

SCSTA South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association



Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Oct 7 2022 at 9 am

Via zoom

In attendance: Hali Christopher, Leah Wren, Ansley Keenan, Tyrie Rowell, Mary O'Connor, Monique Sacay-Bagwell, Emily Robinson, Mary Joy Williams, Mary O'Connor, Lisa Morman-Patterson, Rachel Cooper, Annette Grevious

Not present: Cedric Rembert , Jennifer Simmons , Lyle Browne , Corinne Tyo, Debb Adams

I. Call to Order & Welcome - Hali Christopher

- A. Review and approval of [minutes from Jan ExCouncil meeting](#)

II. Old Business

- A. Review and update of contact information for [Executive Council 2022-2023](#)

- B. Review and approval of executive council members

- a. Pam Haloulos and Rob Sprankle will be leaving their role on the board
 - b. Ansley will be leaving (now serve as At Large) and a nomination for a new ExCouncil Secretary/past president
 - i. Mary O'Connor nominated Carrie Ponder (who accepted nomination)
 - ii. Hali Christopher nominated Cedric Rembert
 - iii. Tyrie Rowell nominated Annette Grevious who declined
 - c. Leah will send out a vote (pending Cedric's acceptance of nomination) for members to vote later this week.

- C. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Mary O'Connor

- a. Trophies haven't been mailed yet but will be picked up in Columbia on Monday and will hopefully be sent out on Wednesday of the coming week
 - b. Clarification regarding college sweepstakes winners - they DO receive a trophy. Trophies will also have to be sent to those participants.
 - c. MS had less participation but live festival should help in the coming year. We are breaking even and recommend seeing how budget looks after a year of being full back in person before adjusting any fees or monetary awards.

D. Membership Report - *Emily Robinson*

- a. Sent thank you notes to all coaches and schools which participated in festivals 2022
 - i. Postage for this could be included in budget to continue each year to be done by membership chair
- b. Goal is to increase members and school participation for coming year
- c. Reminder for excouncil to follow Instagram, Twitter and Facebook SCSTA pages for posts

E. Division Reports - from each Division Vice President

a. Middle School - *Rachel Cooper*

- i. 2022 festival was virtual and difficult
- ii. Low participation but believes live festival will help boost numbers
- iii. Festival will be hosted by Rachel at Meadow Glen in 2023
 - 1. March 11 was proposed date but conflicts with HS division
 - 2. Due to spring sports and school availability, the date will likely be February (must avoid PDA Feb 24-26)

b. College - *Tyrie Rowell*

- i. Festival is at Lander on April 15 2023 with Monique as festival host
- ii. Price will be at a fixed rate: membership, registration and event fees \$220
 - 1. \$200 if early bird special
 - 2. \$85 registration, \$35 membership and then \$100 for 10 students (festival assumes money if happens to be more participants but should ideally work out)
 - 3. Mary will invoice any school that has more than 10 students
 - 4. Fully digital rubrics for future festival and adjudicators
- iii. Emails to come
 - 1. Save the date will be sent out to members soon for spring dates
 - 2. Planning to host a holiday get together to recruit participants in college division
- iv. Planning to modify events to the current 12
 - 1. Performance will be changing to performance and media studies
 - 2. Possibility of adding voice over into speech portion
 - 3. Debate is also being discussed as an addition
 - 4. Would like to include dance in some capacity
- v. Rebranding
 - 1. Desire to give back to community

- a. Adjudicate productions at other schools in an effort to give feedback to others and also solicit future participation and advertising the SCSTA program
 - b. Desire to discuss combining festivals in the future
 - vi. Forms update
 - 1. Desire to update forms to look more like HS and MS forms
 - 2. College division can go ahead and modify rubrics so this can transfer to google forms
- c. High School - *Mary Joy*
 - i. March 11 at Summerville High School
 - ii. An email save the date will be sent this coming week
 - iii. Hybrid model again for preliminary rounds
 - 1. February 11- date for some events depending upon number of participants (block out this time to plan for virtual adjudication!)
 - iv. January meeting
 - v. PSA event will include a topic/theme for the future event

