

SkillsUSA Arizona Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes: August 3, 2013

Location: Arizona Department of Education

In Attendance: Carrie Wolf, Shea Padilla, Michelle Martinez, Ross Rector, Scott Thomas, Dan Strauss, Andrew Lamer, Sam Romine, Pete Pederson, Fred Lewis, Oscar Olivas, Kevin Coe

Missing: Gary Townsley (excused), Floyd McWilliams (excused)

- I. Meeting called to Order at 8:01am
- II. Welcome and Introductions of New Board Members
- III. Treasurer's Report: Income shows a larger balance than usual because some chapters have pre-paid their affiliation fees
Question: Why is Region 1 allowed to do their own banking and not report to ADE? Answer: They've always been allowed to do that...the board recommended that Region 1 should bring something to review when we do our annual financial review
Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Pete Pederson, seconded by Fred Lewis, unanimous vote
- IV. Discussion of Architectural Drafting Competition: Carrie gave background information on this state level competition, which has been challenged by at least one advisor. Changes were made to the 2013 state level competition to include: outside judges, printer on site, time frame changed, and contest updates were posted on the website. All advisors in this area were invited to attend today's board meeting.
 - A. Guests: Brian Aranguena and Ryan Swartz
 - Mr. Aranguena presented a history of the event since the current chair took over. He has issues with the competition, which he outlined in a handout given to each board member.
 - Mr. Swartz presented that his students no longer compete in this area because of the frustration they experienced that last time they did so. When asked what would make him interested in this competition again, he answered: amount of drawings, time given to compete, and the printing
 - Mr. Thomas (who is a newly elected board member but also an advisor in this competition) presented that he feels the state competition is run very well and that we are "blowing the standards off" the competition in preparation for national level

- B. The board then had an overall discussion and presented Carrie with the following suggestions:
 - There should be a face to face meeting with advisors and the chair of this competition. This should be facilitated by Carrie and two board members. The topic should be on continued improvement of the contest, but issues such as blocks, time to compete, and printing should be discussed. This will give the chair the time to reflect and get out contest updates in a timely manner before state.
 - There needs to be a definition of "blocks"...what is acceptable and what is not. This needs to be defined BEFORE a student enters the competition room.
 - Contests and time management need to be addressed at the advisor/chair meeting. The chair needs to have an understanding what an acceptable amount of time and amount of projects must be done.
- V. Director's Update
 - A. Recap of NLSC
 - 14 medals, 2nd place in pin design
 - New hotel will be the same next year
 - Advisor survey, please mention the horrible bus route
 - Cleanest room contest
 - Student discipline issue
 - B. Fall Events: the three major events that take place statewide during the fall were discussed
 - C. Championship Planning: Caitlin and Carrie are working on specific tasks that need to be done, so all can volunteer for something
 - D. Caitlin...graduated and is seeking employment in her career field...possible replacements were discussed
- VI. Policies
 - A. Championship Registration Policy/NLSC Chaperone Policy: Motion made by Scott Thomas and seconded by Sam Romine to accept both policies with the deletion of the word "preferential" in the first paragraph of the championship registration policy and to add the phrase "if there is an online test that year" to number 4 of the same paragraph...vote was unanimous
- VII. Bylaws: A motion was made by Michelle Martinez and seconded by Sam Romine to accept the Board of Directors Bylaws with the following edits made:

Minutes approved 11/2/13

- Article 4, Section 2: take out the extra "Three At Large members (one vote each)"
- Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph 1: change "policies and procedures" to "bylaws"
- Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph 2: Add scholarship program and event and membership services to the verbage
- Article 7, Section 3, Year 3: should include "Alumni" in the list

Vote was unanimous

VIII. Officer Elections: The following officers were duly elected

- A. President: Andrew Lamer
- B. Vice President: Sam Romine
- C. Secretary: Michelle Martinez
- D. Treasurer: Fred Lewis

Future Meeting Dates: November 2, March 8 (state officer interviews), July 14 at the Summer Conference

Adjournment