



SCSTA Executive Council Meeting MINUTES

June 12, 2021 10am-12:20 pm

Via zoom

In attendance: Mary Joy Williams, Ansley Keenan, [Leah Wren](#), [Mary O'Connor](#), Annette Grevious, [Rachel Cooper](#), Tyrie Rowell

Not attending: Pam Haloulos, Jennifer Simmons, Cedric Rembert, [Hali Christopher](#), Debra Adams, [Emily Robinson](#), Rob Sprinkle

Review of January Ex council meeting minutes. [Mary O'Connor](#) moved to approve, and motion passed.

Old business:

- Hosts communicated well with divisions
- Welcome packets were posted to website
- Lacked communication regarding arts award, PD day and annual meeting
 - Discussion regarding date of annual meeting for this year. [Leah Wren](#) proposed google form, which is how it was decided to be carried out. See action item

Treasurer Report

- Raising price for awards in college division from \$75 to \$100 which will be covered by fee
- Link for [Middle School](#), [High School](#), [College](#) festival Financial reports
- SCSTA didn't keep Zoom meeting pro since we won't be doing virtual festivals next year, but this does limit our meetings and time limits. Mary will re-up Zoom Pro subscription, spending \$14 per month.

Review and Report on College Division

- Tyrie sent Google Form following festival and they received positive feedback
- Seemed to be seamless
- Reviewed [minutes](#) from meeting.
- Discussed the student membership dues as a line item to be included in the college membership to participate in order to allow the college to pay instead of individual students paying fee from their own pockets. \$100 will cover 10 students (\$10 per student) Or raise "college registration/membership fee" to include up to 10 students and then charge an additional \$100 for festival registration? Proposed to table this discussion to discuss at retreat when more representation is present.

- Lander proposed to host in 2022, either April 2 or April 9. Awaiting confirmation from [Monique Sacay-Bagwell](#) and will have this answer by fall retreat.

Review and Report on High School Division

- Leah (as coach and host) liked having prior submitted virtual preliminary rounds and live finals rounds. However more preparation in attending an out-of-town event may mean this is not an option.
- Couple of coaches concerned about recording with/without masks but hopefully this is a moot point for future.

Review and Report on Middle School Division

- Low attendance. Started with higher numbers but decreased. Hopeful that in-person festival will result in higher participation.
- Looking at February dates. February 19 or 26.
 - PDA is weekend of Feb 26, so conflict is in mind as Rachel requests facility.

NEW BUSINESS

- New Executive Council People and Positions
 - Motion passed for Corrine Tyo for At Large Executive Council Member
 - [Monique Sacay-Bagwell](#) will be joining as Host for College Division
 - Dr Hershall is no longer at Claflin and will need to be removed from ExCouncil
 - College Division will have division secretary move to VP (Tyrie). Will ask Greg Toney to serve as secretary. This will need to be voted by division at fall retreat.
 - [Carrie Roberts](#) has resigned from the ExCouncil but hopes to return when she is available and ready in the future.
 - Google form will be sent to vote on Past President/Executive Secretary for nominees Annette Grevious and Ansley Keenan
- PD day
 - Mary proposed a workshop for NEW TEACHERS in theatre in SC (not restricted to just new teachers, but advertising toward that)
 - Make connections, mentor, help build curriculum
 - Would like to have this before they begin classes at start of school year
 - 4-6 pm on Thursday Aug 12: virtual through Zoom
 - 30 minute presentations by board members-
 - advocacy/support/fundraising
 - Classroom (management & curriculum)
 - producing/production in school setting
 - Q&A
 - Check with colleges to access recent graduates
- Retreat - September 10 & 11
 - Voted to be in person
 - Mary and Leah reaching out to places in Columbia area to hold meeting and then find close hotel (SCSTA will pay half your hotel room)
 - Ansley (and Cedric!) will find a team activity for Friday evening on September 10

Items from the floor:

- Ansley mentioned adjudication form's rubric discrepancies; suggested making it more quantifiable.
- Mary mentioned consistency between performance expectations and rubrics followed by coaches - how to address this moving forward? (not being judged on things that are listed as an expectation or as description of event, but how do we maintain consistency or hold accountable if not represented in the rubric itself)
- Leah suggested offering members of the ExCouncil a small stipend for the extra time put forth this year planning and executing virtual festivals. Mary suggested \$25 gift cards to those that attended all meetings and festivals. Ansley suggested that money go toward hotel rooms at the retreat. Leah will contact those to whom the stipend applies and offer the gift card or hotel room.
- Hybrid participation as option for future festivals? To discuss at division meetings in the fall.

Action items:

- Leah Wren will send google form by June 30 regarding annual meeting business items.
- Order replacement trophies for broken trophies and get to schools - [Mary O'Connor](#)
- For College division to discuss at retreat: Solidify how membership/student fee will be titled and paid
- College division to vote on at retreat: Move secretary (Tyrie) to VP and find another secretary to serve. (Greg Toney was mentioned for this position)
- Google form will be sent to vote on Past President/Executive Secretary for nominees Annette Grevious and Ansley Keenan
 - Will also include information about stipend for ExCouncil members who attended all 8 meetings (since hotels/miles/meals not paid for this past year, but members met for more than normally scheduled amount of meetings)
- Adjust PD certificates to reflect number of hours/credit for attending
- Contact new teachers to attend Aug 12 PD
- Leah and Mary find locale for Fall retreat
- Ansley and Cedric find group activity for Fall retreat

Discussion Items Tabled to Retreat 9/10/21:

1. Discussed the student membership dues as a line item to be included in the college membership to participate in order to allow the college to pay instead of individual students paying fee from their own pockets. \$100 will cover 10 students (\$10 per student) Or raise "college registration/membership fee" to include up to 10 students and then charge an additional \$100 for festival registration? Proposed to table this discussion to discuss at retreat when more college representation is present.

Please put on your calendar the following dates:

August 12 4-6 pm SCSTA New Teacher Mentoring Workshop via Zoom

September 10 5-10 pm SCSTA ExCouncil Meeting and Retreat Activity
(hybrid in person and Zoom)

September 11 9-11:30 am SCSTA Division Meetings

September 11 12 pm SCSTA ExCouncil Lunch Meeting and Division
Reports