

WISCONSIN FORENSIC COACHES ASSOCIATION

Fall Business Meeting

Sun Prairie HS WI

Saturday, September 11, 2011 1:00 pm

(Pending approval)

Prior to the meeting – there was a Coaches Clinic held

Call to order – Acting President Elliot Fischer – 1:01 pm

Introductions – 23 voting schools present

Members present at the beginning of meeting: - Michael Traas-Appleton East, Fr. Gary Wegner-St. Lawrence, Bonni Knight-Eau Claire North, Elliot Fischer-Sun Prairie, Peter Woods-IDEAS Academy, Ben Kroll-Sheboygan South, Jon Balcerak-Wauwatosa East, Joe Meinecke-Muskego, Gail Burkel-Messmer, Doris Sexton-West Bend East, John Knetzger-West Bend East/West, Todd Chirhart-Fond du Lac, Scott Peterson-Eau Claire North, Burton Davis-Franklin, Shawn Matson-Whitefish Bay, Mary Wacker-Brookfield East, Colin Winkelmann-Rufus King, Ernest Chomicki-Bradley Tech, Vincent Ashford-Bradley Tech, Pamela Brown-Bradley Tech, Steve Schmid-Arrowhead, John Peschl-Sun Prairie, Spencer Fretschel-Mukwonago, Lynda Luce-Waupaca, Chris Zoch-Sheboygan North, Kirt Graves-Sheboygan North, Chuck Malone-WHSFA, Tom Hardin-James Madison Memorial, Jim Disrude-UW-Whitewater, Sarah Taylor-Madison West, Sara Ruiz-West Bend West, Krissa McKenzie-St. Croix Falls, Justin Swansen-St. Croix Falls

President Update – Current President David Wyatt stepped down, thus the president-elect has stepped in as acting President. In the mean-time...the executive board suggested replacing the president – and have so supported the decision of acting president Fischer to appoint Fr. Gary Wegner. At this point the duties of President are handed over to Fr. Gary Wegner.

Further announcements – committee chair appointments –

- TPP Chair – Mary Wacker
- Category chair – Ben Kroll
- PR Chair – Shawn Matson
- PA Chair – John Peschl

- State Tournament Director – Chris Zoch
- Site Coordinator – Bonni Knight
- Congress Director – John Knetzger

Secretary Report – Michael Traas

- The minutes from the spring business meeting are moved by Shawn Matson and 2nd by Colin Winkelmann. Passed unanimously
- The calendar – several adjustments and prepared for publication

Category report – Mary Wacker –

- Action Items – (for business meeting)
 - Approval on proposed new topic areas (separated by category)
 - Moments in History – moved by Colin Winkelmann, 2nd by Ernest Chomicki. Passed unanimously
 - Public Address – (deviations from what WHSFA will be submitting to their board of control) Tabled temporarily
 - Storytelling topics – moved by Chris Zoch, 2nd by Gail Burkel, to change “heartland” to “Midwest”. Discussion ensued... failed unanimously. Back to the original Storytelling topics – it was moved by Colin Winkelmann, 2nd by Shawn Matson to accept. Passed unanimously

-The Public Address proposed topics were un-tabled. It was moved by Ernest Chomicki, 2nd by Colin Winkelmann to accept as is. Discussion ensued. Ernest rescinds the previous motion and thus moves to accept the WHSFA proposed wording of the topics, 2nd by Spencer Fretschel. Further discussion... there is a split of motion – to just vote on questions 1, 3 and 4 – by Lyn Luce, 2nd by Shawn Matson the vote was 16 to 5 to 3. Thus questions 1, 3 and 4 are approved. Colin moved and Shawn 2nd to accept #2 question as proposed by WFCA category committee. The vote was 17 to 2 to 4. The motion passed to accept the 2nd question proposed by the WHSFA.

-Special Occasion – Ernest Chomicki moved, John Knetzger 2nd, to accept situations 1, 2 and 3. Discussion ensued. The vote was 16 to 2 to 4. The motion passed. On to the 4th situation – moved by Fr. Gary Wegner, 2nd by Joe Meinke, to accept the proposed 4th situation presented by the WFCA category committee. Discussion occurred. The vote was unanimous.

-on to Group Discussion – the committee is proposing a change to the tournament format for group discussion – to 3 prelim rounds and then on to power round(s). There are also changes to revise the Group Discussion rule sheet and critique. Shawn Matson moved, 2nd by Joe Meinke to accept these set of changes to Group Discussion. (friendly amendment to add an “S” to “power round”) (second friendly amendment to strike the 1st sentence of rule number 2) after discussion a motion was made to amend the 2nd rule to say... “power round(s)” passed by voice majority. Another friendly amendment – (to move the questions for April 14th to March 24th.) Accepted. Another friendly amendment (to move the first reserve question to the first question on the weekend of State) accepted. Back to original motion – the question has been called. The vote is unanimous

- NON-ACTION items (these items were discussed and recommended)
 - Impromptu – want to tab like the other categories- via computer program
 - Use of I pads and Kindles – this needs further clarification.
 - Adult language and themes in performance – this is always a big concern.
- Congress – ACTION ITEM – a proposal for adding the “in the current year” regarding original legislation, moved by Shawn Matson, 2nd by Ernest Chomicki. Passed unanimously
- Originality of introductions – ACTION ITEM – a motion to add “the introduction must be the original work of the speaker” was made by Ernest Chomicki, 2nd by Shawn Matson. Passed unanimously.
- Oral Interp time limit – ACTION ITEM – proposing to change Oral Interp from 8 minutes to 10 minutes. So moved by Doris Sexton, 2nd by Shawn Matson. Some discussion. The vote was approved by a vocal majority.

Side note by President Wegner – the TPP did address the electronic manuscript and needs to be addressed by the category committee.

Treasure Report – Peter Woods – Written Report

- Motion to accept the report by Mary Wacker, 2nd by John Knetzger. Approved unanimously.
- Quick note – Peter Woods is at a new school and should check the address when sending membership forms to him.

Past President – Bonni Knight –

- 2011-12 Coaching Clinics – first one was held today. Further ones will be scheduled in November. As always looking for hosts. Also looking for hosts of judge training.

President Elect – Elliot Fischer –

- Spring 2012 Business Meeting information – will be May 11-12, 2012 at Wisconsin Dells. Presented a rough schedule – including Friday thru Saturday.

TPP Report – Fr. Gary Wegner –

- No report – nothing happened over the summer – and Mary Wacker will be taking over as the Chair of TPP

Program Assistance – John Peschl – written report

- Always looking for members of the committee and mentors for new coaches.
- Three initiatives – revise the new coaches' handbook, create/revise tournament host handbook, and be more proactive in reaching out to new coaches.
- Have DVDs available – and have made some package deals.
- Workshops – looking for some regional hosts for student workshops.

State Tournament Director – Chris Zoch

- Is excited to continue on as state tournament director

Student Congress Report – John Knetzger

- Is ready to move forward as the new Congress director.

New Business –

- Report on Strategic Planning Session (by Bonni Knight)
- A written report was presented, and articulated.
- We really wanted to thank Deano Pape – as he led the weekend exceptionally
- Wanted to thank all that came to the Saturday session!

- Chuck Malone announced that WHSFA – will have electronic request for state time slots.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:45 pm by Ernest Chomicki, 2nd by Ben Kroll.
Passed unanimously

Future Meeting Dates

2012 spring exec board & business meeting – May 11-12, 2011 at Wisconsin Dells
Winter Exec board mtg. – Sunday, February 19th, 2012 – in Sheboygan. (at Devon)