

April 27, 2017  
Spring Board of Directors Meeting  
THSSDL

Meeting was called to order at The Butcher Shop in Memphis TN  
by State Chair Cheryl Ward.

Next on the agenda is the Executive Director's report. Numbers are  
a bit down compared to past years.

Dr Gotcher shared that some folks involved in one act only should  
be more inclined to participate in judging rounds on Saturday in the  
spirit of our community. Perhaps in Costume Design or Set Design.

Discussion of why Interp Theater revealed that testing and musicals  
were in conflict of our State tournament Date.

During the executive directors report we rejoiced that we have had  
the pure joy of have the direction and kind leadership of Dr.  
Gotcher. We also celebrated the fact that Pat McGraw's retirement.

A need for assistance in the extemp and TV prep was announced  
and a discussion will take place after our meeting, Mickey Hutson  
will work with assistance from a parent from Morristown West.

Motion by Suzanne Terry was made to accept the executive  
director's report seconded by Danielle Smallwood and approved by  
the board.

Dr Gotcher shared during our social dinner and time that a camp had  
reached out to our organization to give scholarships to winners to  
their camp. When asked to sponsor trophies they had no money so  
Dr. Gotcher declined their offer. The board felt like this was a good  
call.

Matt Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes of the fall board meeting with a second by Emily Higdon.

Discussion about adding POI and Informative to our events and the possibility of dropping an event to make the State Tournament manageable. After a robust discussion of adding or not adding the events, Rick Marshall moved to add the two new events seconded by Suzanne Terry. Vote was 2 abstained, 1 no and 7 voted to add the events. All districts will offer the two new events and there will be no dropping of events.

A discussion of whether we should move our fall conference to an earlier date. Concerns about date conflicts and moving dates that coaches have planned on were shared. The suggestion was made by Matt Grimes that we keep our date for this year and poll our attendees in the fall to ask for a preferred date. Matt volunteered to create the poll for our membership.

T-Shirts are green, lovely and soft.

Review of committee assignments with no changes other than Lucy Boydston will move to Interp Theater finals and Mickey Hutson will run TV and Extemp prep. Danielle Smallwood will also be added to Registration on Saturday.

Discussion about the rules for online sources presented by Matt Grimes with a determination that the board will review and revisit at the Fall Board Meeting.

Discussion of caps on debate and congress. 8 debate teams per school will be allowed and no cap as of now for congress. We will ask Randy Sullivan and Harriet Medlin what their thought are on limits in congress and will revisit congress in the fall.

Sarah made the motion that we change the cap to 8 and was seconded by Rick Marshall. 10 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

THSSDL to Sanction Tournaments discussion. Dr. Gotcher explained that THSSDL does not sanction any tournaments. After a robust discussion we feel it is not the job of THSSDL to tell any schools when and where to offer or attend competitions. Sarah moved that we do not move on the Sanctioning for the THSSDL organization. Emily seconded the motion and the entire board voted against the sanctioning.

A motion was made that we follow the NSDA grace period for THSSDL events by Suzanne Terry and seconded by Matt Grimes. We will announce this to our State Tournament judges this year and make changes on our ballots for next year. 9 votes for and 1 abstaining vote. The only events with no grace period are TV, One Act and Interp Theater.

5 nominees for Krider Award, District 1-Kevin Rogers, District 2-Emily Higdon, District 3-Matt Grimes, District-4 Daniele Smallwood and District 5- Peggy Russell. Each nominee was discussed by members of the board. The winner will be announced at the end of State Tournament.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame discussion.

Nominations for Assistant State Chair. Matt nominates Linda Starnes and she respectfully declines. Danielle nominates Rick Marshall and he accepts the glamorous position of Assistant State Chair.

State 2018 will be hosted by Linda Starnes and District 2 at Station Camp High School in Hendersonville and Welsh College. More details will be presented at Fall Conference.

Fall Conference will be on the East End of the State. The committee will consist of Suzanne Terry, Lucy Boydston, Danielle Smallwood and Doug James will get presenters for the sessions on Tuesday.

Motion for adjournment made by Suzanne Terry and seconded by Pat McGraw.