

TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
December 14, 2020

5:19 PM Call-to-Order

In Attendance

1. Keith Pittman - Asheville
2. Crawford Leavoy - Durham
3. Ben Denton - Pinecrest
4. Michelle Boswell - Cumberland Polytechnic
5. Chris Harrow - Ardrey Kell
6. Mike Bischoff - North Meck
7. RJ Pellicciotta - Cary Academy
8. Bilal Butt - Charlotte Latin

Non-Committee Member Attendees

1. Carmen Kohn - Charlotte Catholic
2. Scott Bennett - NW Guilford

Approval of October 2020 Minutes

- Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- No report tonight

Outreach Report

- Outreach collating information on schools with debate-adjacent programs (ex: Mock Trial, Model UN)
- Timeline for initial outreach: before end of 2020

Tournament Sanctioning Report

- Pinecrest, Duke, DSDL 1, DSDL 2, Charlotte Catholic, Asheville, East Rutherford were approved by unanimous consent
- Missing tournaments: DSDL 3, Cary Academy

Policy Debate Report

- Jonathan Peele not present - item tabled
- Bilal will gently remind Jonathan that this is a thing

Virtual Norms and Rules Subcommittee Report

- No subcommittee update since October
- DSDL has adopted all live speech competition for upcoming tournaments
 - Western NC based tournaments have previously been all live speech with the exception of Duo Interp
- Discussion on the merits of live speech competition. Michelle raises points about judge engagement and the difficulty of recording performances
- Committee adopts live speech for the state tournament by consensus
- Discussion shifts to Duo Interp as committee acknowledges it ought not be performed live in the current health conditions - whether to offer it, whether to mandate split-screen recording, etc.
 - Crawford pushes for consideration of strict definitions on what is and is not allowed for recording re: being in the same room. He also raises the concern of PF partners being in the same room
 - RJ points out that monitoring the locations of individual students that closely in PF is perhaps unenforceable, and the advantage in PF is lesser
- Committee adopts split-screen, separate location recording for Duo Interp by consensus
- Crawford raises additional concerns about PF teams being allowed to compete in the same location. He brings up points about the differences in 1 vs 2 camera optics
 - Recommends adopting language encouraging 2 cameras for PF
- Conversation circles back to Duo - does TFL need to enforce a verification method for videos to be "current" to the TFL tournament
 - Recommendation is for abandoning this requirement since there are other ways to check video authenticity

TFL Tournament Platform Recommendation

- Committee agrees to use Tabroom.com and NSDA Campus by consensus
- Discussion on using Zoom/Jitsi as backup options for tech difficulties
- Crawford will speak to NSDA about tech support items and need

TFL Tournament Planning

- Lauren Burdt will run tabbing
- TFL committee members will check rooms
- Discussion on judges' lounge set-up via Zoom and staffing
 - Ideas for some staffing positions thrown around, various names suggested for judge lounge work
- Discussion on Extemp Prep staffing
- Discussion about room checking
- Discussion about awards ordering and shipping
 - Michelle shares DSDL procedures this year. Crawford adds ideas from several other teams/regions
 - Bilal brings up the idea of keeping the champion trophies intact bc of the unique nature of the award and achievement

- Discussion about who will head up procuring awards. Michelle volunteers.
- Discussion of need for student release forms
- Discussion on live-streaming elim rounds

Future Initiatives

- No current discussion

Member School Concerns

- No present concerns

Motion to adjourn - 6:21 PM