**Texas Association of Student Councils**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

November 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center -- Chautauqua A

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 for Middle Level Elected Advisor John Fabro.

President Ema Waring welcomed guests, Kelly Akins from Eastlake High School in Socorro ISD and the Marshall Junior High Student Council and their advisor, Jasmine Johnson.

President Ema Waring asked the board to review the TASC Board of Directors meeting minutes from July 31, 2018. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as written.

Marshall Junior High School serves as the Middle Level State Conference Coordinator School. Jasmine Johnson, advisor, and members of the student council reported that they are happy to host the event and the State Service Project on Mental Wellness will be incorporated throughout the conference.

Conference Coordinator Madeleine Jones gave the 2019 State Conference report and discussed decorations, planned activities, and ways to manage the limited space at the Arlington Convention Center this year.

Tori Beutnagel addressed online voting, including the logistics and options available to us. Concerns were brought up about the internet capability. Terry Hamm suggested conducting a trial run of one of the programs at a district conference.

President Ema Waring invited Kelly Akins to join the board at the table.

Jennifer Locke spoke about the membership initiative and the progress towards recruitment, retention and renewal.

Lisa Gilbert updated the board on the Middle Level programming initiative. She spoke about modifying the middle level state projects report forms so Middle Level students can complete the reports on their own. A Middle Level handbook has been added to the TASC website.

Ryan Golden spoke about the ongoing district initiative. She suggested that the Board select two districts per year that need assistance and send an advisor trainer to their Fall District Meetings. Select two other districts the following year and provide advisor training. The TASSP representatives on the Board affirmed that student council presentations at the TASSP region meetings each fall have made a huge impact on the administrators in attendance. This practice should be continued.

Chad Cooke presented the modifications to the Energy & Environment report form and the presentations the President School has made at district conferences.

Travis Waltz reported that no changes are needed to the DASH report form.

Tori Beutnagel reported on the Pride & Patriotism presentations at Advisors Workshop and the presentation occurring at the Middle Level Conference.

Lianna Gantz discussed the Community Service report form and the Excel spreadsheet for Community Service which may be easier to use than Word for totaling points, service hours and cash and goods donations.

Randi Shaw spoke about the Outstanding Student Council report form and the presentation given at Advisors Workshop.

Katie Keyes spoke about the Sweepstakes form and the possibility of adding a higher goal, such as NSC’s “National Gold Council of Excellence.”

Vice President Lainey Freeman gave the state service project report. She recommends being more involved on social media and encouraging District Coordinators to discuss the project at district meetings.

Secretary Cheney Stephenson made the social media report which included the creation of a YouTube channel for various videos as well as the response to our promotions of our state project.

Randi Shaw shared her efforts to personally contact each district coordinator about submitting their district’s updated constitution to the TASC office.

The student officers presented their top choices for Summer Leadership Workshop Themes.

1. Passion into Action
2. Agents of Change
3. Molecular Impact
4. Illuminate
5. One Team, One Mission

President Ema Waring relinquished her podium, and Vice President Lainey Freeman took her place in order for Ema to elaborate on a proposed Summer Workshop theme.

Chad Cooke gave the SASC Conference report. Azle and Boswell High Schools made the trip as the Texas delegation. He recommends encouraging more Texas councils to attend the 2019 SASC Conference in Sulphur, Louisiana, as well as the 2019-2020 state officers. He suggests hosting the SASC conference in Texas in the coming years.

Terry Hamm spoke about the training for Summer Leadership Workshop Directors and Consultants. TASC covered expenses for David Bowe to attend a Training Wheels Workshop, and the information he gathered will be shared with consultants in January 2019.

Archie McAfee gave the membership and participation report. There are currently 1,128 member councils, which is 100 more than this time last year.

Terry Hamm gave a report on the 2018 Summer Leadership Workshops. The one-day workshops for middle schools were successful, and she recommends adding more one-day workshops next summer. She also recommends reevaluating the 2020 salary scale for workshop staff.

Terry Hamm then spoke about the High School State Annual Conference including two schools who have filed to run for office. She also discussed possible locations for future the High School Conferences. She explained the reasons we are considering leaving the Arlington Convention Center and the locations that have replied to our RFP’s. These include the Delta in Allen, the Anatole in Dallas, and the Irving Convention Center. Board members who had the chance to visit the sites gave their opinions on the subject. Ms. Hamm also spoke about safety concerns at the convention centers and the appeal of Six Flags in the conference schedule.

Terry Hamm spoke about next summer’s NSC Conference, June 24-26, 2019, in McDonald, Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh). Ms. Hamm recommends that one student attend the Conference, possibly the student representing the Conference Coordinator School, to hear keynote speakers that might be considered for TASC. TASC will cover travel and registration to the NSC for any advisor who receives Region 8 Advisor of the Year Award.

The Vision Conference is scheduled for June 21-23, 2019, in Pearcy, Arkansas (near Hot Springs). In July 2018, the Board voted that the state officers will attend the Vision Conference in 2019. This conference will be held in Las Cruses, New Mexico, in 2020.

