

WEST Membership Fall 2016

September 10, 2016

Location: Green River High School

Called to Order at:10:15AM

Attendance:

Venice Starr, Gene & Nancy, Merlin Hitt, (Lyman), Terrin Musbach, Bethany Sandvik, Sterling, Chris, Suzanne, Chris & Chris (Torrington?), Virginia, Zach, Jeff, Sarah Olson, Mason Neiman, Sarah Bessette, (Evanston)

Introductions of board members to the membership

Secretary's Report

Computer with the 2015 Membership Meeting minutes on it won't start. Board will recover the file and send them out for approval.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report by _____ 2nd _____

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance as of 8/31/16: \$2,521.66

Savings Balance as of 8/31/16: \$8,003.47

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Nancy; 2nd Merlin

Motion Carried

Note about Scholarship-Bethany

Instead of waiting until January who's won the scholarships, Bethany proposed changing the deadline sooner so the recipients can be announced at the state awards ceremony.

Rebecca proposed putting recipients on the WEST scholarship page to highlight them and why they won

Ideas: Giant check

Rick moved to move the WEST scholarship application to Wednesday, November 9, so the awards can be announced at state. 2nd Merlin.

Zach made motion to amend to set deadline for scholarship application at the end of registration at state drama. 2nd Sarah B. Amendment carries

Motion Carries

New Business

Rebecca Lustig resigning

Due to her moving to Florida, Rebecca is resigning the board, but will finish out this year.

Merlin wanted to clarify the board's authority to name a successor and or open to an election.

Bylaws

Rebecca sent them out last week for revision by the membership

Tim explained the process in creating the proposed changes brought about to align WEST documentation with the expectations of 501.C.3 status.

Gene sought clarification:

Length of term? Each position can only be held for 2 consecutive 2-year terms.

The use of the term “Corporation” as a term in the indemnification section should be consistent throughout the document.

In the dissolution clause, Gene & Nancy questioned the money going to ETS, fearing the money would go out of state. Zach suggested the money be sent to Wyoming Thespians.

Merlin sought clarification:

Were there strike-outs or just additions?

Merlin moved to accept the proposed changes with the addition of the term “501C3 Corporation”. 2nd Rick

Recruiting Board Members

Even year: 2 positions up: Bethany and Tim. Neither are running again. Tim and Bethany gave his reasons for not running again. This does not mean they’re “abandoning” the board, as they will mentor new board members.

To make the process smoother, the binders of the past are being digitized and secured in the board gmail Google Drives.

westmembers@googlegroups.com

The listserv is going away in lieu of Google Groups. When using Google Groups, every interaction is saved and searchable. Old listserv will be gone next fiscal year

Tim opened the floor for board nominations

Merlin nominated Zach: he accepts

Rick nominated Terrin: she accepts

Chris nominated Rick: he declined

Terrin nominated Chris Zarr: she declined

Rick nominated Jeff: he declined

Nominations will stay open until 2 weeks before state

Zach made the case for more board members. Sarah described worked this board as the best she’s served on. Terrin said that at this critical juncture, for those with vested interest need to jump in. Sterling suggested the perceived disunity of WEST is an obstacle to board additions. Bethany, Zach, & Nancy explained the apparent disunity within a context of WEST’s recent history.

Chris Zarr accepted nomination

Merlin said that there isn’t as much disunity as is apparent on the surface, so much as spirited conversation

Gene suggested splitting the load with committees, like a scholarship or rules committee, et al.

Board monthly Google Hangout meetings are helping

Terrin nominated Emily: she accepts

Tim is going to field suggestions for possible committees and a communication medium for said committees to interact

Terrin raised the topic of Google Classroom

Old Business

Grant and laptop purchases for board

WEST Board emails

Setup committee communication or Google Classroom?

Date change vs. limiting numbers:

University judges asking for a different date (and/or limiting numbers)

E.g. we've outgrown Riverton at our present size. Therefore, change location, reduce numbers, or change date.

Complex has offered to host. They've got room for us (plus some), but it costs money. Natrona would be ready in a couple years.

Needs: sufficient facilities for events, lodging, food

Date considerations: Before Christmas runs into finals. After Christmas is difficult for practicing over the break. Speech and debate conflicts.

Current size + date conflict (Colorado's Festival) is untenable.

Terrin suggested we focus on either size or date

Size:

Acting & tech entry limits like we do with scripts

Regional competitions could serve as the bottleneck to limit State entries (Chris Zarr)

Split the event into separate events: IE, tech

Limiting size limits access to arts

Date: Dec 14-16, or Jan 4-6

Makes families choose what to go to

Tim suggested not deciding today, but create a committee to tackle the problem. This year is fine, but we need to have it figured out for next year.

Terrin suggested creating a committee for each (date or size).

Vote on changing date vs size.

17 voted to change date.

1 voted to change the size

1 abstained

Proposed a committee for each date. They report at state drama and the membership vote from there. Terrin to oversee the two committees

December Date: Rick

January Date: Sarah

Rotation

Tim will contact schools for future rotations (including discussions on dates, facilities, and food)

Revising State Drama Discussion

Changes regarding monologues/duets: membership feedback

8% said stay as-is

34% voted for hybrid

?% going to ITF wholesale

Tim suggested making committees to decide on this

Zach proposed running IE events as per ITF. Coupled with "novice round" that conforms to the old rules. These rounds are not judged and will not go towards sweeps.

Terrin consolidated the discussion: make decision today about ITF events in 2017, and

Zack moved that the state drama following Laramie the individual acting events follow ITF rules (mono, duet, ensemble, musical etc.) with concurrent novice entries (like existing rules) & workshops not to be entered in sweeps. (Basically making ITF events the qualifiers, and the existing events exhibitions. Numbers in these exhibition events would be based on availability [first come-first served].)

Dra/Com Duet/Mon =Master Classes

Limit for each ITF category would be 4 per event (i.e. 4 musical duets, 4)

“Superiors”=All-State

Sweepstakes can be done via a raw score.

2nd Merlin

Vote: Unanimously passed

Motion Carried

One-Acts: ITF does 45-min chapter select shows. ITF is a proscenium space, so the prosceniums to date have gone.

Zach proposes that the first place one-acts will be shown at state.

Audience votes what best represents WY (Proscenium, Arena, GPA). That determines what goes on to state. Winners will have to say “Yes, I’m willing to pay to take my kids to nationals.” If not, 2nd place winner goes. Perhaps ask all three shows if they’re up for nationals *before* the show; if not, they’re off the ballot, but still get to perform at the showcase.

Concern about large schools’ students weighting the results in voting in the showcase.

Zach moved to change the name “GPA” to “Devised Theatre”.

Emily seconded.

Zach amended: for the state drama after Laramie

Sara seconded Zach’s amendment.

Vote on Zach’s amendment: Unanimous

Motion Carries

Vote on Zach’s initial motion to change the name “GPA” to “Devised Theatre”:

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Carries

Other Business

Motion to adjourn by Merlin 2nd Bethany

Meeting Adjourned