinator	Barry Hamilton
Region 6 Coordinator	Mike Amrhein
Region 7 Coordinator	Scott Riley
	Jeff Seip
	Ken Miller
	Charles Meeker
	Tim Linkenheimer
	Alan Klaich
	Dennis DeAngelis
	Darren Grumbine
State Vice-President	Emily Snyder
State Secretary	Terri Monserrat
State Treasurer	Royce Clutter
State Reporter	Robert Kosarowich
State Sergeant-at-Arms	Geoff Quinque
State Historian	Mike Rittenhouse
State Parliamentarian	Lucas Hockensmith

Absent from the meeting were:

State Conference Director	Chris Roth
Tech Ed Advisor (PDE)	William Bertrand
Cooperate Member	Robert Rudolph

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 7/11/05 Board Meeting were available for all present. One change was made to the minutes.

- \$4.00 from every State Registration will go towards the PA-TSA Scholarship Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed by Jeff Seamans. John Bratton raised a question about the status of dues owed by National TSA to PA-TSA. John Bratton will follow up on this matter and report back to board at the next scheduled meeting.

A Bud Gotwald/Chris Miller motion was approved for accepting the report. The report was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STATE OFFICER TEAM

Brad Schulenberger led his officer team in presenting the following:

- Plans for the State Conference 2006
 - Wednesday night – In place of the mixer, the officers will be running a 15 minute meet and greet, followed by a session of leadership activities.
 - Thursday night – The state officers will be running a video game competition for approximately 2 hours. They plan to set up fifteen stations of the game *HALO*. Conference attendees who wish to participate will pre-register, pay a \$5.00 fee (which will be donated to the American Cancer Society), and then compete against other conference attendees. The winner of the competition will earn a \$50.00 gift certificate to EB Games. The officers plan to work with the GO-TEAM and Chris Roth, conference director, on this endeavor. If financial assistance is needed to see this project through, they will reapproach the BOD as necessary.
 - Friday dance – The officers have chosen to host a themed dance this year, highlighting the decades of TSA, beginning with the seventies and then working up to present day. Music will change according to the respective decade in half hour increments. Conference attendees will be encouraged to attend the dance in a costume indicative of a specific decade. A dance-off will be held for costumed participants. The winners of the dance-off will be awarded \$25.00 VISA check cards. Certificates will be given to the best dressed from each decade.
 - No Relay-for-Life will be held at the State Conference this year. Instead, participants will be encouraged to take part in the National Relay-for-Life in Dallas, TX.
 - Iron Man – The Iron Man contest will be held at States again this year. This year's Iron Man will feature 3 events – swimming, running, and stairs.
- PA-POST
 - The goal is to produce 5 editions of the POST this year.
 - The first edition is currently on-line.
 - The winter edition (Regional Conference edition) will feature the special events planned for the State Conference.
- Membership
 - The officers launched a new program to increase membership for PA-TSA.
 - California University of Pennsylvania and Millersville University each provided a list of email addresses for their recent graduates. Each recent graduate received an email from the state officers, inviting them to join TSA.
 - While at TEAP, the officers have spoken to 24 teachers who are interested in starting TSA at their schools.
- Directions
 - The State Officer Team attended Directions, the National Leadership Conference, in Reston, VA from 10/6/05 – 10/9/05.

- While at Directions, the officers picked up many useful skills and activities that they plan to pass on to the Pennsylvania delegation at the State Conference in April.

INTERNET/TECHNOLOGY

Chris Miller reported the following:

- iServices has been moved to its new server
- iKeys are now available (see Chris)
- The website is currently undergoing a redesign to make it more user-friendly. Goals of the redesign include:
 - new calendar section
 - alumni section will be released to the alumni association (they will be able to make changes without going through Chris Miller)
 - forums will be reinstalled
- Reminder: It will take 7-10 days for updates to appear on the website
- The possibility of establishing a new position within Internet/Technology was discussed. It would be this individual's job to act as a clearinghouse for all information to be distributed to the delegation. This person would handle PR, news, and possibly handle all LiveWire emails.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

John Bratton reported the following:

- A question has been raised about the whereabouts of monies owed to PA-TSA by National TSA. These monies are from the F1 competition and member dues. John will contact Nationals about this issue.
- If you have problems contacting, please feel free to use home phone number (610)593-5532.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Craig Jarrett reported the following:

- Scholarship amount has been increased to \$1,500. Scholarships were previously \$1,000.
- Students applying for scholarship must send all paperwork in one packet.

