



Texas Association Virtual Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2022

Current Association Board:
co-ADs: Steve Reist & Lilian Wannall
Treasurer: Mike Story
Secretary: Suzanne Rieter
At-Large: Gaby Wannall

I. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:14 PM

Quorum was established by Lilian Wannall

II. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

Minutes for the meeting on January 11, 2022 – Motion: Gaby Wannall Second: Michael Chiles – Approved with no objections.

Minutes of our extra Board vote on 3/15/22 regarding Mileage increase and number of teams advancing to World Finals - Motion: Cliff Cromwell Second: Steve Reist – Approved with no objections.

Committee Reports:

- Scholarship Committee, Chair: Mason Story, not present and not discussed
- Pin and Tee Shirt Committee, Chair: Gaby Wannall
 - P & T came in under budget
 - A reprinting was needed for State and WF T-Shirts
 - 2022 Pins sold out
 - \$10,000 (approx) in net sales, \$31,000 (approx) in Gross Sales
- Standing Rules Committee, Chair: Teri Reist
 - Discussion to changes made in standing rules were regarding Notice of Board Removal, Board Compensation, Scholarship Committee procedures, and Renatra Fusca Eligibility to advance to next level of competition.
 - Motion: Move to approve the standing Rules as presented, Second: Cliff Cromwell Motion passed without objection.

III. NAME/CONFIRM NEW COMMITTEES CHAIRS

And other volunteers who are interested to participate

- Budget Committee: Mike Story, Beth Otilar, Lilian Wannall
- Audit Committee: Beth Otilar, Jack Moore
- Pins & T-shirt Committee: Gaby Wannall, Brandon Burlison
- Standing Rules Committee: Lilian Wannall, Michael Chiles, Mike Story
- Training Committee: No Volunteers
- Scholarship Committee: Ann Dachniwsky, later replaced by Suzanne Rieter
- Technology Committee: Amanda Coots, Michael Chiles (Devon Lahrman from Cental showed interest)
- Donations Committee: Adam Tutt

IV. REGIONAL NEWS

- *North advanced 25 teams to State and 2 teams straight to WF.*
Working through possibilities for a State Tournament in North



New PC's, one for each problem have been set.

Possible date for Region Feb. 25th at Carroll High School

- *HARO advanced 40 teams to State and 5 teams straight to WF.*
Costly HARO tournament. Working on 2 new locations for next year.
- *Central advanced 13 teams to State and 2 teams straight to WF.*
2 New Schools added to Central. Great location was used for Region. New Problem 3 PC. Central Tournament scheduled for March 4, 2023 at Alamo Heights.
- Any expense concerns for next year? Any requests for financial assistance from State to be submitted by July 31st in order to be incorporated in the 2023 State Budget.
- Regional budgets for 2023 must be submitted to the Treasurer by July 31st. A request was made to Mike Story to share a guild line budget. Mike stated we have never required this in the past from a region, but it is now in the standing rules.

V. STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP

- *One team without Region from Odessa participated at State virtually, Declined WF.*
- *11 Division III teams were advanced from Region to WF directly due to space limitations.*
- *74 Teams participated on-site.*
- *Not ideal location but tournament was success in spite of limitations. Not using the facility in the future.*

VI. WORLD FINALS

A. *45 teams advancing, 35 actually traveling to Iowa.*

B. Officials (17)- travel costs, procedures

1. Budget will cover up to \$550 travel expenses: cost of ticket paid in dollars (not points), airport parking, Iowa shuttle. Submit all receipts together for reimbursement by June 30th. Budget was gone over substantially as a result with the 17 officials traveling.
2. Pins for Officials, pickup for Houston on 5/14/22 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, 338 Gregg St. 77020 (Lilian's home).
3. Goal: send more actual judges to WF. From next year, new judges for 2-3 problems at least. North and Central need to strengthen their judge base. We may consider alternating years for those who have gone to WF 5+ years.

C. TX Identifiers:

- IKEA blue bags to be used by each team as hands-on problem: make it an apparel or accessory to wear at WF.
- Prize for the top 3 ideas.

D. WF Committee Summary: Michael Chiles

- Truck Co-op teams are working together to drive a truck up and fly back.
- Float and Banner – 2 div 2 teams from Carroll MS have volunteered to create the float.
- Parades: Opening and Float & Banner, CCI is allowing 1 person per team to participate.





- Creativity Festival booth & volunteers: Thank you cards for the WF Officials. Volunteers will take shifts.
- Howdy: All teams will be assigned spectators teams to foster comradery
- Special pin for WF teams (one per team member, see picture)
- Buddy Teams – One team from South Korea for Carroll Elementary

VII. STATE 2023

- Goal: April 2nd or earlier
- Host site: North Region is still trying to confirm the location. Meetings are set up to confirm location and dates. 2 choices of locations are possibilities.
- Two budgets may be needed to decipher the possibilities of North hosting and officials traveling versus HARO hosting and officials traveling.
- Impact on judge requirement (team qualifications).
- Tournament Fees increase was deferred from 2022 to 2023. Proposed \$105/competitive, \$39/Primary. RDs have discretion to provide discounts. This will be proposed by the budget committee. Mike will be looking at the budget for us to determine if the increase will effect us in the future.

VIII. ELECTIONS

- Open Positions: Association Director, Jr., Judge Coordinator, Membership Promoter.
- Slate from Nominating Committee (Diana Alcebo, Chair)

Association Director, Jr	Judy Moore
Judge Coordinator	None proposed by the committee
Membership Promoter	Adam Tutt
- Nominations from the floor, Beth Otilar for Judge Coordinator
 Motion to accept the slate as presented: Michael Chiles, Second: Teri Reist
 Motion Passes with no apposition.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

- Please donate all old pins to Laura/Esther for the grab-bags.
- PC Training, proposed for early January, however PC training for IPC's is in December.
- AD/RD meeting scheduled for July 15-16.
- Feedback: Judges were unhappy about not getting Judges pins and received vintage pins. Plans are in order to have judges pins next year.
- Next Association Meeting, virtually, proposed dates: Tuesday evening before back-to-school, Aug 9th or Aug 16th. No known conflicts. Date will be determined in the future.

Move to Close at 8:30pm: Cliff Cromwell Second: Steve Reist

Motion passed



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Attendees:

Lilian Wannall

Cliff Cromwell

Lois Cromwell

Teri Reist

Steve Reist

Michael Chiles

Rachel Reed

Ann Dachniwsky

Mike Story

Beth Otilar

Jack Moore

Gaby Wannall