



Pennsylvania Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc.

“Learning to Live in a Technical World”

Incorporated 2004

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

January 17, 2015

Harrisburg Holiday Inn East

4751 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order – Laura Hummell

Meeting called to order at 9:04 AM

Roll Call - Established a Quorum and sign in at 9:05

Board Of Directors: Laura Hummel (President), Dale Moll (President-Elect), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Jeff Seamans (Treasurer/ACT 48 Coor.), Chris Miller (Technology Coor.), Dennis Gold (PaTSA Advisor), John Bratton (Executive Director), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Director), Bill Bertrand (PDE, Member at Large), Diana and Clint Rickerts (StaSOT Directors), Rick Penepacker (Comm. Chair), Bill Bertrand (Corporate Member at Large, PDE Technology), Joe Nacke (Foundation), Ryan Ferry (Alumni), Bill White (Region 1/6 coordinator)

Region Reps: Tim Linkenheimer (Region 1), Rich Nolt (Region 2), Jason Kofmehl (Region 3), Chris Weaver (Region 5), Dale Moll (Region 6), Emil Stenger (Region 7) (Region 9)

Students Officers Present: Ben Cutler (Pres), Luke Artzt (VP), Lisa Gardner (Secretary), Mathi Tamilmani, (Treasurer), Daphne Weiss (Parliamentarian), Chirag Agarwal (Historian), Bethany Barbis (Sgt@Arms), Morgan Lepre (Reporter),

Minutes: (Motion to Approve): November 2014 BOD TEEAP Meeting Minutes

Motion: Brandt Hutzler, C.Rickerts -Approved

Treasurer's Report (File for audit) –PA TSA Balances as of January 2015

Filed for audit

Regional Reports

- Region 1/6 - Tim Linkenheimer – *report on file*
- Region 2 – Rich Nolt - *report on file*
- Region 3 – Jason Kofmehl - *report on file*
- Region 5 – Chris Weaver - *report on file*
- Region 7 – Emil Stenger - *report on file*
- Region 8 – Brandt Hutzler - *report on file*
- Region 9 – Mike Quandro/Stacy Hallman –no report –Conf. is Feb. 21st

Suggestions:

- Structural Engineering is an issue at regionals. Any suggestions for working out the bugs would be appreciated.
- Stamps for attendance to special interest sessions at State Conference
- Region 5 still needs judges for Feb 7th if anyone is available
- Region 5 and 2 are almost at maximum growth and both regions will have to look at how to re-organize the regions

Team Reports

- State Officer Team

Ben Cutler: introduction of SOT

Luke : Publications and communications committee, event at first night – teamwork event with 6 stations in conjunction with the mixer

Chirag: website to host company information

Send letters to state legislators to support TSA- *Bill Bertrand suggested to contact the legislators directly affecting the Education initiatives. (Rep.*

Schmucker – head of education). Also contact the High Industries – Mike Shirk

Mathi: Went to NSTA Conference to talk to teachers, Green Committee will host scavenger hunt, want to sell water bottles with stickers, dodgeball tournament, continue recycling

Daphne: parliamentary procedure prior to meeting, section on website with

examples of events

Morgan: Continue NASCAR at states, continue marketing ideas for the Pie in the Face contest to raise money

Bethany: Get more permanent sponsors for finalist's pins

Regions 1 & 6 - Jan 14 & 15 Sergeant-at-Arms (visiting)

Region 2 - Feb 7 President, Reporter (visiting)

Region 3 - Feb 21 Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms (visiting)

Region 5 - Feb 7 Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, VP(visiting)

Region 7 - Feb 28 Vice President (visiting), President (visiting)

Region 8 - Jan 31 Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian (visiting)

Region 9 - Feb 21 Vice President, Reporter, Treasurer (visiting), Historian (visiting), Secretary (visiting)

