**Texas Association of Student Councils**

**Board of Directors Meetings**

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – 8:00 am

Arlington Sheraton Hotel – World Series Room

President Ema Waring called the TASC Board of Directors meeting to order.

Vice President Lainey Freeman gave the invocation.

Parliamentarian Jarret Carnes led the board in the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Secretary Cheney Stephenson called roll. All members of the board were present except Dr. Herb Cox, TASSP President.

President Ema Waring welcomed guests, Kelly Akins and Gibby Widner from Eastlake High School in Socorro ISD and Jack Tucker, member of the NASSP Student Leadership Advisory Committee.

Jack Tucker brought greetings from the NASSP Student Leadership Advisory Committee. He gave a report about his time working with the national organization and shared the initiatives of the organization. The main initiative for the fall of 2020 is “Engaging Change.”

Ema Waring and Jarrett Carnes gave a report about the Senate Youth Program which they both attended. They thanked TASC and TASSP for the nomination to attend the week-long event in Washington, D.C. They met the Texas senators, the President and other government leaders.

Lainey Freeman and Cheney Stephenson reported on the TASB Winter Governance Conference. Lainey and Cheney presented a session on the TASC State Project which addresses mental wellness in our schools. Other TASC schools also presented sessions at the conference.

President Ema Waring asked the board to review the TASC Board of Directors meeting minutes from November 9, 2018. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

President Ema Waring reviewed the goals of TASC and directed the board’s attention to the Presidents Award Report in the minutes.

Vice President Advisor Lianna Gantz reported on the State Service Project and some of the challenges she encountered when collecting the data and presenting it in a way that reveals the hard work of the state members during the year.

Madeleine Jones, Conference Coordinator from Killeen High School, gave a report on the Annual Conference.

Jarret Carnes reported on the process for judging the Top Ten/Five Projects Competition. One issue that he noted was the difficulty some students had in accessing the applications on the website. He also suggested that an award be added for schools who opt to collaborate with another school/s within their district. Jarret announced this year’s winning schools in the Top Ten Projects Competition.

Cheney Stephenson reported on the process for judging the Top Ten/Top Five Videos Competition and announced this year’s winning schools.

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Past President Advisor Katie Keyes reported on the amazing applications received for the TASC Scholarship and the TASSP Scholarship. She made a recommendation on how to manage a tie should a tie occur in either competition. She also encouraged more schools and individuals to apply for these scholarships.

Lianna Gantz discussed the process for the Credentials Committee. The work of the committee begins immediately following the Board meeting. Lianna provided several recommendations for next year.

Terry Hamm announced the names of advisors running for the three-year term as an Elected Advisor on the Board of Directors.

Secretary Advisor Tori Beutnagel reported on the Tabulations Committee. There is a major change this year since we will be using electronic voting for the first time with Election Runner whose representatives will be onsite during the conference.

Parliamentarian Advisor Randi Shaw reported on the Meet the Candidates sessions. She has developed a checklist for each room.

Elected Advisor Jennifer Locke reported on the Audience Etiquette Committee. Brian Meyer and Ryan Golden are helping with the committee along with other schools that were invited to help with crowd control at each general session. Terry Hamm reported that additional police were hired for the state conference this year in order to ensure everyone’s safety.

The National Student Council Awards have been announced. Ms. Hamm does not receive the list of winners from the national organization, but some board members indicated that their schools received the award. Terry Hamm also announced the Region 8 Middle School Advisor of the Year is Lisa Gilbert and the Region 8 High School Advisor of the year is Lianna Gantz. These advisors will be recognized at the NSC Conference in Pittsburgh this summer.

Terry Hamm discussed plans for the 2019 Advisors Workshop in September in San Marcos.

Terry Hamm reported that NCSA/NASSCED meetings took place in Atlanta in December and that many TASC Summer Workshop directors and consultants were able to attend.

Elected Advisors John Fabro and Jaime Hicks discussed the continuing initiatives to increase TASC membership among middle schools in Texas. They suggested creating a document for middle school advisors detailing how to organize a student council at the middle level.

Elected Advisor Jennifer Locke discussed Membership Initiatives specifically related to rectifying bounced emails. The next step is to continue working on these and contacting the schools personally to obtain updated advisor information.

Cheney Stephenson gave the report on Social Media. Many students have utilized the Twitter account and continue to do so.

Lianna Gantz took the lead in submitting the Ardis Kyker Award by gathering information from all the Community Service State Reports. She discussed the process she used in evaluating the data. Terry Hamm thanked Lianna for her efforts in getting the report submitted to the national organization.

Terry Hamm discussed revisions to the TASC Summer Leadership Workshop Policies. She made some

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recommendations to general workshop safety practices based on Trinity University’s request for specifics in this area prior to a contract being signed. One issue was criminal background checks for all adults and peer mentors. Ms. Hamm discussed the role of the Junior Counselors in particular. She presented the new safety practices which were approved by a vote of the Board earlier this year.

A recommendation was made that TASC dues remain $85 per school for the 2019-2020 school year.

A recommendation was made for the TASC Advisors Workshop registration fee be increased by $5, making the early bird registration fee $135 and registration fee after the early bird deadline $150.

The recommendation was made for the 2019 Middle Level Conference registration fee to remain the same as last year: early bird registration $60 and registration fee after the early bird deadline $65.

Terry Hamm also spoke about her continued search for corporate partners to assist with financial support of the Annual Conference. She also discussed the TASC Summer Leadership Workshops and the Advanced Leadership Workshops.

Terry Hamm also announced the increase in membership for this school year which is the largest membership in TASC history. There are currently 1,393 member schools as of 4/6/2019. Terry also mentioned numerous people who represented TASC during the year by making presentations, serving on national boards, attending the Senate Youth Program, and the Texas nominees for the National Advisor of the Year.

Terry Hamm updated the board on the TASSP Student Leadership Course which was due for renewal this year. The course was renewed for a three-year period. It was acknowledged that this course is very important to TASC advisors and our organization. It was recommended that we work with TASSP regarding developing a process to determine what data is needed when we apply for renewal in three years and a method of obtaining that data.

**Action Items:**

**B, C, D.:** Lianna Gantz moved to maintain the current TASC dues of $85, increase Advisor Workshop registration by $5 to $135 for early bird registration and $150 registration fee after the early bird deadline, and maintain the current middle level conference registration at $60 early registration and $65 registration fee after the early bird deadline. Second by Ryan Golden. Motion passed.

**E.:**  Brian Meyer moved to adopt the revisions to the Summer Leadership Workshop Policies as presented. Second by Katie Keyes. Ryan Golden recused herself because of a conflict of interest. Motion passed.

Ms. Hamm discussed the upcoming events for this summer and the 2019-2020 school year. She thanked Ryan Golden for her service to the Board as an elected advisor from 2016-2019.

President Ema Waring thanked the Board for their work this past year and adjourned the TASC Board of Directors meeting.

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