

**Texas Community College Speech/Theatre Association
Minutes – Fall Business Meeting – September 17, 2005
Trinity Valley Community College**

The meeting was called to order by president, Dom Bongiorno with 19 members in attendance. The minutes were presented and approved as read. Motion: Tal Lostracco, Second: Brad Nies, passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer, John Wright. The ending balance was \$3,366.95. Motion: Tal Lostracco, Second: Freddy Mason: passed unanimously.

Committees:

Forensic Workshop: this committee did not meet. No new events have been added.

Constitution: the new tech rules are ready to be put into the constitution.

Old Business:

Collier Patton asked about Solo and Duet Acting. Answer: Last year we voted to leave it to the discretion of the host school. Discussion. Interested persons should call Dom Bongiorno to get information about entries. Meeting temporarily adjourned to allow discussion. Motion: Sherri White, Second: Many. Passed unanimously. All tournament information is available at info@joyoftournaments.com

The meeting was called back to order by President Bongiorno.

Brad Nies, archivist, sent a newsletter last year following play festival. He will send one out in May including playfest, forensics, photos, and articles.

New Business:

Play Festival: There was much discussion about the location of the festival. Tarleton State University would like to host, but they have two reservations. The first is a lack of money to provide a banquet. This was not a problem. All agreed to simply have an awards assembly. The second concern is a commitment for a percussion workshop in their large theatre on the Friday of our festival. They will be able to make their small theatre available as usual that day and both theatres available on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Tal Lostracco made the motion that we go elsewhere. Sherri White added a friendly amendment that a committee be formed and that they have the authority to choose a site. Second: Phil Hoke. Passed unanimously. The committee is Tal Lostracco, Brad Nies, Liz Hedges and Nancy McVean. Liz will check on available hotel space in Carthage in order to possibly host at Panola.

Proposed judges: Penny Haeskester, C. Lee Turner, Greg Schwab, Royal Brantley, Perry Crafton, Bill Gelbert, T.J. Walsh.

State Forensics: Tarrant Co. SE – Stephen Brown extends an invitation for another year. Motion: Freddy Mason, Second: Collier Patton, passed unanimously.

Tech Presentation: Paragraph K1.a. "*Student must evidence...*" This paragraph will change with the new tech parameters, but a constitutional change is not necessary. Sheleigh Carmichael proposed a new procedure for evaluating technical designs. Each student must exhibit a portfolio and/or set model. Each director will receive an

evaluation form to be used as he/she watches a performance. The director will then visit the exhibited portfolio that is on display and evaluate the design. The evaluation forms will be anonymous. Sheleigh will mail a draft and a final form to all directors. She asked for input by e-mail for items to be included in the form by Dec. 1. Eligibility lists for tech presentations should be sent to the play festival host.

Honor Crew: Phil Hoke has volunteered to head the honor crew this year.

Other New Business:

Duo Change: Duo should include one or more sources of literature (constitution p. 29, #9) Motion: Collier Patton, Second: Tal Lostracco. Motion amended to try for one year then review. Passed unanimously.

Sherr White made the motion to temporarily adjourn to discuss the change. John Wright, second. Discussion. Reconvened.

Website: Brad Nies will check on establishing a web site for the organization.

Discussion.

Election of Officers:

President-Elect: Eric Skiles, Kingwood

Treasurer: Freddy Mason, Panola College Both elected by acclamation.

Sherr White nominated Liz Hedges as TETA Community College Educator of the Year.

She will prepare the supporting paperwork and submit it to TETA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Hedges, Recording Secretary