Clint Rickert: SOT Advisor

1. PSTA is not budgeted so it has been suggested that students go every two years. Clint feels if we are marketing to PSTA we should go to Math Conf also. Bill Bertrand suggests that we off TSA members to attend. Chris Miller suggests we work on retention versus growth of chapters. Laura feels that we need to look at both, growth and retention. Judy Hawthorn said that TSA was represented the past two years at STEMathon. Clint feels that the general population still does not know what our students do or how they represent the organization. Laura said that with Steve Barbato chairing the Triangle Coalition, we will see a lot more TSA promotion from him in that position.
2. Clint feels that the dinner for SOT turnover should be an informal meeting versus a dinner while at Nationals.

- State Conference Team:

Lauren Lapinski – report on file

The Conference Committee is on schedule for the conference. Rates are posted as well as the dates but the forms need to be updated. Steps are being taken to work through issues discussed at Bucknell. Discussed some items with Seven Springs concerning costs for summer meetings. Discounted lodging for overflow is already posted on the website.

- Technology Team: *Report on file*

Chris Miller

You can have iServices send out all of your registration and judges information. You can send a letter to all of your judges and also send a link that will allow

your judges to see rules prior to the event judging. As you add judges to your conference, it will run different reports and allow you to assign judges to different jobs. Once you populate the judges list, it is easy to add jobs, etc...to the list.

Committee Reports

- Act 48- Act 48 Coordinator Report to TSA: [Jeff Seamans](#)

Any regional coordinators that did not send any regional meetings to Jeff, send it now!

- Print Publications (Handbook): [Rick Penepacker](#)

1. New cover letter, information, application and flyer for the Clark Scholarship has been sent for this meeting.

2. In the future with the 'PA Events only Guide' should have an update 'date' on each event.

- STEM: [Judy Hawthorn](#) – no report but STEM has been represented at TSA, TEEAP and will be at ITEEA. Bill reported on interests in the state for STEM.

- Scholarship: report filed

- Bylaws: [Brandt Hutzel](#)

1. Update the By-Laws to reflect the dues increase.

2. Dennis questioned whether a chapter who signs up on January 1st must go to the regional coordinator versus one person (a suggestion made by someone else) who can communicate that to the conference coordinator. Chris Miller and Chris Weaver state that 'the chapter itself must be communicating with the conference coordinator. It is their responsibility.' It is suggested that Dennis tell the chapter they must communicate with the regional coordinator and if they don't, they must bear the losses. This had been discussed several years ago with the same conclusion.

- Finance/Budget: Laura, Jeff, Lauren, Dale, John Bratton – Lauren asked to be on the committee.

- Redistricting – [Chris Weaver](#) - no report

Advisory Reports

- Foundation: [John Bratton](#) reporting for Wayne and Mike: current balance...still awaiting the paperwork for the second semester Clark

scholarships. The same recipient's as previous years have excellent grades.
- Clark did renew its commitment to the scholarship and John encouraged all students to apply for the scholarship.

- Alumni: [Ryan Ferry](#) – no report
- PDE (Curriculum Specialist): [Bill Bertrand](#) – CSPG has been changed. Certification has changed to reflect STEM endorsement (and TE has been included in STEM education). It is up to the school district to determine their own curriculum
- National TSA (State Advisor): [Dennis Gold](#) – Keystone evaluations, permission to go to National Conference.

Bill stated: Since Dennis has come on, the number of chapters has grown each year and national's knows this. We have moved from 4, 3 to 2nd in the nation!
Applause!!

Corporate Member Reports

National Report:

[Laura Hummel](#): need information...send to Laura

Executive Director Report

[John Bratton](#): no report other than what was submittee

Old Business

- Budget Concerns

Laura: concerns are deficit spending,

Motion: Dennis Gold: Raise the state conference registration fee from \$50 to \$60 for the 2016 year. Seconded: Jeff Seamans – Motion Failed

Discussion:

[Lauren Lapinski](#) would not like to add an additional fee but rather cut stuff from the conference. Chris Miller agrees.

