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**Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda for
January 11, 2020 - Harrisburg, PA**

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call - Establish a Quorum - 9:00am - 9:04 start

12/18 present

Board of Directors: Jason Kofmehl (President), Chris Miller (Past-President, Technology Coor.), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Jeff Seamans (Treasurer/ACT 48 Coor.), Josh Pennington (President Elect), John Bratton (Executive Director), Shelley Evans (SOT Advisor), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Director)

Region Reps: Molly Miller (Region 2), Bob Dwyer (Region 3), Matt Kline (Region 8), Josh Pennington (Region 9), Tim Linkenheimer (Region 1),

Student Officer Present: Sam Catania (President), Charisma Hasan (Vice President), Emily Wright (Secretary), Evan Grove (Treasurer), Dhruv Agarwal (Reporter), Casey Sharpe (Historian), Jonah Proepper (Parliamentarian), Elliot Ginzburg (Sgt@Arms)

Adjourn for Committee Meetings (if needed)

Minutes (Motion to Approve) **Motion to Approve: Motion to approve the minutes of July 2019. - Seamans/Kofmehl - APPROVE**

- [July 2018](#)

Treasurer's Report (File for audit)

- Balance Sheet - [Reports](#)
- Details - [Report](#)
- TSA Check Req- [Editable Digital](#)

Concern: late checks for affiliations coming from Nationals - skews accounting
Each region (checking account) must submit a yearly report by the summer board meeting to Jeff Seamans for accounting.

Treasurer's report filed for audit

Regional Reports

- Region 1 - [Report](#) Blackhawk HS - January 18, 2020 -
- Region 2 - [Report](#) Conestoga Valley MS - Feb 8, 2020 (snow date: 2/15)
- Region 3 - [Report](#) Gettysburg HS - Feb 1, 2020
- Region 4 - Report-no report submitted (S Phila HS, Phila HS, Swenson Arts are actively affiliated)
- Region 5 - [Report](#) Strayer MS - Feb 8, 2020
- Region 6 - See Region 1
- Region 7 - Report-no report submitted (Central Columbia HS - Feb 8, 2020)
- Region 8 - [Report](#) Northern Cambria MS - Feb 1, 2020



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- Region 9 - [Report](#) Stroudsburg Junior High – Feb 1, 2020

Concern: Child Abuse Clearances – Any person serving on the PaTSABoD should have up to date clearances. Bring hard copies of the clearances to the State conference and upload into the Google doc portal

Reminder: to submit the \$1 per students fee to Foundation.

Result reporting is for whomever signs in to the event. If students drop off events, they must sign in and they will be the student on record for the award, etc...

Motion to accept Region reports – Miller/Pennington -APPROVE

Team Reports

- State Officer Team
 - State Officer Advisor - [Report](#), Proposed Candidate Campaign Updates

*Fall Leadership retreat-Team building at the cabin, FLEX Conference, ongoing work with officers trying to prepare them to Regionals and then States. Updating packets for running for office and campaigning, (nothing on campaign guidelines). There are still issues that have to be resolved prior to campaigning/election@ State Conf. Guidelines will be updated, corrected, added to, for the State Conf.

[Voting-Designate a spot for voting during elections – Miller/Evans/Lapinski](#)

- State Officer Team - Updates
- Breakouts –
 1. Communications (J Kofmehl)
 2. By-law review (M Miller)
 3. Outreach (JBratton)
 4. National Service Project (
 5. Conference Committee (
 6. Regional wraps
 7. Website (CMiller)

[Students are currently working on:](#)

-Proposals Surveys and Polls proposal – Elliot G. – optimizing the performance of polls or surveys on the web. Create the polls on the website and gain access to the results after (CMiller or JKofmehl will create the polls and imbed on the website). S. Evans wants students to create a schedule for when the polls will be live and who will create and submit poll questions).

-STEM Opportunities – create a resource for students who are seeking STEM opportunities. The Outreach Comm and Opp. Comm are trying gather info about student interests to help them link to opportunities.

-Appointment Regulation Proposal – rubric created to meet criteria (objective vs subjective) and skill set recognition for SOT members. Designed to base appointment judgment. Historian – develop test for the SOT application that shows multi-media of what the candidate has done in the past. Students will generate the framework for this idea and submit it to Ms Evans.

-Proposed By Law Amendment 3.1 – no moving forward with this because it does not align with Nationals.

-The SOT Appointed Positions Amendment – strikes out the 6.1 Article IV and writes to say: "The Historian and Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the newly elected PA-TSA SOT." Section 6.1 The Historian and Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the newly elected PA-TSA SOT and approved by PA-TSA, Inc. BoD." SOT will change/update this and



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explained be to reflect the practice of appointment of the positions.

-Section 3.6 practice – (Jonathan Xiu from Lower Merion SD) – strikeout “no more than 3 individuals may run for elected”....to “no more than 1”. The By Laws Comm. would like to put this before the delegate assembly for debate and vote. How can you structure the Business meeting to limit debate? Limit debate Create a motion that puts a cap on debate time (using time, no person can talk for 30 seconds, etc...). *The motion must be posted by Saturday, January 18, 2020 using all the rules laid out in the PA-TSA constitution. 60 days prior to the State Conference the motion is sent to all affiliated chapters.*

-National Amendment – change the amendment...if someone is running for National office they must resign their state office or still run from state office. If they win their state office, they must give up their National office. Discussion – not feasible...this will not be signed off by the BoD and requests it not be put forward to the National.

