

WISCONSIN FORENSIC COACHES ASSOCIATION

Fall Business Meeting

Appleton East HS – Appleton WI

Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:00 pm

Call to order – President Debra Weiher-Traas – 1:04 pm

Welcome notes from President Weiher-Traas

Members present at the beginning of meeting: Deb Weiher-Traas & Michael Traas-Appleton East, Joe Meinecke-Muskego, Dan Hansen-Fort Atkinson, Rachel Davids-Riverside, Alice Lanphier-Riverside, Palu Zaragoza-Milwaukee Hamilton, David Powell-Milwaukee Vincent & School of Arts, Victor Trussell-Rufus King, Kristen Jobe-Hortonville, Dan Burkey-Sheboygan North, Carrie Baker-Reagan, Steve Schmid-Arrowhead, Gail Burkel-Messmer, Doris Sexton-West Bend East, Steve Sexton-Brookfield East, Zack Vrana-Brookfield East, Brittany Newman-Middleton, Mark Otte-Waupaca, Jenny Harper & Dave Harper-Denmark, John Rademacher-Madison West, John Peschl-Sun Prairie, Elliot Fischer-Sun Prairie, Antonio Trinidad-St Lawrence, Tom Hardin-James Madison Memorial, Joanna Ledgerwood-New London, Malysa Gabrielson-IDEAS/Sheboygan South, Kristy Knudtson-Fond du Lac, Kirt Graves-Sheboygan North, Jennifer Henselin-Oshkosh North, Kyra Sawyer-Oshkosh North, Ben Kroll-Sheboygan South, Grace Hern-DSHA, Jon Balcerak-Wauwatosa East, Amy Geyser-Marquette, Barry Holloway-Sussex Hamilton, Erica Dimka-Hartford Union, Ernest Chomicki-Bradley Tech, Scott Peterson-Eau Claire North, Annie Robinson-Milwaukee North, Tim Scheffler-JMM & Madison West, Susan Gehring-Slinger, Melissa Stolasiu-Slinger

Secretary Report – Michael Traas

- The 2015 Spring Business Minutes were reviewed, and moved to be accepted by Zach Vrana, 2nd by Joe Meinecke, and approved unanimously.
- 2015-16 Calendar was reviewed, and moved to be accepted by Ernest Chomicki, 2nd by Steve Sexton, and approved by majority.
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Treasurer Report – Jon Balcerak- written report

- The treasures report was reviewed, and moved to be accepted by Zach Vrana, 2nd by Ernest Chomicki, and approved nearly unanimously.
- (A question about the December 1 deadline note was brought up) We came to a consensus that we can become more proficient via google drive.

President-Elect Report – Mariah Ervin –

- Preparing for the spring meeting – not sure yet where the meeting will be held.

Past President-Report – Joe Meinecke –

- Made note of the due date for scholarship forms
- Past President Joe Meinecke also discussed revisiting the milestone awards – no action was warranted or taken.

Category report - Ben Kroll – written report

- A proposal to accept the new topics for the following
- Storytelling – Steve Sexton moved, and Joe Meinecke 2nd to accept the storytelling topics. The motion passed unanimously after brief discussion.
 - o A Latin American story
 - o A story about a holiday
 - o A story about a quest
 - o A story about a force of nature

- Special Occasion – Zach Vrana moved, Steve Sexton 2nd to accept the Special Occasion topics. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
 - o A speech at a charity event
 - o A speech to the United Nations
 - o A speech at a self-help seminar
 - o A political victory or concession speech
- Moments In History – Ernest Chomicki moved, Zach Vrana 2nd to accept the Moments dual topics for Moments in History. The motion passed unanimously.
 - o The 1940's and 1450-1650 (the WHSFA accepted both also)
- Proposal – Farrago – intro/transition clearing up to allow just a beginning introduction, and not require transitions. Ben Kroll moved, and Zach Vrana 2nd the motion to accept the alteration to the rules for Farrago. The motion passed unanimously.

Ad-hoc Committee / State Tournament site –

- Bids for hosting the State Tournament – there were two bids and one letter of interest accepted and considered. Bid #1 was from Deforest HS, Bid #2 was from UW-Whitewater, and the letter of Interest was from Ripon College.
- John Peschl Moved, John Rademaker 2nd to accept the proposal for the 2017 State tournament at UW-Whitewater. After discussion the vote was taken. The discussion regarding the date was also had.
- A motion to table the vote on the 2017 State tournament until date was solidified was moved by Steve Sexton, 2nd by Rachel Davis. The vote was unanimous
- We then moved onto the state tournament director's report and continued down the agenda until we received the information we needed, which occurred during the TPP Committee report. (see below)
- After returning to the 2017 state tournament issue we found out that the date considered in the proposal is different than understood from the bid. Now changing the date to March 31st, April 1st. - . The Motion passes to hold the State Tournament at UW-Whitewater with no specific date at this point until further reviewed. The Date will be further discussed at the spring meeting, for 2017 and future dates.

State Tournament Director – Fischer/Peschl –

- No report for the state tournament. Just preparing for the upcoming tournament and the change in logistics with the new site.
- This year we will have Impromptu as a consolation event at the State Tournament.

Student Congress Report – Tim Scheffler – written report

- Several procedural changes.
 - o **Bylaw** changes
 - Change apportionment from “16-30” to “13-25”
 - Change Judge fee from \$100 to \$150. And add to end: “A refusal to accept an assignment to score the final session will result in that school incurring a full hired judge fee.”
 - o Procedures
 - Adjusting election of Presiding officers to allow amicable agreement when applicable
 - Adjusting mandatory questioning time(s) and “one-sided” debate recommendations
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All actions were grouped into a single motion for acceptance and moved by Tim Scheffler, seconded by Zach Vrana. The motion passed unanimously.

TPP Report – Carrie Baker -

- Several proposals were considered
- The first proposal concerned tools used in investigation of disqualification.
 - o #4 to the disqualification procedures to read: “The TPP Committee may use any legal tools necessary to ensure they understand how/what rule is being violated. Any tools used will be destroyed immediately after the decision is finalized and the head coach of the student has been informed in the presence of the executive board. This is to ensure that students will not be disqualified based on only the word of another coach, student or judge.” This motion passed on a vote of 16 yea, 11 nay, and 6 abstentions.
- The second proposal regarded recusal.
 - o #5 reworded to read: “If there is a conflict of interest involving the TPP Committee members and the violation, Committee Members should recuse themselves from the Committee and a Member(s) of the Executive Board may step in to fill the role” This motion passed unanimously.
- The third proposal regarded appeal procedures and who can make the request for appeal.
 - o #10 reworded to read: “The decision of the TPP Committee may only be reconsidered if requested by the head/or in charge coach of the disqualified contestant. Appeals will be considered by the Executive Board and the TPP Chair who must be present as a non-voting participant.” This motion passed unanimously
- We then went back to the State Tournament ad hoc committee.

Program Assistance – Amy Geysler – written report

- Successfully held our 1st coaching clinic this morning. Identified dates of other coaching clinics this year.
- Videos are available online.
- Mentorship is available.

Communications Committee Report – Mariah reporting for committee – no written report

- Deb is looking for a new chairman, as Matt is no longer capable of chairing this committee due to new responsibilities he has encountered.
- The committee has revised the logo, created a press release for the state tournament, and just getting information and aids out there to assist coaches.

Webmaster Report – Scott Peterson –

- All of the changes will be online
- Get Scott your invitation and he will post.
- 2015 videos are now online.

Old Business –

- none

New Business -

- none

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 3:29 pm by Ernest Chomicki , 2nd by Joe Meinecke.
Passed unanimously