Terry Hamm spoke about the evaluations received from Advisors Workshop. Most of the evaluations were very positive. However, there were a few concerns about there not being enough breakout sessions pertaining to NHS/NJHS. Ms. Hamm is going to contact NHS/NJHS advisors attending the 2018 workshop and request their participation as presenters at the 2019 Advisors Workshop.

Terry Hamm updated the Board on the Student Leadership Course Curriculum Academy, Advanced Leadership Workshops, and NASSCED.

Ms. Hamm announced that the Texas nominees for the Warren E. Shull Advisor of the Year Award are Lianna Gantz from Central High School in Keller ISD and Lisa Gilbert from Ed Irons Middle School in Lubbock.

Terry Hamm announced that there are three applicants for the Middle Level Elected Advisor to the Board of Directors.

Ed Irons Middle School applied to serve as Conference Coordinator School for the 2019 Middle Level State Annual Conference.

Eastlake High School in Socorro ISD applied to serve as the Conference Coordinator School for the 2020 High School State Annual Conference.

Terry Hamm spoke about the donations from student councils across the state for Santa Fe High School, an active member of TASC. Almost $10,000 was donated for Santa Fe.

Terry Hamm spoke about the Pat Kirshner award and the nomination of Pat Finch for the 2019 award by David Bowe.

The Board viewed the video promoting TASC made by the state officers that morning.

Katie Keyes discussed the work of the committee in charge of updating the Student Leadership Course Curriculum, which was written in 2009. The committee has assigned TEKS to all the activities and will test and update all links throughout the curriculum and eliminate and/or update outdated lessons.

Brian Meyer expressed his concern about offering an invocation at all TASC events. Some Board members recommended that the invocation be changed to a “moment of silence” or “moment of reflection,” and other Board members felt that an invocation is appropriate at TASC events.

Lianna Gantz discussed the work that she and Laurie Zuehlke did to review advisor materials and resources on the TASC website. Their recommendations include relocating specific resources and renaming website pages to make the website more user friendly.

Terry Hamm shared her recommended changes to the Texas Star Award. The changes include enlarging the parameters allowing any TASC member, student or advisor, to nominate a past or present advisor for the Texas Star Award, regardless of the number of years served as an advisor. The award is given by the Board of Directors to an advisor who has served at least 30 years and has made major contributions to the state association and district organizations. The list of Texas Stars is small but distinguished.

Terry Hamm addressed the use of a mobile app at the Annual Conference. The TASC office uses the same mobile app as TASSP and TAFE associations. After researching options, the decision was made that all three associations will use the Socio mobile app. For 2019, the mobile app will not replace a printed program because the bandwidth at the Sheraton Hotel may not be enough for 5,000 users.

Parliamentarian Jarret Carnes spoke about the student officer’s idea to invite the Middle Level Host Advisor to the TASC July Board of Directors Meeting and planning day. He expressed concern that decisions were being made for the Middle Level Conference without input from the Host School. The recommendation is to invite the Middle Level Host advisor to the July Board of Directors Meeting as a nonvoting member.

Terry Hamm discussed the site for future Middle Level State Conferences. The 2019, 2020 and 2021 Middle Level Conferences will be hosted at the San Marcos Embassy Suites and Conference Center.

**Action Items:**

1. Participation at NSC Conferences: Lianna Gantz moved to send the Conference Coordinator student or an appointed designee to the NSC conference. Ryan Golden seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Brian Meyer moved to amend the motion to replace “send” with “pay conference registration and hotel for.” Madeleine Jones seconded the amendment. The amendment passed.  Carrie Jackson moved to approve the amended motion. Herb Cox seconded the motion. The amended motion passed.
2. 2019 Middle Level Annual Conference Coordinator School: Katie Keyes moved to accept Ed Irons Middle School as the 2019 Middle Level Conference Coordinator School. Randi Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. 2020 High School State Annual Conference Coordinator School: Travis Waltz moved to accept Eastlake High School as the 2020 Conference Coordinator. Jennifer Locke seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Pat Kirschner Award: Jennifer Locke moved to accept Pat Finch as the recipient of the Pat Kirshner Award. Ryan Golden seconded the motion. Motion passed.
5. Texas Star Award: Cheney Stephenson moved to accept the recommended changes to the Texas Star Award. Travis Waltz seconded the motion. Motion passed.
6. Addition of Middle Level Conference Coordinator to the Board of Directors: Jarret Carnes moved that the Middle Level Host Advisor be invited to the July Board of Directors Meeting as a nonvoting member and the workday prior to the Board of Directors Meeting. Madeleine Jones seconded the motion. Conversation ensued over the benefit of them being there, versus the cost. Ema Waring restated the motion. Terry Hamm called the motion to question. Motion did not pass.

Terry Hamm reviewed the other business and gave the board a round of applause for their commitment and passion. She hopes the trays “serve you well.” She then presented Lisa Gilbert with an award in appreciation for her 3 years of service on the TASC Board of Directors.

President Ema Waring adjourned the TASC Board of Directors meeting.

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Archie E. McAfee, Executive Director