[Dennis Gold](#): Most states use the conference to raise their funds and our cash is depleting each year.

[Jeff Seamans](#): There was a lot of discussion about ways to cut (tee shirt, keycards, etc...) but these are things that kids keep.

[John Bratton](#): tee shirts and scholarships were added when we increased the registration costs to \$10. Concerned about an organization that has to piggyback

off of students who have excelled versus kids that don't go to the conference. The state conference has never been in the red and put a lot of money into the overall budget. The membership should support the organization, not the conference. Things have been suggested to offset the cost (Technology for example – the \$1 per student could offset the technology budget).

Ryan Ferry: the Finance committee should be looking into ideas or different ways to get more money or funding.

Jeff Seamans: iServices...looking for ways to bring in additional money. Call for question:....motion failed

Motion: Bill Bertrand – Move that we refer additional funding issues go the Finance Committee who will consist of the Exec. Dir, Pres. Elect, Treasurer, Conference Director, and President. Second: Brandt Hutzel – motion Passed. Finance committee will meet prior to the next meeting and will be chaired by the President. – Motion Approved

Adjourn for lunch: 1:08

Reconvene: 12:58

New Business

- Regional Conferences: Various held and pending – dates listed on website
- State Conference: April 15 - 18, 2015, dates have been reserved through 2019 (April 12-16, 2016, April 18-23, 2017, April 17-21, 2018, April 9-13, 2019) Seven Springs wants us there and that makes it easier to book the dates, five years out.
- State Officer Teams (VA & MD) Visiting State Conference – officer teams visiting from VA and MD will communicate with Lauren directly. Response from Lauren – we picked up the adult rooms in the past but now VA is coming and asked for funding for a reciprocal agreement at their conference. *Maryland, because they pay their way and do a huge amount of service for TSA, is good for this year but VA must do some fundraising to pay their own way. Jeff Seamans will have to be notified to make sure our insurance policy can cover these students also and have any of our applicable students forms completed and submitted. Supervision must be by the students state advisor or their advisor named. Any additional travel by the state officer team must be approved by the executive director, current board president and SOT advisors and would be directly supervised

by a parent, board designee and (covered by the appropriate clearances).

- National Conference: June 28 - July 2, 2015 – Grapevine, Dallas Texas
- 1. Summer Leadership Meeting and Conference Changes – under contract with Millersville. Lauren will investigate Seven Springs for the 2016 Leadership Conference. We are at MU for the summer session. They came in \$500 lower than Bucknell. We should give some thoughts as to what will be too high (cost) for students to attend the leadership conference.
- 2. Proposed Resolution for New Legislation Concerning Clearances and Organization's Volunteers – Clearances (Act 24, Act 34, Act 114-FBI, Act 151-Childabuse clearances)...Laura's proposal is: **PaTSA recommends that anyone who has contact with our students, have their clearances (current).** State law only requires background checks for people in charter schools not...State law number 11-1.
- 3. A group will look into this and have a report by the July meeting.
 - Electronic Judging: Allows a portal so advisors have all the rubrics back and that makes it easy for students to see what worked and what didn't prior to the state conference.

Dennis Gold: proposal...National's send out the email when a chapter joins to bod@patsa.org. Everybody gets the same information and the numbers can then be updated. Discussion tabled

State Officers - Amendment: I move to amend the bylaws by adding a committee to be called the Outreach Committee. The responsibilities of the Outreach Committee will include finding and maintaining contact between PaTSA and other companies or organizations that are willing to sponsor specific projects or the organization as a whole. The chairman of the committee will be appointed each year by the newly elected officer team at the Summer Leadership Conference.

**This should be a committee appointed from within. And does not need to go in front of the leadership as an amendment.*

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: 2:12

Next Meeting: July 13, 2015 – Millersville University