F. New Business

- a. Calendar - members asked to add scsta calendar if desired
 - i. Includes deadlines for 2023 Festivals [SCSTA Google Calendar](#)
- b. Deadlines
 - i. [Initial email from President](#) will be sent Oct 15
 - 1. Division leaders need to plug in specific dates on this email before it is sent!
 - 2. Will be emailed to all members who have participated since 2018
 - 3. Division specific things will be sent after SCTA
 - ii. Upload all updated docs to [SCSTA Drive folder](#): Nov 1
 - 1. Contingent upon Mary will try to have updated forms or clearer idea of what help will be needed in updating other rubrics for website (should know by Oct 15)
 - iii. Deadline for updated information published to [SCSTA Website](#): Nov 10, Depending on how Mary updates rubrics etc
 - iv. Division VP and host emails to divisions: Nov 9
 - 1. Attach festival packet and send out save the date or reminder to apply to your division
 - v. Early Bird (less \$20) Deadline (previous year was Jan 15 2022)
 - 1. January more desirable since after holiday break
 - 2. Early bird for 2023 will be January 20

vi. Membership/Registration Deadline for ALL divisions- by Feb 1, 2023

1. should be able to do online soon. College will be all at once since there is a flat rate (Mary will invoice if more students than 10 are participating)
2. (previous year was Feb 1 2022)
3. Current pricing: School Membership \$35, Festival Registration \$85
 - a. \$5 per student for student membership
 - b. MS can be paid on day of festival
 - c. HS can be invoiced depending on entry form and/or videos submitted since prelims include virtual submissions

4. Dates for entry forms will be determined per division

vii. FESTIVAL PACKET - priority - November 4

viii. Festival dates:

1. MS Festival: Feb?? TBD soon
2. HS Festival: March 11
3. College Festival: April 15

c. 2023 Festival Logistics

i. ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO YOUR DIVISIONS NEED TO

INCLUDE EX COUNCIL! CC PLEASE :) can include by utilizing "google group" through your email access

ii. [Host Manual](#) (last update was 2018; needs updating by committee)

1. Leah will head a committee to update by November 1

- a. Rachel, Tyrie and Hali will participate on committee to update asap

iii. Adjudicators: Training

1. Training could be in person or through a video
2. Would need to have confirmation of adjudicators to ensure participation in this training.
3. Provide webinar ahead and allow time for questions the day of

iv. Rubrics: Update for details and consistency

d. Communication Arts Award: Form Committee, need a deadline for this

- i. Mary Joy Williams volunteered to chair
- ii. Emily Robinson will participate on committee

- e. Professional Development: Formed Committee
 - i. Mary O'Connor volunteered to chair
 - 1. Hali and Leah and Monique will serve on this committee
 - ii. Proposal to pursue a PD every other year?
 - iii. How to better serve the educators in SCSTA organization?
 - 1. Would like to see ideas proposed at January meeting
- f. Combination Festival Proposal
 - Consideration for combined 2024 College Festival with another Festival
 - i. Numbers in person participation are much higher
 - ii. Could still have division "hosts" even if it is at one central location
 - iii. Simultaneous workshops with college while HS competes?
 - 1. Do we want to differentiate ourselves from SCTA or create something more aligned like that?
 - 2. Might be more attractive to college/universities if they know HS students and a recruitment effort
 - iv. Committee formed. Effort to show what this larger festival would look like and encompass.
 - 1. Proposed Leah to be a part of this committee
 - 2. Mary Jo Williams, Tyrie Rowell, Ansley Keenan, Mary O'Connor will serve.
 - v. Proposed to survey college/HS participants

Leah went on record to apologize for being absence during some months and for any inconvenience it may have caused. And thanked all for patience.

Next executive committee meeting Friday, January 20, 2023, 4:00pm

Will discuss modifications to bylaws and update on festivals/committees.

Meeting concluded at 11:39 am.