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**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda for
March 2, 2019 - Harrisburg, PA**

Meeting Called to Order – 9:07 am

Call for a moment of silence for Dr. Laura Hummell

Board of Directors: Chris Miller (President, Technology Coor.), Dale Moll (Skype in - Past President), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Coordinator), Jason Kofmehl (President Elect), Jeff Seamans (Treasurer/ACT 48 Coor.), John Bratton (Executive Director), Andrew Baker (Member at Large), Jana Bonds (Member at Large), Ryan Ferry (Alumni President), Shelley Evans (SOT Advisor), Dan Zollman (Skype in – Website)

Region Reps: Dale Moll-(Skype in/ Region 1 & 6), Lindsey Wagner (Region 2), Bob Dwyer (Region 3), Jocelyn Long (for Chris Weaver - Region 5), Earnest Harter (Region 7), Matt Kline (Region 8), Josh Pennington (Skype in – Region 9)

Student Officer Present: Abigail Reigner (President), Lyndsey Nedrow (Vice President), Julian Ginzburg (Secretary), Jonah Proepper (Treasurer), Sam Catania (Reporter), Joshua Famous (Sergeant-at-Arms), Dhruv Agarwal (Historian), Emily Wright (Parliamentarian)

Roll Call - Establish a Quorum
Quorum established

Adjourn for Committee Meetings (if needed) – 9:10 am – break into sessions
Re-establish a meeting – 9:34 am

Minutes (Motion to Approve)

- [July 2018](#)

Is the \$1 surcharge for each student for this year or was there a motion made to approve this charge? Chris put it in the budget at 'income possibilities' and in for consideration at this meeting. There was no motion at the July 2018 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 2018. – Bratton/2nd Wagner - Approve

Treasurer's Report (File for audit)

- Balance Sheet - [Reports](#)

Fiscal year starts July 1st to June 30th and National's does not run the same schedule

Regional Reports

- Region 1 - [Report](#) - Winter Meeting Date Concern
Dale Moll – regional got snowed out but ran at schools to get the best qualifiers. Big concern-PATSA meeting is run at the same time as their regional. Dr. Hummell scholarship (suggest female name to change to Dr. Laura Hummell), Snapshot theme – Light (put on summer agenda to arrive at theme for next year)
- Region 2 - [Report](#)



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- Wagner - successful conference with good attendance
- Region 3 - [Report](#)
Dwyer - great conference at Gettysburg with good numbers and venue. Did pre-conference testing (using Schoology) and that worked out very well. Jason Kofmehl can share this information with other regions.
- Region 4 - no regional conference this year and they are not attending the state conference
- Region 5 - [Report](#)
Jocelyn Long for Chris Weaver - conference went well with new schools added. New rule - each school had to provide number of judges. Numbers are huge.
- Region 6 - (same as 1)
- Region 7 -
Ernest Harter - conference went well with few issues for Mr. Harters first conference. Next year at Central Columbia
- Region 8 - [Report](#)
Matt Kline - conference at Northern Cambria and had 4 new chapters but lost 3 chapters - over 500 students competing. No host for next year.
- Region 9 - [Report](#)
Josh Pennington - judging coor. for region 9, regionals conf went well, going to change venues for next year (perhaps to Stroudsburg Junior High - Matt Ribley), started a scholarship (\$500) for a senior in their region. Lost two large HS's and is speaking to Reading HS for an additional school.

Motion to accept Regional reports - J. Hawthorn/second-J. Seamans - Approve

Team Reports

- State Officer Team
 - State Officer Advisor - [Report](#)
Shelley Evans
 - Fall Leadership Retreat weekend - October - successful
 - SOT spread themselves to the regional conferences
 - Continue to work with SOT towards the state conference
 - Scheduled weekend for fall retreat in September and the Leadership Conference in October/November
 - State Officer Team - [Updates](#)
 - Abby* - updates on SOT
 - Josh* - (S@A) - get more involved in the regional conferences, ran other sessions at regionals. Committee generated plans to hold sessions at the state conference,
 - Dhruv* - communications and promotions committee - trying to get more members to contribute to social media
 - Julian* - create a way for chapters not present at the business meeting to vote (preparing an absentee ballot) - [BOD doesn't want to discourage attendance at the Business meeting. BOD would make it discretionary vs. an option. Hesitant to put this in writing but rather take it on a case-to-case basis. Add section 5.4 under section 5.](#)
 - Lyndsey* - regional reps committee - lead reps from each region. It helped understand what each region thought would be interesting or fun at the state conf. Regional reps will be helping at the printer station at states as well as the Town Hall meeting and the end of conf. survey.
 - Jonah* - national service committee - reorganized the Miracle Minute to



