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**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda for
November 5, 2010 TEEAP Conference**

Meeting Called to Order: 8:04

Bob Rudolph, (President-PATSA), Jeff Seamans (Treasurer), Chris Miller (Technology Coord.), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Director), Dennis Gold (PA-TSA Advisor), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Mike Flowers (Conference Committee), Brandt Hutzler (President Elect-PATSA), , Dennis Gold (PA-TSA Facilitator), Michelle Suders (State Officer Team Advisor), Michael Laechour, Dennis DeAngelis, Alan Klaich, Adam Snook, Matt Cullen, Christian Olmstead, Tim Linkenheimer, Kenneth Miller and Ron Shealer.

Chris Miller (Region 2), Judy Hawthorn (Region 3), Chris Weaver (Region 5), Emil Stenger (Region 7, (Scholarship), Rick Penepacker (Communications Chair/representing Region 8), Ken Raspen (Region 9), , Shawn Lyden (Region 1)

Students: Katheriine Chen (PA-TSA Student Officer President.), Phil Hayes (VP), Josh Hoffman, Rachel Newell, Jacob Ross, Liza Attilosoy, Kelsey Johnson, Dhruv Pillai, Emily Beiber.

Roll Call - Establish a Quorum - quorum met @ 8:10

Secretary Minutes: (Motion to Approve) : Motion to approve minutes: Flowers:
Approve

Treasures Report:

*Resolved the IRS problem

Motion to approve: C. Jarrett, (*File for audit*): J. Seamans

Regional Reports

- Region 1 - Lyden (March 4/MS and Feb 25/HS)@ CalU
- Region 2 - C. Miller - feb 5th at Conestoga Valley - on file
- Region 3 - J.Hawthorn - Feb 12th at EH Markle MS - on file

- Region 5/9 - K. Raspen - Feb 12th - Strayer MS
- Region 6 - Brian Garlick
- Region 7 - Emil Stenger Jersey Shore HS - Feb 5th (Snow-19th)-on file
- Region 8 - Ron Shealer - Feb 12th @ State College HS

Committee Reports

- **Communication:** (Handbook) - Pennepacker - Hand book updated and working on regional handbook for advisors, in the process of updating conf.
- **STEM** - have not met

- **Scholarship:**
 - Craig Jarrett: gave 2 scholarships last year, deadline
 - email from Dan Zollman for the Inspiration award....should we run the award at Regional's or select just from states (Criteria is on web page)
 - Motion: Move to run the Inspiration Award at the Regional Conferences (Hawthorn), second (Hutzel) - *Approve*
- **Foundation** - no new info.
- Bylaws - will be later in the meeting with by-laws revisions
- Finance - no new info

***State Officer Team:** Katherine Chen - The SOT met recently at the Cabin and decided to add some other criteria to the Iron Man competition, more Got Game, making new posters, trying to add a Wednesday night activity (Open Mike Night), theme for Dance (TBD), fundraising ideas for ACS, the Fall Post is completed with the winter post to be completed in January, special interest sessions: Chapter Team, Green and Transitioning from MS to HS in TSA,

Green Comm: Josh Hoffman is head and has 10 numbers (Ride the Bus, Elec. Emissions project)....target trans. and env. focus projects, use green initiative page,

Phil: VP using CISCO WebX to facilitate planning and cyber conferencing. This has been proven useful to meet online and plan prior to an official face-to-face meeting. A proposal will be submitted to the Technology Comm. for web conferencing. The **Membership Comm.** will have a section on the website to submit promotional materials they use to help other schools promote TSA

***State Conference Team** - Lauren Lapinski - Trophies has been ordered, rates and dates are updated for this years conference at Seven Springs on the website, F! will run as usual (fees are posted), VEX - has to be run as it was a Nationals....not able to do this so it will not be run as of this time. If we can wait longer to make this decision, it is possible but as of now, it will not be run. Robot Calculator event will run and each school should bring their own robot.

***Technology Team** -Chris Miller: Using Google apps and the Google docs to share information and apps. If anyone knows who can program in Android, send him to chris (Google OS).

TSA Logo - Called Roseanne and asked if they could incorporate the TSA logo to 'doodle' the logo on items for seasonal events.

Dan and Chris are looking a new mailing list program (like Constant Connect) to update. iServices are running smoothly.

PA TSA Alumni - no report

PDE - Bill Bertrand - new ITEEA president-elect

PDE - TSA - Dennis Gold - Dennis Gold: STEM - all five regions have no money for STEM, PATSA presently has 60 Chapters currently (3-4 new chapters) that have joined TSA so far this year (11/1/10). We are in third place national at this time with the number of chapters that have joined.

All chapters have been activated in iServices, BioMedical is up and running and students will be recognized on the stage. Dennis has set up a 1PM meeting in the Commonwealth Room for New Advisors.

National Report – Dr. Laura Hummel - BOD met Sept 15th, discussed VEX and Nationals really want to establish a good relationship with VEX but the finances are overwhelming for the state conf.'s.....will meet in December to help establish better guidelines for a robotics competition. CRC will meet in December

and has met to create events for pilot (Digital photography, etc...looking at some events being submitted electronically as per the Go Green Initiative). Good push from PA to light a fire under CRC to look at ways to conserve paper and resources that can be recycled.

One more year for HS Guide and any suggestions for the HS Guide re-vamp...send suggestions to Laura Hummel.

Suggestion for PATSA: Put out a manual for "Tips and Tricks" that suggest resources and ideas for doing an event inexpensively.