NATIONAL TSA

Mike Amrhein reported the following:

- Champion Fund is now the Anniversary Fund.

REGION 2

Bud Gotwald reported the following:

- Organizational Meeting - December 8th at 4PM at Conestoga Valley Middle School
- Octorara High School is in need of contact from the State Advisor as they have been identified as new potential TSA schools.
- The Region 2 Regional Conference will be held on February 24th at Millersville University.

REGION 6

Mike Amrhein reported the following:

- Regional Planning Meeting – November 10th at California University from 8:30-11:30AM in IAR Room 210.
- Regional realignment may have upset the system
- South Park, Center Area, California, Hampton, and Blackhawk School Districts are in need of contact from the State Advisor as they have been identified as new potential TSA schools.
- The Region 6 Regional Conference will be held on February 24th at California University of PA.

REGION 7

Scott Riley reported the following:

- We are going to have a joint regional with Region 8 who has been kind enough to accept us this year. Results will be pulled for each of the two regions. Our region will need to help with preparing/coordinating judges for their events. Next year, our region is planning on having our own regional in a Northern or Southern location. This location will potentially be the site for two years and then switch to the other geographic location.
- The Region 7 Conference (held in conjunction with Region 8) will be held on February 25th at Park Forrest Middle School.

REGION 5/9

Jeff Seip reported the following:

- Regional Planning Meeting – November 14th at 7PM in Room E154, Strayer Middle School, Quakertown.

OLD BUSINESS

DR. TOM WINTERS AWARD

Criteria for the Dr. Tom Winters Award have been formalized and a nomination form has been created. The nomination/selection committee will consist of Jeff Seamans, Wayne McConahy, John Bratton and other past recipients. Nominations should be sent to Wayne McConahy.

DON RICKARDS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Don Rickards was a TSA parent who tirelessly dedicated his time to TSA prior to his passing last year. This award would recognize other individuals (not advisors) who dedicate their time, talents, and efforts to their local TSA chapter. Chris Roth will form a committee to select the nominees.

ACT 48 HOURS – BUCKNELL AND TEAP

Anyone needing Act 48 hours for Bucknell and TEAP will need to complete TEAP forms, not simply sign the list. TEAP now requires the form to get the hours.

BOCCE BALLS

Wayne has regulation bocce balls to be used for the revised middle school event, Mechanical Challenge. One bocce ball will be issued to each region.

REVISED RULES FOR PENNSYLVANIA CONTESTS

Revised rules were presented for Materials Processes MS & HS and Safety Illustration MS & HS. Rules for the new contest, Digital Video Challenge MS & HS, were also presented. A Chris Miller/Bud Gotwald motion was approved to accept the changes to Safety Illustration MS & HS,

the changes to Materials Processes MS & HS, and to accept the new PA-only event, Digital Video Challenge MS & HS.

CREDIT CARD USE POLICY

The PA-TSA, Incorporated Corporate Credit Card Regulations were presented and approved as written. At this point in time, Jeff Seamans is have a difficult time finding credit card company that is willing to accept us as a client.

T-SHIRTS AND FLAGS FOR NATIONALS

Wayne McConahy is working on some information about flags for the Pennsylvania delegation to use while at the National Conference as a means to identify our group.

NEW BUSINESS

REGIONAL TESTS

Used State Conference tests will be passed down to the Regions for use at the Regional Conferences. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of all Regions using the same test for events.

ELIMINATING QUALIFYING EVENTS

Jeff Seip proposed that qualifying events be changed to allow students from every chapter to participate in all events offered at the state conference. There was discussion on this issue. The motion died for lack of a second.

FUTURE BOD MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the PA-TSA BOD will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2006 in Grantville, PA. The meeting will run from 8AM-3PM. Lunch will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Lapinski
PA-TSA Secretary