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incentivize fundraising

-Amendment submitted by J. Lower Merion HS – Rank choice amendment changes Article 4, Section 5.3

Bylaw amendment for implementing The Ranked Choice Amendment:

1. *Strike from Article IV, Section 5.3:*

a. *“and a majority is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot will be dropped”*

2. *And insert in its place in Article IV Section 5.3 after “If there are more than two candidates for an office”:*

“, a ranked choice voting procedure shall be used to elect a candidate to that office. The ranked choice voting procedure shall require delegates to cast only one ballot with all candidates ranked in descending order from most preferred to least preferred. If no one candidate secures a majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and all delegates who ranked said candidate as most preferred shall have their votes recounted for their next most preferred candidate, and the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot shall be dropped, and all delegates who ranked said candidate as most preferred shall have their votes recounted for their next most preferred candidate. This process shall continue until one candidate has secured a majority of the votes.”

Comments:

R. Ferry - Would have to correspond with an entire change to the voting procedure

C. Miller – it will cost more to use this method.

R Ferry – will investigate and respond at the July meeting

C Miller – would rather see the voting procedures parsed down versus changing.

R Ferry – check on Virginia’s voting procedures

Resolution: Mr. Ferry will look over and get back to the SOT within the a week (March 12). Students will come back to L.Lapinski to make a decision for the conference.

Sam – (Dan Zollman) Whole website Initiative – Make the website easier to navigate (access info more quickly), Asthetics - improve the content of the information, Accessibility – ADA compliant, responsiveness, Showcasing PASTA – first impressions

Sam showed a variety of designs and Dan weighed in on potential directions for the group to move towards. Next steps – move to get the ball rolling by 1. BOD designating an individual to collaborate with committee on content of website 2. Approve the formation of a website action committee (Sam, D.Zollman), execute a problem/outline 3. BOD will approve the attached timeline.

Next steps outline submitted by committee. A \$5000 grant was applied for and students will hear back within the next few weeks. Grant will defray cost. The final decision will be delivered by the July meeting and at that time, reconstruction will ensue in time for the fall.

Q&A

J Seamans – Will there be an easy transition from this to a new platform?

D Zollman – yes and no...content is easy to transition but rebuilding templates will be time consuming and some of the code is accessible and ADA compliant and mobile friendly.

C Miller – pushing for this project for years to but money is an issue and the board has to approve some funding for this. This is a good example of capitol allocations. We need to line up finances to do this.

J Hawthorn – What is the total cost or partial cost per year of a project like this? A web development agency would charge anywhere from \$10,000-\$30,000. Dan’s proposal is through volunteers, making strategic choices and setting aside \$5000 to get professional assistance. \$5000 would cover front end and back end development from professionals.

J Bratton – the Foundation is willing to sponsor if we have the finances.



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- State Conference Team - [Report](#)
Lauren Lapinski
 - Who will run the new advisor meeting in Matterhorn from 8-9 (*Jason Kofmehl & Judy Hawthorn* volunteered to run - 9:30 is advisor meeting)
 - LEAP – some events will not have LEAP interviews, check the READ document for what events have interviews
 - Sessions – seating is random of the first two sessions and then raked seating for the awards (based on business meeting attendance). Devise a way to 'pay to play' for 20 seats (or a couch).
 - Dale - When will the HS Leap judging protocol? It's a dead link and needs addressed
 - Alumni Tech Bowl – Advisors versus Alumni at the conference?
 - ACS – Where do the ACS checks from schools go to? How do we recognize the schools? Get an ACS rep at the conference and have them recognize the kids/chapters. Have chapters send a picture of kids making donations (at the local ACS office) from their chapters. When recognized, there is a picture to go along with it. *Josh P* – you can only log an event once on the website. Is there a different way to do this? 1. Officers will contact a rep from ACS, 2. Arrange a speaker, 3. Recording of donations, 4. Put it on Live wire for students to know what to do with the donation.
 - Medical need – medical need - advisor
 - Festival Hall has been redesigned (re-named Winterberry)

Adjourn for lunch – 12:06 – 45 minutes Start 12:52 pm

- Technology Team
 - Website - [Report](#)
 - Introduced new items in iServices (certificates for students, bar coding, etc...)
 - Since \$1 goes to the capitol fund (from regionals) and scholarships have been reduced, perhaps some of the money (surplus) can be granted back to the organization for a capitol expense.

