

Agenda
PA-TSA BOD Meeting
July 10& 11, 2006
Bucknell University

Call to Order: 10 AM

Present: Chris Miller, Bud Gotwald, John Bratton, Mike Flowers, Bob Rudolph, Jeff Seamans, Craig Jarrett, Lauren Lapinski, Chris Roth, Ron Shealer, Sean Lydon, Dennis Gold, Brandt Hutzler, Ryan Ferry, Tim Hess, Richard Penepacker, Bekky Jones, Kelly Peterson, Adam Sanders, Christy Egan, Emil Stenger and Phillip Fuchs.

Secretary's Report and minutes:

Craig read the minutes from the TEAP Conference. Motion to accept minutes as read: Chris Miller, second; Sean Lydon. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed by Jeff Seamans. Chris Miller commented on the decrease in member schools. Jeff explained that currently we are with PNC Bank. The minimum balance and surcharges are becoming an issue because of finance charges. Jeff would like to keep everything in one account and not deal with interest or go to one of the credit unions in the State College area where he could do individual accounts with no finance charges.

Chris Miller/R. Penepacker motion was approved for accepting the report. The report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports

State Officers:

TSA Officer Team report:

Superheroes as a theme for this year's conference.

Giant wave at the state business meeting to pump up the conference participants.

Wednesday: mixer...trading stuff, superhero dress

Mascot: superhero with a Pa-TSA cape

Cheer contest for the best PA cheer.

Thursday: bring back the movie night, superhero movie, \$3.00 charge with snacks and sodas or perhaps a carnival idea in the exhibit hall.

Iron Man competition: two separate iron man events on two separate days with about 2-3 time slots

Relay for Life: raise money from the Got Game tournament and give it at Nationals, also participate at a relay for life walk at Nashville.

Got Game tournament: DDR Tournament, Madden Football

Raffle: a ticket raffle...iPods, candy, etc...

Suggestion of Officers: get the activities listed on the web page and in the Pa Post prior to the conference.

PA Post ideas:

Trends in Technology

Advertisement

Article about Bucknell (student view)

Robert writing a national officer review to keep people aware of what's happening at the national level

National winners posted and articles about nationals by October 1

Opening Ceremony: superheroes-each

Technology/Internet Service Director – Chris Miller:

Wireless internet has been purchased for the conference. Chris would like File Maker Pro purchased by the state to make accessible for each region. It will make reports cleaner, etc...along with region conference registration accessible for each region. Chris asked that people submit content for the web site, especially parent and sponsors.

Alumni Committee – Ryan Ferry:

Would like to organize an alumni social for the State and National Conference to get alumni's involved. (alumni@patsa.org). Craig suggested using the 'alumni' link on the web to connect with alumni and get updated name and contact info.

Executive Director – John Bratton:

no comments

State Advisor- Dennis Gold:

Report submitted that included congratulations to students who did well at Nationals as well as the election of the National Reporter (correct from Historian in Dennis' notes): Robert Kosarowich. He compiled some ideas for additional events. Lauren suggested that many of the topics are covered on some events. Dennis is still working on the database using the GITE names along with TEAP and TSA. He will send an email to new people in the fall to join TSA. Dennis has found a sponsor to donate money for a Biomedical Research essay contest just for PA-TSA. Students can be awarded up to \$500; \$200 in each of the nine regions and \$300 more at the state conference. Criteria for the essay have to be established (length, etc...). Just high school this year. Contest entries are due on November 2nd at the TEAP Conference.

Technology Council opportunities: Businesses and Universities that deal with technology would like the schools and member database. Discussion about sending out this type of information because of sharing mailing information with colleges and companies ensued to the solution of putting the vendor on the web page under the business link. People can find the information and go to those links individually. Ideas for enticing new chapters; giveaways? The White Star Chapter recognition is already in place. Stick Pins: suggested every student should be given one. The cost is prohibitive but the pins are on sale at the state conference.

Publicize that students should wear their state shirts to nationals or something that identifies them as from Pennsylvania.

Suggested that past presidents work with alumni.

Leadership booklets were printed and given out.

Scholarships: is there a better way to give scholarships to students who actually use them?

Bekky: would like to see scholarship winners actually have a use for the scholarships given to the students. Kelly: students who apply should be interested in the scholarship applied for.

All National registration will be done on line next year.

Justin Driscoll from the Pittsburgh technology Council wishes to be involved and would like anyone who needs

FYI: Gaylord Opryland costs are \$155 plus hotel fees, Radison Hotel: \$89, Fairfield Inn- \$100 plus a \$10 shuttle fee for the duration of the stay.

Scholarships – Craig Jarrett:

Awarded three scholarships

TEAP/TSA – Jeff Seamans:

Greetings from Ken Neumann -TEAP Presidents. The TEAP Fall Board Meeting is September 9th at Carlisle.

Region Coordinator Reports:

Bard Hutzell-Region 1: sent emails to those interested in starting a TSA Chapter and got responses. The region started two new chapters. Regional is March 9th at CalU. Mike Amrhein said ACT 48 is currently down since May.

Region 1 & 6: March 9th
Region 2: February 23rd
Region 3: February 24th
Region 4: February 24th
Region 5: February 24th
Region 8: February 24th
Region 7: February 24th or March 3rd.
Region 9: February 24th

Old Business

Credit Card Report & policy – Jeff Seamans:

Bekky and Jeff will have TSA credit cards for expenses incurred

By Law Review Committee – add Past President as a voting member of the board

State and National Dues Payments – changes in procedure?

