



Pennsylvania Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc.

Learning to Live in a Technical World

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Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda for

January 18, 2014

Harrisburg Holiday Inn East

4751 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

9:04 AM Meeting Called to Order – Laura Hummell

Roll Call - Establish a Quorum and sign in

Board Of Directors: Laura Hummel (President), Dale Moll (President-Elect), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Jeff Seamans (Treasurer/ACT 48 Coor.), Dale Moll, (President Elect), Chris Miller (Technology Coor.), Dennis Gold (PDE), John Bratton (Executive Director), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Director), Wayne McConahy (Foundation Comm. Chair, State Conference Planning Team), Jana Bonds (Member at Large), Diana and Clint Rickerts (Region 5, State Officer Advisors), Ryan Ferry (Alumni)

Region Reps: Tim Linkenheimer (Region 1 Coordinator), Rich Nolt (Region 2), Emil Stenger (Region 7), Jana Bonds (Region 3, Member at Large), Chris Weaver (Region 5/9), Dale Moll (Region 1, Region 1 advisor), Jeff Seamans (Region 8, Region 2 Coordinator)

Student Officers: Sitara Soundararajan (PATSA President), Victoria Lee (VP), Samantha Horry (Secretary), Ben Cutler (treasurer), Lisa Gardner (Parliamentarian), Maxwell Hunt (Historian), Mandy Farrah (Sgt@Arms)

Install Elected Officers (as needed) – two member-at-large positions open. One Member-At-Large positions will be available within the next 2 years. (Rich Evan – Plymouth-Whitemarsh HS)

Nominations: Member-at-Large #1 - Ashleigh Biega – Black Hawk HS (2012-1015) and Member-at-Large #2 - Jana Bonds (2013-2016) – Southwestern SD

Motion: Accept the Member at Large nominations. Hawthorn: Second: Moll

Minutes (Motion to Approve): November 2013 BOD TEEAP Meeting Minutes - Consider a motion to approve the 2013 November (TEEAP) minutes as distributed

Motion: Approve as posted – C. Miller, Second: D. Moll

Treasurer's Report (File for audit) –PA TSA Balances as of January 2014

All trophies have been paid for already. We will order patches and shirts for sale at states. Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Regional Reports

- Region 1& 6- Dale Moll- 603 students registered....100 more than last year – report filed. They are using an online feedback system and the judges as well as students liked the system. It uses live scoring and if the judges score in error, it gives them a warning. There is a possibility of running this app at states for several events. Dan Warnaka is working on this app and is currently a sophomore at PSU. THANKS!!
Region 1&6 work together but 6 is losing programs due to retirements. Big goal is recruitment.
- Region 2 – Rich Nolt – conference will be held on Feb 8th
- Region 3 – Jana Bonds for Jason Jarrett –report on file
- Region 5&9 – Chris Weaver – 45 chapters last year, 59 this year. 32 events at the HS/MS level. New event is nano-tech through Lehigh (\$500 given) and software. Testing a beta version of iServices for Chris. Has the Calculator Robot form.
- Region 7 –Emil Stenger -Feb 15th and two other schools have been added. They were from region 8 originally but are closer to region 7.
- Region 8 – Jeff Seamans – Conf. is Feb 1st at Park Forest MS. Brandt has been out due to family concerns

Team Reports

· **State Officer Team** – Each officer will present ind. Proposals

Max-Recycling Challenge – working on publicizing the challenge...working with the Green Comm.

Victoria – Minecraft event in place of Got Game. Mr. Ferry created the server for this event

Lisa – “Business” Special interest sessions’. Working on Parliamentary procedure and submitted an event and rules to CRC (which were declined) on Business

Sam – Working on a ‘Special interest session on running for state office’.

Ben – Relay for Life – NASCAR event

Mandy – Judges feedback form posted on website and getting the scans that the judges fill out (online –SciVis-HS and Med Tech Issues -MS). Dale said the kids have been working hard to get the conf. together. Chris Weaver asked that all advisors get the work out about the Green initiative and the recycling program (<http://patsa.org/article/green-committee-hhw-recycling-challenge>)

- **State Conference Team- Lauren** – the conference is on track and contacts have been made. Rates and dates are now posted. VEX and PA Robotics will run with Matt Cullen (Timberstone). CRAM CD will arrive in Feb. Participation forms are updated and on the web site due to liability and medical and photograph any child.