Motion: *I move that in order to offset the costs from Iservices, regional conferences will charge a \$1 fee per student registered, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.*

*Jana Bonds/Second: Andrew Baker - **APPROVE***

Motion to accept the TEAM reports – *R.Ferry/J Seamans - **APPROVE***

Committee Reports

- Communications (Social) - [Report](#)
Jason said Facebook is up as well as Twitter and YouTube. Remind 101 will be used as an emergency alert system.
- Publications (Print) - [Report](#)
- STEM
- Scholarship
[Address a concern with 'taking a Tech Ed class' to be eligible to receive the scholarship. Suggest adding an advisor signature line to verify that they are 'a member in good standing' in their chapter. Include a part in the application that asks the student to demonstrate their involvement in their chapter and the classes that have helped them in their event.](#)
[1. *29. 2. what classes have assisted you in your TSA events, 3. what years have you attended conferences and 4. Signature line for advisors, 5. Must attend the](#)



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conference the year of application

- Bylaws
- Finance
- Redistricting - [Report](#) - Purchase Line Issue
Issue resolved
- Leadership Conference - [Report Planning Document](#)
Jana Bonds– not calling it the conference any longer but it is called “Workshop.”
Met in December (Doc Bratton, Jana Bonds, Jason Kofmehl) to choose a date and design the workshop. Date: Sunday, November 3-4 at Red Lion Inn. Opening ceremony (Brad Shulenberger will keynote), a tentative schedule for the day, must have over 60 to break even and have a list of supplies needed. The team must finalize the rate, food (dinner and breakfast included) and session leaders. SOT will be there so their cost is covered. (room - \$96, reg., \$70 per). Looking for sponsors and corporate sponsor. Accountability – students will get ‘something’ for coming. Jana will talk about it at the advisor meeting in April at the state conference.

- ACT 48 – Jeff – ACT 48 hours have been uploaded.
Jocelyn (TEEAP) is in the midst of re-applying for ACT 48 (with Jeff) with PDE.

Motion to accept Committee Reports - J Seamans/J Long - APPROVE

Advisory Reports

- Foundation - [Financial](#)
- Alumni
Activities – Solar Sprint Gate, updates to computer testing for conference and assisting to region 7 conf., info sessions at State conf. regarding Alumni Assc.
- Curriculum Specialist -
- National TSA (Acting State Advisor)
-Chapter numbers are up but students numbers down.
-Looking for HS and MS advisor of the Year nominees
-New person in charge of CIT and the Curriculum Guide should be out earlier

Corporate Member Reports

National Report

Executive Director - [Report](#)

Confirmed dates for next year-Jan 11, 2020, Jan 16, 2021

Executive Committee Concerns

Old Business

- Website Redesign - Legal ADA issues

New Business

- Dr. Hummell Recognition - [Ideas](#)

C Miller – rename the Female Scholarship to

Motion: Rename the female Technology Scholarship to the Dr. Laura J Hummell Scholarship – J Bratton/R Ferry - APPROVE

- Appointed Positions (every year, open nominations, take office July 1)
 - State Conference Director - Current Nomination(s) - Lauren Lapinski, others?
 - State Officer Director - Current Nomination(s) - Shelley Evans, others?



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- o Technology Director - Current Nomination(s) - Christopher Miller, others?
APPROVED

MOTION: Move to approve the Executive Director acts as a TSA Corporate Member until PDE designates and new Corporate Member. - J Seamans/R Ferry - APPROVE

TEEAP Conference dates: October 30-31, 2019

There will be a discount code for an advisor to join TEEAP at a discounted rate.

Lastly, Craig Jarrett asked if the male scholarship be named in honor of John Bratton. John would prefer to wait on this for a time.

Chris Miller thanked all for their service.

Adjournment: 3:07 pm (July 15, 2019, Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA)