



## Texas Association Virtual Meeting Minutes – Jan 24, 2023 7:30pm

Current Executive Board:  
AD Emeritus: Steve Reist  
AD Lilian Wannall  
AD Jr. Judy Moore  
Treasurer: Mike Story  
Secretary: Suzanne Rieter  
Memberships: Adam Tutt  
P&T Chair: Gaby Komm  
Judge Coordinator: Beth Otilar  
State PCs and Committee Chairs

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

### I. INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions of all attendees was made (see attendees list at the bottom of the minutes)
- Quorum confirmed by Secretary, Suzanne Rieter

### II. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

- Minutes for September Meeting: Motion to Approve Steve Reist Second Cliff Cromwell - **Motion passed**

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### A) STANDING RULES COMMITTEE, CHAIR: LILIAN WANNALL

- Updated travel reimbursement amounts for 2023 will be .25/mile for officials who travel more than 150 miles one way. Still working on the hotel rooms at this time.
- Updated donation policy was sent to all voting members via email (January 23, 2023) and posted on the association website. Motion to approve the donation policy made by Judy Moore, Second Mike Story. **Motion approved**

#### B) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, CHAIR: SUZANNE RIETER

- The application is now on our website.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE, CHAIR: MEG BEVILACQUA

- Mike Story presented. The committee met on 9/11/22 and everything balanced

#### C) PIN AND TEE SHIRT COMMITTEE, CHAIR: GABY KOMM

- Presales close tomorrow. There were 168 shirt orders. Closing orders tomorrow, 1/25.
- Pin sales are still low so estimated income will be lower. We are taking steps to cut costs.
- New items – Iron-ons with school logo for shirts, and temporary tattoos.
- Official's T-Shirts will be replaced with lanyards.

### IV. NAME/CONFIRM NEW COMMITTEES

- Standing Rules Committee: Suzanne Rieter, Lilian Wannall
- World Finals Committee: Sandy Sook, Lillian Wannall, (Michael Chiles will be asked)



- Budget Committee: Mike Story, Lillian Wannall, Laura Clark, Judy Moore
- Audit Committee: Beth Otilar, Jack Moore
- Nominating Committee: Teri Reist, Katie Dachniwsky, Rachel Reed, Michael Dachniwsky
- Positions open for vote at the spring meeting: Association Director, Jr and Secretary. Interested individual must contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee or an A.D.
- We will follow the Standing Rules process.

## V. JUDGE TRAINING

- Virtual judge training for HARO (Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and Feb 11<sup>th</sup>).
- On-site judge training for North (Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)
- On-site judge training for Central (March 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Lillian stated that Per Sammy Micklus: We should NOT use IPC training for judges. Use the official Judge training materials provided.

## VI. 2023 TOURNAMENTS

Regional Tournaments update: RDs

- North – Sandy Sook stated we are moving along quite nicely and will be ready on tournament day 53 teams are registered.
- Central – Went to San Antonio and toured the facility expanding the sites.
- HARO – Major site change to San Jacinto College
- Lillian Wannall talked about the Superintendents Conference in February, 2023. COU is participating and sharing all local contacts and tournament dates, so we may have additional guests.
- TX State tournament update: Suzanne Rieter and Sandy Sook were announced as Co-Tournament Directors for State
- World Finals, is the weekend before Memorial Day. At MSU. Dates May 25-28, 2023

## VII. STATE TOURNAMENT PLANNING

- A. Advancing teams for 2023: HARO – 6, North – 3, Central – 2 - Range just over 100 teams
- B. Hotels for State: Noor Mithwani, Lillian Wannall will be working on this.
- C. State jobs needing to be filled: Paperwork check Teri Reist & Laura Duncombe
- D. State Problem Captains:
  - Problem 1- Jony Hammond, Meg Bevilacqua, Michael Dachniwsky
  - Problem 2- Jack Moore, Katie Dachniwsky
  - Problem 3- Addison Story, Laura Clark
  - Problem 4- Michael Chiles, Lois Cromwell, Adam Tutt
  - Problem 5- Mason Story, Diana Alcebo
  - Spontaneous- Mike Story, Rett Reist
  - Scorerroom- Amanda Coots



## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Lilian requested the PCs recommend a judge(s) to go to World Finals
- State Tournament 2024. Lilian spoke about the eclipse in April 2024 being visible in Texas. We anticipate hotels to be very booked and/or expensive next year. We should plan for a State tournament date in late March and consideration for regionals to also be earlier in order to have hotels bookings finalized early.
- Sandy spoke about the possibility of having the state tournament hosted by Texas Women's University in 2024 after speaking to the Chancellor who was very enthusiastic about our program when Sandy explained it her.
- Next Association Meeting, virtually, proposed one evening after State, April 13, 2023.
- Tax Free Days were proposed for January 13, 2023 and February 24, 2023 at 6pm to February 25, 2023 at 6pm. Motion to make these dates our tax-free days was made by Mike Story, Second Cliff Cromwell. **Motion passes**
- Teri Reist discussed the verbiage regarding who is qualified for the scholarship needs to be changed. Lilian said we will need to change it in the standing rules.
- It was also proposed by Teri Reist that the association lay out the AD's position responsibilities

Motion to adjourn made by Suzanne Rieter, Second Teri Reist.

**Meeting adjourned 8:38pm**



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## Meeting Attendees

\*Suzanne Rieter

\*Lilian Wannell

\*Cliff Cromwell

\*Lois Cromwell

\*Michael Dachniwsky

\*Jack Moore

\*Laura Clark

\*Beth Otilar

\*Steve Reist

\*Teri Reist

Mark Hall

\*Rett Reist

\*Mike Story

\*Mason Story

\*Katie Dachniwsky

Kathy Marshall

\*Judy Moore

Jalaja Hemanth



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\*Amanda Coots

\*Adam Tutt

\*Sandy Sook

Rachel Reed

Noor Mithwani

\*Indicates Voting Member