Check the rules, tests and problems on the CRAM disk prior to the event. Wayne has inventoried the supplies and will buy some items for the conference (computers, DVD readers). After talking, it was agreed that Ryan Ferry’s company would supply computers to view events (four or five). He and Wayne will get together on software needs. Judges and coordinator emails will go out shortly. One event that is difficult is Junior Solar Sprint...looking for a coordinator and the sun. *No big schedule changes*. The program and special awards are coming together as well as Special Interest sessions (especially for MS kids). The program may include a feedback or validation form in the program so kids hold onto their programs and also write feedback for their instructors, etc.... Stamps may be used to validate attendance.

Mike and Bob are working together on vendors.

Hotel registration: please give all medical needs or extenuating circumstances please communicate to Lauren directly! Card keys with TSA logo will be distributed.

Occupancy: some kids were put in the condos versus a double or triple occupancy...this needs to be defined.

Dance and Relay for Life are on track.

Middle School Structural: question by Emil to the CRC (John McConnell-TSA Structure MS Coordinator) about wood size and adhesives. Emil did not receive a response back.

Flight Challenge: Students must bring their own building materials. What about the quality of the balsa?

National TSA did not send banners or gold seals as promised to some chapters. Dennis will look into it. Laura will contact National on Monday, Jan. 21st and ask questions.

- **Technology Team – Chris Miller** – Working to make sure iServices is running effectively. Spending the last month getting familiar with FileMaker software and interface. The software update should be implemented by States. Chris showed the features of the new software as it pertains to iServices. Teams are now going to be assigned team '901 or 902' versus team 100, 200, etc... This number should be identified on their binders and any event submission.

Committee Reports

- Act 48- Act 48 Coordinator Report to TSA
 - Communication (Handbook)
 - STEM – Judy Hawthorn attended the PSTA conference and the STEMathon planning meetings and worked to integrate the value of TSA to both. STEMathon will be Aug. 5&6 at the Radisson. I will be working on trying to have influence on the new 'Race to the Top (52Mil) grant received by Early Childhood to use for STEM (<http://www.politicspa.com/pa-wins-race-to-the-top-grant-for-early-learning/53818/>).
 - Scholarship –only one applicant now. John spoke about the Clark scholarship (5 all together) and said they have also hired 2 TSA kids.
 - Bylaws – John reported that the resolutions submitted by the officer team was reviewed and now needs rationale. The explanation (rationale) was worse than the resolution itself and they submitted a sub-standard written rationale.
 - Finance - inactive (look at the minutes from Bucknell 2010 to see what was the definition of Finance comm. It may have been replaced by the Foundation)
 - Redistricting – critical mass in 5&9 but they are at critical mass in region 5 and need to figure out to alleviate the numbers. Redistricting would solve the problem.
- ***This needs to be an agenda item at Bucknell. This may be discussed at the VIP session at States in Matterhorn for discussion.

Motion: I move PATSA re-activate the 'Redistricting Committee', Chris Weaver: Second: Moll Approved!

The make-up of the committee will be all the regional coordinators and will meet at States at the VIP session (Matterhorn, Thursday at 8:30 PM). Chris Weaver and Rich Nolt will be co-coordinators for the Committee. Dale Moll will put the information to his GIS class and develop a map that shows density areas in regions.

Advisory Reports

- Foundation – Mike Flowers sent a report about the Clark Scholarship. Both candidates were paid \$2500 for the fall semesters and both recipients received straight 'A's' during their first semester.

Packet should have been completed but Wayne had family issues and Joe Reese had a stroke (which was not serious and he is recovering). He will work with Joe to have Sheetz on board by the State Conf. Bob Rudolph put together a letter to Sheetz and this will help to get Sheetz on board. Case/New Holland donated \$1500 to the Foundation also.

