

KHSSL Special Called Board Meeting

August 28, 2021

Virtual Platform

Meeting called to order at 9:22am by Steve Meadows, Executive Director

Members present:

Scott Bonneau, Katy Cecil (joined at 10:40am), Dustin Combs (left at 10:30am), Karen Feldhaus, Janet Martin, Rachel Page, Beth Randolph (left at 10:22am), Ryan Ray, Michael Robinson, Molly Seifert, Tia Smith, Chuck Stamper, Woody Zorn

Members absent:

Mary Amburgey

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Ray, second by Robinson: approve the minutes from the June board meeting
- Vote: passed unanimously

Executive Director Evaluation Instrument

- Motion by Seifert, second by Page: approve the evaluation instrument
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Evaluation instrument will be used beginning with the next Executive Director contract

Hall of Fame

- Motion by Zorn, second by Seifert: revise Hall of Fame criteria under “d) A high degree of integrity as demonstrated by all of the following” to read:
 - a. Demonstrates a positive rapport in-person and online
 - b. Constantly strives to uphold the KHSSL code of ethics
 - c. Participates in tournaments and league activities with the utmost integrity, professionalism, and care
- Vote: passed unanimously

Entry Fees

- Motion by Robinson, second by Randolph: set regional entry fees at \$10, state speech at \$20, and state debate at \$25 (team events doubled)
- Vote: 11 in favor (Bonneau, Combs, Feldhaus, Martin, Page, Randolph, Robinson, Seifert, Smith, Stamper, Zorn), 1 opposed (Ray) - motion passed

Student Membership Fee

- No action taken

Judge Training

- Motion by Zorn, second by Robinson: require anti-bias judge training form to be completed by all Regional and State judges
- Vote: passed unanimously

Judge Instructions

- Motion by Robinson, second by Page: edit the ballot instructions to remove the following language “Focus on the performance, not the piece” and “The suitability of the material to the maturity level of the performer should be considered”
and replace with
“Students will perform material that may be controversial to some audiences, but that’s an important part of growing and learning and engaging in important dialogue in our communities.”

Therefore, students should never be punished for tackling difficult or controversial topics. However, it's certainly possible that the student who is tackling that controversial topic is not adequately conveying the message in a believable way. This could be due to maturity level."

- Vote: passed unanimously

Outreach Committee Report

- Focus is on new coach support: waiving NewSPEAK registration fees for new coaches, hosting monthly zoom chats for new coaches, and providing "starter kits"

Board of Directors

- No action taken; agreed that further exploration is needed to add stakeholders

Budget

- Motion by Cecil, second by Martin: accept budget
- Vote: passed unanimously

Internet Rules

- Motion by Cecil, second by Ray: accept pilot internet rules as permanent rules for extemp and debate events
- Vote: passed unanimously

Next board meeting set for Saturday, June 4 in Upper Kentucky River Region.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.