



Texas Association Virtual Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2022

Current Executive Board:
A.D. Emeritus: Steve Reist
AD Lilian Wannall
AD Junior Judy Moore
Treasurer: Mike Story
Secretary: Suzanne Rieter
Program Promotion: Adam Tutt
Judge Coordinator: Beth Otilar

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Lilian Wannall

I. INTRODUCTIONS

A quorum was confirmed by the Secretary, Suzanne Rieter (see attendees on the last page)

Introductions were made by all new attendees

II. WORLD FINALS 2022 WRAP-UP

- A Ranatra Fusca was awarded to the team from Carroll Middle School, Southlake (problem 1 division II), coached by Mark Hall.
- The team from Carroll High School, Southlake ranked third out of 46 (problem 5, division III), coached by Rashmi Shetty.
- The team from River Oaks Elementary, Houston ranked sixth out of 46 (problem 1 division I), coached by Rishi Shah and Thanh Chen. They also ranked first in long term, in their division, with a score of 200!
- The West University Elementary, Houston team ranked sixth out of 37 (problem 4 division I), coached by Robert Jenq and Yessenia Tseng. Their balsa structure held 835 lb.!

III. APPROVING MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING, MAY 13, 2022

- A correction was made to the minutes that the Primary registration for the tournament is \$45
- Motion to approve minutes with correction Judy Moore, Second Gaby Wannall Motion Passed

IV. 2023 TOURNAMENTS

- Team qualifications will be adjusted at our January meeting
- Regional Tournaments confirmation:
 - North on February 25, 2023, at Carroll High School
 - Central on March 4, 2023, at Woodridge Elementary
 - HARO on March 4, 2023, at Dekaney High School
 Lois Cromwell voiced her concern for the HARO tournament coinciding with the Central tournament and the stress this will put on the lack of judges. Lilian responded that although she tried for an earlier date not to cause a conflict, this was the date available for that venue.
- TX State Tournament, (Proposed) Carroll High School, Southlake, TX (North Region) April 1, 2023, Suzanne Rieter shared her enthusiasm for having the tournament in the North Region. We are still waiting on a proposed cost from Carroll ISD. It was approximated at \$5000. Suzanne stated that she is confident that money can be raised through sponsors in the community. Once we have a contract we will discuss further what the cost covers and what additional monies will be needed. Lilian stated



that an adjustment will be made to the budget before it is voted on.

State Tournament Operation Meeting was proposed for Oct 26, 2022, or Nov 9, 2022, at 7 pm.

Michael Chiles asked if SB 797 would be resolved before the state tournament. After further discussion with board members, it was determined that this issue will have no effect on Odyssey of the Mind Texas and its tournament.

- World Finals, on-site only at Michigan State University, May 24-27, 2023

V. TOURNAMENT JUDGING

- Beth Otilar was introduced as the new Judge Coordinator on the Executive Board
- Proposed State PC Training discussed for December. Regional PC training in January.
- Region Directors were asked to submit their Region PCs by early December
- Discussions were made about Judge Training must be done with CCI official materials. Michael Chiles requested judge training be recorded and securely shared with Region Judges to ensure all judges are on the same page. Judy Moore requested Michael put something together to be discussed at the PC meeting in the fall to which he agreed.
- ADs and RDs request we maintain the centralized penalties tracking. This will be discussed at the fall PC meeting.
- It was requested that PCs submit a list of candidates who would make excellent judges at World Finals. Questions from Lois Cromwell were:
 - How many years must the judge have previously judged in a problem? - At least 1 year of experience to be considered for World Finals
 - Is there a way we could balance recommendations by region? This is done on a state level and we are not restricted in the number of names submitted so we want to submit those who are most qualified. Lois requested this be discussed at the PC meeting further. It was agreed.
- Our association requests the judges that are sponsored commit to two years as a judge at the regional and state levels.
- Gaby Wannall asked why Texas does not sponsor and pay for those requesting to attend World Finals in a non-judging role. After discussion, Judy Moore requested anyone wanting to attend World Finals in a non-judging role should be considered for sponsorship and must submit their name to the Ads for consideration. Rds were also asked to submit names of those volunteering at their tournaments.

VI. STANDING RULES COMMITTEE, CHAIR: LILIAN WANNALL

- Plans for this year include an updated policy for scholarships and a new policy for donations for/on behalf of teams. The Committee will submit proposed policies for the next meeting.

VII. BUDGET COMMITTEE, CHAIR: MIKE STORY

- Report from Budget Committee was given.
 - Gaby Wannall suggested the income be increased for grab-bags due to the incredible generosity of Laura Clarke and her family. This was agreed.
- TX tournament fees: Proposed \$105 competitive/\$45 Primary for 2023 with a \$5 increase for 2024.
- Motion to approve proposed 2022-2023 budget made by Judy Moore approving the State Tournament at Southlake Carroll High School, Second by Michael Dachniwsky.
- Audit Committee scheduled for September 11, 2022



VIII. PROGRAM PROMOTION, ADAM TUTT

- TAGT will not be attended this year due to the use of money and time
- Adam will be reaching out to the RDs by email to discuss ways to increase membership and promote the program.

IX. PIN AND TEE SHIRT COMMITTEE, CHAIR: GABY WANNALL

- Square Up for presales and point of sales. Gaby Wannall requested we implement this in all tournaments. Gaby will reach out to Rds next week to schedule training so everyone is able to do this next year.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- Change of Committee Chair for Scholarship Committee: Suzanne Rieter, Lilian thanked Ann Dachniwsky (previous chair) for all of her hard work on a region and state level.
- Date for PC Meeting in the Fall (ADs, Beth Otilar, all State PCs) will be further discussed offline.
- SAM's Club, additional cards can be added to the account. Contact the ADs for this to be covered in the State budget.
- A local school requested if OM events were covered by our TXOM insurance. It was agreed that TXOM only covers our events being sponsored by a TXOM representative in an official capacity.
- Lois requested further information and materials for new teams. Lilian directed her to the website and the steps to get started.

A motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Rieter. Second by Cliff Cromwell.

Meeting ended at 8:42 pm



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Meeting Attendees

Lilian Wannall

Michael Chiles

Gaby Wannall

Steve Reist

Addison Story

Cliff Crowell

Lois Cromwell

Diana Alcebo

Jack Moore

Mark Hall

Michael Dachniwsky

Noor Mithwani

Teri Reist

Adam Tutt

Mike Story

Madison Story

Judy Moore

Suzanne Rieter

Francisco Garcia