Survey response for uniform: the team was looking at the dress code due to looking at other CTSO's uniforms...Laura suggest everyone take the survey and make your opinion known.

Executive Director Report: Bob Rudolph - no report other than to conduct unfinished business of the ad hoc committee charged with by-laws changes

Old Business

*Motions to amend by-laws

By-laws Committee Recommendations

On Tuesday, July 13 at 8:30 AM an ad hoc bylaw committee met to discuss the tabled motions that were introduced at the Grantville BOD meeting in January 2010.

There were recommendations that were made but there was no a quorum to bring forth motions to be seconded and voted to be placed for public view for 30 days so a vote could take place in November at the TEAP TSA BOD meeting.

Below are the recommendations from the committee. At the TSA BOD meeting at the annual TEAP conference the board will be asking for a motion to place the recommendations out for a vote after a 30 day review.

Recommendation 1

Add a standing rule in the bylaws appendix for a Board election rotation chart that shows when each board members term is up for election or appointment.

Rationale - Currently the board is not aware of when Regional Coordinators are elected and when their term is up. In the event that a board member leaves a post, sometimes there is confusion as to length of the rest of the term and when

the new term should be voted on. This would keep in plain view to all when the various positions are up for election or appointment.

Motion: Mike Flowers, second, Hutzel - *Approve*

Recommendation 2

Article II – Board of Directors

Change the term from August 1st to July 31st to July 1st to June 30th

Rationale – This was to coincide with the chapter affiliation dates. National TSA has changed the chapter affiliation dated from August 1 to July 1 of each year.

Motion: Mike Flowers, second: Penenpacker - *Approve*

Recommendation 3

Article III – Corporate Members

In the first sentence change the word advisors to chapters.

Rationale – When a vote is taken for member at large or voting on any issues that all corporate members are allowed to vote on, it was intended that there would be one advisor per chapter and that is the way it was when PA TSA was incorporated. Now there are many chapters that have multiple advisors. This means that a chapter with multiple advisors would get multiple votes. It also means that the number of advisors/votes could change every year. With a policy of one chapter, one vote the voting field is leveled and is more stable. This also establishes a stable quorum.

Motion: Flowers, Sec. Stenger - *APPROVE*

Recommendation 4

Article IV – Officers

Section 2

Add after the current wording – “No member of the board of directors may hold more than one position in the Board of Directors, unless temporarily appointed due to vacancy. In such a case, the member is limited to a maximum of one vote, tendered from the longest held voting position”.

Rationale – The purpose of this statement is to ensure that more people have the opportunity to be on the BOD in positions such as Regional Coordinators,

Standing committee members, ad hoc committee members or the executive committee.

Motion: Flowers, sec. C. Miller - *Approve*

Recommendation 5

Article VIII

Amendment of Bylaws

Add after current wording "Corporate members are allowed one vote per chapter. A vote approving the amendment is needed by two thirds (2/3) of voting members to pass the amendment".

Rationale – This is a point of clarification that relates to the change in Article III, Section 1 that changes from advisor to chapter. It also emphasizes that a vote to approve an amendment is needed by 2/3 of the chapters in the state.

Motion: Flowers, sec., C Jarrett

Discussion - C. Miller - point of clarification...."Only active chapters"...does this mean that if all the people that voted or all members/chapter? Or, potential, active chapters? Affiliation is necessary or not necessary after January 15th???

Motion to amend the Amendment: Approved: Flowers, sec., Hawthorn

The motion will read: I move that the by-Laws in Article VIII the follwong be added after the current wording "Chapters are allowed one vote per chapter. A vote approving the amendment is need by two-thirds (2/3) of voting members that cast ballots to pass the amendment."

Approve

Recommendation 6

Standing Rules

Board of Directors Membership

Remove this section

Rationale – The voting procedure for the corporate members at large is already spelled out in Article II Section 1.a

Motion: Flowers, sec., Suders

Approve

Recommendation 7

Standing Rules

Scholarship

Remove the sentence "Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 per student per year".

Rationale – PA TSA wants the flexibility to increase the scholarship amount as the scholarship account increases. Currently the amounts are \$1500.00.

Motion: Flowers, sec., Lyden

Approve

The Amendments and By-Law Changes must be posted for 45 days and the vote will be taken on Survey Monkey.

New Business – need to discuss advisor clearances – due to home schools, cyber schools, charter schools. Put on agenda for Grantville.

Rationale: chapters like people who Home School, Charter Schools and Cyber Schools want to belong to TSA but the 'advisers' do not have clearances needed.

Penepacker: But, isn't one of the rules of TSA that a students must have taken a Technology Education course?? Also, there must be 10 per chapter.....how will this be addressed? *Discussion:* if a student who is home-schooled, they are still under the home district umbrella, therefore the clearances should fall under the district employee regulations. Other issues centered around the requirement of Technology Education classes and how that would be proctored or addressed. It will be discussed further by both PATSA and TSA (through Laura Hummel) and will be an agenda item at the January (Grantville) meeting.

Jeff Berstein (a PA grad who went to teach in Maryland), asked if he could bring kids to observe and could participate in events but couldn't win above PA kids. A CALU grad. Is trying to start TSA in Maryland. It may be looked at as MENTORING a fellow state. This will also be discussed at both PATSA and TSA (through Laura Hummel) to establish protocol.

Adjournment until Jan 15, 2011 Grantville, PA @ 9:27 AM:

Motion: Hawthorn/Flowers