Clark gave John B. the \$25,000. BOD can still donate to the Foundation. Send donations to Mike Flowers. 25 Acoma Drive, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019

- **Alumni – Ryan Ferry** reported that Alumni have been inactive. They will be at state conference to help out. (Alumni link I listed on BOD page). Reach out to HS seniors
- PDE (Curriculum Specialist) – Bill Bertrand...send any questions about curriculum, TSA TEAMS, EbD, etc... Dale Rickert wants Bill to investigate honors courses in TE. We need data but we shouldn't sit back and wait for data but rather look for ways to increase enrollment of higher level students. Go to guidance counselors, etc...
- Break for lunch – 12 to 1
- National TSA (State Advisor) – Dennis Gold – third nationally and good enrollment in PA

Corporate Member Reports

None

National Report

Executive director report submitted from Dr. White. Copy on file

Executive Director Report

Any problems with feedback from events (the CRC). Contact Tonya Vandergrift at TSA or Laura Hummel and they will get to the coordinator of the event. The people at Nationals are very helpful.

Old Business

Bylaw amendment

- o Submitted by Chris Miller
- o Electronic vote did not have enough votes

The Amendment has to be voted on the advisors or the Member at Large. Chris will forward the by-law amendment to the Members at Large (first paragraph, appendix B, Section 4.2 – Nominations should be from the floor of the Board....) The Amendment: with the exception of President, President-Elect, etc...

There were not enough votes on the amendment to reach a quorum. Therefore, a motion was made to vote on the amendment.

Motion: "Move that Appendix B Article IV, section 2, 1st paragraph include..."with the exception of the President, President-Elect and Past President" second: Chris Miller: second; Rich Nolt -

Approved

· **Student Officer requirements** – procedures for offices that are unclaimed need to be finalized due to the fact that voting for those eliminates some voters and causes confusion on the morning results are due. The election happens Friday after the business meeting. Two offices are open and students can sign up Saturday morning. Ryan Ferry suggested that students have documentation prior to signing up...it would streamline the process and eliminate those who may not be able to do the job. (Applications should have permission of advisor, resume with skill set, etc...). The procedure needs to be finalized now. Rickert's took suggestions and will create the procedure. They will filter through the list and apps and finalize 6 applicants.

· **Foundation Fund-raising efforts** – already discussed

Junior Solar Challenge (Needs: tight string, with eyelet, digital timer or digital stopwatch). Some items will have to be purchased for the conference (track, etc...)

- State Conference:
 - Junior Solar Sprint issues;
 - Ryan Ferry will work on a track and timing system for state conference;
 - Geospatial Event Competition challenges and questions
- National Conference:
 - National Gaylord property June 27 - July 1, 2014;
 - Dennis Gold will input national event qualifiers from April 15 - May 15, 2014.
 - Dennis will be away May 15 – June 1, 2014
 - I will input additional qualifiers as needed from May 15 – June 1, 2014
 - If event coordinators do not respond to inquiries about events, then contact the managers. If still no response is received in a timely manner 3-5 business days, contact Dr. Hummell, TSA CRC Manager, at lhummell@patsa.org or Dr. Tonya Vandergriff Childress, TSA CRC Chairperson, at tonyavandergriff@yahoo.com
 - More information about national event coordinators and managers can be found at <http://www.tsaweb.org/Competition-Regulations-Committee> .
 - Check on radius for commuter status to national conference at the 2014 Gaylord National property—(50 miles or 100) how many miles to/from National Conference
 - Email BOD as needed about the commuter status information
- Bucknell Meeting and Conference:
 - Confirm date with Bucknell officials
 - Follow-up with schedule and
 - Plan for student activities with help from Jeff Seamans, Cal U students, and others as needed
- BOD Winter Meeting
 - Dr. Bratton will confirm with Holiday Inn Harrisburg East
 - January 17, 2015
- **Next Meeting:** July 7-8, 2014 – Bucknell University

Adjournment: motion: Hawthorn, second: Bond 2:28 PM