Should the state reimburse nationals and all chapters pay the state? Send all chapter registration to national office and the state will be reimbursed.

New Business:

TSA Bekky Jones:

Accountability of state officers when they get into office: Bekky is concerned that when students are elected they should prioritize to meet the commitments of TSA. Officers gets reimbursements for Nationals from the state therefore to get the money, students must meet 17 criteria. Criteria has been developed to will be implemented this year. Moved by Bekky Jones/Rich Penepacker.

New options for State Officers now that Directions is not happening. Debate about expenses that will result if PA, or another state, hosts a leadership conference.

Option #1: Possibly going to Wayne's cabin for rebuilding

Option #2: States combine together to host a smaller conference. Possibility of losing money and PA TSA sticking their necks out

Option #3: Combine with other VSO's. The idea was not supported.

Bekky Jones and others agree that the state officers should do something on their own. Possibilities include a ropes course or team building activity since the money is available in the budget. Would the state be willing to fund a leadership opportunity for the state officers? Dennis Gold does not seem to feel this would be supported. It was decided to look into a leadership teambuilding opportunity that is available within the state – this would occur in the fall. Bekky will look inot options that may work.

Elections of Members at Large, President Elect, others positions as needed:

Secretary, President Elect, Corporate Member,

Nominations for Secretary: Judy Hawthorn , vote taken, affirmed

Discussion as to election of president and president elect: length of terms, years serving in position

President Elect: Bud Gotwald, President: Craig Jarrett

KC Simchock's request for wording changes in By-laws (checking ot see if her proble was with the BOD by-laws or student by-laws?) They have found a place to change some wording to make this happen.

By Laws and Standing Rules Changes:

ByLaws-Article II, section 2c : change 'advisor' to 'facilitator'

Article IV, section 3E: change: The Pa-TSA State Facilitator will be appointed by PDE and acknowledged by the Pa-TSA Board of Directors.

Letterheads: Pa-TSA

The standing treasurer's address should be on the Pa-TSA letterhead and will be changed when a new treasurer is appointed.

Motion: to change a standing rule to change: the official mailing address of the organization will be the treasurer of the board of directors. Moved: Seamans, second: Penepacker, approved

Motion: All references to TSA Advisor be changed to Pennsylvania Technology Student Association Facilitator in Pa-TSA Inc. Moved: Seamans, second: Lydon, approved

Motion: The position of Immediate Past President be added to Executive Pa-TSA Board of Directors be a voting position. Under By-Law Article IV, sec. 1 add c, sect. 3 f I), ii)

Immediate past president be added to by-laws: Article IV, Section 1, add e. Immediate Past President Section 3: duties

f. Immediate Past president shall:

- i) assist new president with policy and budget issues
- ii) chair the elections committee

Motion: to include PDE Pa-Technology Education Specialist as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee. Moved: Phil Fuchs, Second: Craig Jarrett, denied (motion failed)

Dennis Gold: Skills USA Article II- Board of Directors- wording of by-laws for discussion. Discussion tabled.

Define Job Descriptions – BOD Officer & Region Coordinator Handbook:

State Conference Report – Chris Roth:

Ideas and Suggestions:

Computers: add to READ! READ! READ! All students provide their own computers for events that require them.

Registration: \$48 for State Conference

Copyright Issues: minus 20 for copyright infringement READ! READ! READ!

Journals: Printed hard copies

Apple will be back next year

Accommodations at 7 Springs: floors will be wrapped to be able to stay in the hotel versus on the mountain

Students get a punch card to show the events attended then put it in a punch bowl for a prize

Feedback: for final 10 at least? Rules violations are the most feedback issue

Budget: registration: large off site for local schools

Discussion with Mike Flowers of a new printer for conference booklet-look into other options (paid \$800 last year)

Regional fairs: \$50-100 for fair costs. Only 3 regions participated....all should try.

F-1 at State Conference – it will be run

New High School Contests

Motion to accept two new high school contests, moved: Gotwald, second: Chris Miller, approved

Core Contests –state contests –review

Remove Transportation Challenge as a region required contest

RC Car Rule Changes – John Bratton

-Proposed changes in event rules (see document provided for details)

-Each team will be required to install a motor provided by TSA (already in Chris's budget)

-Get motors back at the end of the competition

- High school also required to make their own chassis frame
- Only two drivers needed to cut back on time
- Instead of notebook, replace with report cover which includes specific components (emphasis on “incomplete” report cover resulting in disqualification
- MS students will need to assemble at conference if already built, then just re-assemble at conference)
- Proper tools and safety equipment needed; change wording of rules to incorporate unsafe behavior could result in disqualification
- Concern raised by Sean Lydon that the making of a chassis requirement may eliminate HS competitors
- Chris Roth suggested to only make one rule change (motor) but not the chassis frame
- Debate about disqualifications/rules violations for lack of a written report.

MOTION: to approve rule changes RC car event. Moved: Gotwald, Second: Penepacker...13 for, 3 opposed, motion approved.

Discussion of request (by John Peoples) for change of set up of the exhibit hall-flip the entire hall so that exhibitors and RC track would switch sides. People traveling to display hall would just need to walk by booths. This would give john more room for the RC event. Flowers and Rudolph will work on a ap and come up with possibilities.

Review of web and printed documents

Handbook Review – Rick Penepacker

Website Review – Chris Miller

Budget Review & Approval

Regional Registration with Filemaker – Chris Miller

Incorporation and funding – establish goals and plan for future

Establish calendar for 2006-2007

Dennis- creating new contests and scholarships, membership

Name badges – confirm list and order 2006-07

Unfinished Buisness

Adjournment