-Voting Reform By Law Amendment – (Jack Shapiro-Lower Merion SD) – implement rank choice voting and remove the “two-thirds” requirement at the National level. Strike from Article IV, section 5.3 and delete “at least two-thirds” “ from sentence one and replace with “majority” and delete “two thirds” from sentence three and replace with “majority” from Article IV, section 5.4. Suggest that the motion be divided into two motions.

Adjourn for lunch – 12:04 pm

Re-adjourn – 12:45 pm

- State Conference Team - [Report](#)

-A couple of coordinators needed but will be easily filled.

-Friday closing at 11 versus 12

New MS rulebook has 7 early submissions. The manpower is not available to judge the submissions. An announcement in READ, READ, READ will clarify when they should be submitted. Some events may not have to be submitted until States.

-Delegates - Use OpaVote (kiosk voting) for voting, designate an exhibit area for voting, students using a code for voting, large window of time for voting

- Technology Team

FLEX registration – find a way to track how students use FLEX in the past, using OpaVote fro voting.

- Website – Report – waiting on volunteers for programming

Committee Reports

- Communications (Social) - [Report](#)

- Publications (Print) – Report

- Completed the layout for the 2020 State Conf design and submitted the layout to the vendor in their ‘as specified’. eps forma

- completed by the PA-TSA Board of Directors meeting held during the TEEAP annual conference, I have been enjoying the idle hours of retirement waiting to be called upon for any additions and/or corrections to any and all PA-TSA print media needs.

- STEM- Define the purpose-dissolve STEM Comm

- Scholarship - [Report](#), [Resignation](#) – 10 female, 9 male, no FTT

- Bylaws

- Finance

- Redistricting - Report -after redistricting, only 3 Phila. schools affiliated

- FLEX Leadership Conference - [Report](#)

-Fall Leadership was successful, SOT did a great job, Pennington session was great, 109 attendees. Small committee meeting to look at feedback and plan for 2020 as well a small promo rush at the state conference. T-shirt design - make MS prompt for a FLEX shirt in



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2021.

Chris Miller suggested making this a permanent BoD position within the next year. Discussion and Constitution needs changed to reflect this. Suggested this happen in July 2020. Chris will develop a motion and send it at least 30 days prior to the July BoD meeting. Students asked for a second tier FLEX. (loss of \$876 due to some changes that were not anticipated....National Officer coming, SOT did not pay,, etc....) Money came out of general budget

- TEEAP

-Act 48/TEEAP Transitioned to Tom Bechtel as Presidents and Molly Miller as President Elect (each will serve for 2020 and 2021 in those positions).

-We are moving to 10 Regional Directors. Most new regions align better to the TSA Regions.

-2020 Conference will be at Millersville University October 22nd and 23rd. If TSA would like to play a role, please reach out to Korbin Shearer (kshearer@yssd.org) the conference chair.

-Act 48 is still in limbo. PDE is cracking down on what they deem to be professional development. I am hoping to have a decision on TEEAP soon. If we do get approval again it will be need to be decided by the TEEAP board what will be deemed ACT 48 approved activities.

Motion: move to accept all reports -Linkenheimer/Kline -APPROVE

Advisory Reports

- Foundation - [Financial](#), [Scholarship & General Fund](#), [Region 2 Funds](#)
- Alumni
- Curriculum Specialist – look into Perkins V Act and see how it can work to our advantage

Corporate Member Reports –Jana Bonds stepped down and the position is vacant

National Report

Executive Director/National TSA (Acting State Advisor) - [Report](#)

-Get programs that have no TE programs involved in TSA

-Apprenticeship Program – TSA has connected with Apprenticeship.gov and organization that has the concept of 'learn and earn.'

Executive Committee Concerns – due to personal reasons, John wishes to offer it out to anyone who wishes to take the position or offer it out for help with the position.

Old Business

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Motion – move to accept the reports Pennington/Kline - APPROVE

New Business

- Clearance Requirement – resolved in previous discussion... *Any person serving on the PaTSA BoD should have up to date clearances. Bring hard copies of the clearances to the State conference and upload into the Google doc portal.* No judge, advisor, etc... should be in a room alone with a student.
- Create a spot on the website for our statement on Child Abuse Clearances and how



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PATSA responds.

-Judy Hawthorn will be the clearinghouse for clearances of non-teaching BoD for the State Conference. An email will be sent to remind all to bring paperwork to the conference.

- 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?
 - Technology Director - Current Nomination(s) - Christopher Miller, others?
 - [Scholarship Chair](#) – Molly Miller

Motion: move to accept all candidates for positions – Bratton/Hawthorn -Approve

Adjournment (July 13, 2019, Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA)

Motion: Move to adjourn – Linkenheimer/Kofmehl - Approve

Upcoming Meetings

- July 13, 2020
- January 16, 2021