

**TCCS/TA Fall Business Meeting
11 September 2004
Kingwood College**

President Bradley Nies of Blinn College call the meeting to order with 25 members present. He asked everyone to sign the attendance list.

Minutes were distributed. Dom Bongiorno moved acceptance of the minutes, Tal Lostrocco seconded. It passed unanimously.

John Wright presented the treasurer's report. We took in \$3725. and had \$2468.11 previously on hand. A printed detail of the treasurer's report was distributed. John further discussed the National Speech Tournament fund. Tal moved acceptance, Nancy McVean seconded. It passed unanimously.

Committee Reports – None

Old Business:

- Everyone was uncertain of a date to go on our organization logo. The best educated guess was 1928. Dom Bongiorno made the motion to accept this date as our beginning, seconded by Sherri White, passed unanimously.
- Discussion on the acceptance of the Tech Presentation Criteria to be put into the Constitution to replace the current criteria.. We need to change I. D. to strike out the word "two" Motion was made by the committee: Sheleigh Carmichael, Liz Hedges, and John Wright, seconded by Sherri White, passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Discussion of state tournament events:
- Concern was expressed about a situation where a judge gives oral critiques in a round. This usually happens with a small entry. Questions were raised about students hearing conflicting comments before completing their competition.
- Different ideas of workshops at tournaments were discussed and a separate workshop at the state tournament was proposed. Motion by Sherri White, second (several) John Wright. A committee was formed to work out the details. Committee: Jolinda Ramsey, chair, Dom Bongiorno, Steven Brown, Sherri White.
- Dom Bongiorno offered his fall TCCSTA (Nov.) tournament at Kingwood November 19 – 21 to work on solo acting.
- Dom moved that we table the issue of group improvisation, solo acting, and duet acting and that including them be left to the discretion of the host school. Second, Bill Ferreira, passed by a majority.
- John Wright made a motion that there be NO limit to the number of entries in an event, but that only the first 6 entries be considered for sweepstakes tabulation. Second, Tal Lostrocco, passed unanimously.
- Tal proposed that the position of Archivist be created and that Bradley Nies be the first elected. Second, Liz Hedges, passed unanimously
- John Wright reminded everyone to bring photos of our shows to play festival for publication in "Texas Theatre Notes"

- A committee to update the constitution was formed: Liz Hedges, John Corley, Sherri White.
- Sheleigh Carmichael suggested that judging information be given to theatre directors so they can be included in judging assignments at speech tournaments.
- The tournament workshop committee (Jolinda, Dom, Steven and Sherri) will also look at new events for a fall tournament.
- X = \$100 John Wright recommended it stay the same. Second. Nancy McVean, passed unanimously.
- Jolinda Ramsey suggested we add a judging fee and a \$25 organizational membership fee. Discussion followed. Dom Bongiorno amended the motion to make the fee “X” (\$100) . Colleges and individuals may be either an institutional (organizational) member or an associate member. Second, Tal Lostrocco, passed unanimously.

Locations – 2005

- State Forensics: Tarrant Co. South East, February 11 – 13, 2005. Motion Stephen Brown, second Sherri White, passed unanimously
- Play Festival: Weatherford College, March 2 – 5, 2005. Motion, Nancy McVean, second, Liz Hedges, passed unanimously.
Nancy passed out hotel and stage information. Workshops are being planned.

Play Festival Judge Suggestions: Mary Jane Mingus, T.J. Walsh, Terrel Lewis, George Sorenson, Royal Brantley, Perry Crafton, Joe Brown. Passed unanimously.

Interpreter’s Theatre Critic Suggestions: Regan Fox, Jeannine Tagg, M’Liss Hindman, Becky Faulds. Passed unanimously.

Elections:

Nancy McVean, Vice-President
Tal Lostrocco, President-Elect

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- Call for TETA articles for TX Theatre Notes, volunteers to present workshops, Educator of the Year.
- KCACTF: schools can become associate members and receive a critique at home. Information on line or contact Sheleigh Carmichael.
- TX Christian College Play Festival, Wayland Baptist College, March 7 – 11, 2005.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Hedges, Secretary