

**TSJCL Fall Board Meeting Westlake High School Austin, Texas September
7th, 2019**

I. Call to Order and Attendance

Attendance

Troy Schouten *President*
Lorelei Ing *First Vice President*
Devansh Dalal *Second Vice President*
Kagan Baker *Outreach Coordinator*
Katiana Soenen *Secretary*
Urvi Alamela *Parliamentarian*
Merissa Hall *Treasurer*
Emma Schmidt *Historian*
Monique Hoarau *Editor*
Pranav Yalamanchili *Webmaster*
Trinity Ramm and Lan Nguyen *Area A chairs*
Thelo Lewis *Area B Chair*
Abigail Rieger *Area C Chair*
Jessica Liu *Area D Chair*
Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese *Area F Chairs*
Brian Earle and Alivia Mayfield *Convention Coordinators*
Lauren Dill *State Chair*
William Lee *State Chair*
Kimberly Read *State Chair*
Mary Beinemann *State Chair*
Miranda Wenzlaff *State Chair*
Josh Dollar *Area D Sponsor*
Courtney Herring *Area C Sponsor*
Melisande Santos *Second VP Sponsor*
Kemy Van Eirmeren *Area B Sponsor*
William Mckinnerney *SCL*
Andy Ellis *Secretary Sponsor*
Michael Waehner *Convention Host*
Jennie Luongo *First VP and Historian Sponsor*
Nathan Shelton *TXSCL Treasurer*
Will Snider
Paula Read and Larry Martin *Area D and Webmaster Sponsors*

Troy Schouten, TSJCL President, calls the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

II. Old Business

1. Minutes from State Convention: Secretary Katiana Soenen

The TSJCL board reviews minutes from the State Convention.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the minutes.

Carter Wiese so moves.

Urvi Alamela seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 10:27 AM.

2. Minutes from the Spring Board Meeting: *Secretary Katiana Soenen*

The TSJCL board reviews minutes from the Spring Board Meeting.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the minutes.
Devansh Dalal so moves.
Kagan Baker seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 10:54 AM.

3. Minutes from the National Convention: *Secretary Katiana Soenen*

The TSJCL board reviews minutes from the National Convention.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to approve the minutes.
Carter Wiese so moves.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 10:58 PM.

4. Officer Reports

i. *President Troy Schouten*

Since the Spring Board Meeting, I attended the NJCL Convention at NDSU and completed my duties there, including Nominations Committee and the Constitutional Revisions meeting. I also led the State Fellowships. After the convention, I sent out a travel reminder to officers, chairs, and sponsors. I then sent out the official invitation and agenda for the Fall Board Meeting. I have revised the English Oratory rules and judging sheets, as well as completing this here Officer Report. I have looked at potential new additions to the TSJCL and the state convention. I have also proposed the new theme for the state convention. I have worked with other officers as needed

ii. *First Vice President Lorelei Ing*

Since the last board meeting, I have attended Nationals where I help lead spirit and the TSJCL delegation with my fellow officers. I have worked closely with my sponsor and mentor to revise the academic and Certamen rules for the 2019-2020 year. I have contacted and received quotes from trophy companies in the Houston area and Austin, and in the next few days will be selecting the company which will provide the awards for the 2020 state convention.

iii. *Second Vice President Devansh Dalal*

Since the last meeting I attended National Convention at North Dakota State University. There I did a lot of things. I led spirit with the other officers. We participated in team

building activities like pandora's box. Then we would lead the state fellowships late at night and we really bonded there. Then I revised the Classical Civilization rules for the 2020 State Convention. I also wrote the creative writing and research paper prompts with advice and input from my sponsor Magistra Santos and Mrs.Read.

iv. Secretary Katiana Soenen

Since the last board meeting, I attended the National Convention, where I attended and took minutes for all TSJCL fellowships at convention. I also created the welcome letter for the Membership Packet which can be found in the Drobox. I have also begun researching and reaching out to potential colloquia speakers for the State Convention this spring.

v. Treasurer Merissa Hall

TSJCL TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2019

MERISSA HALL

Starting Balance (May 22, 2019): \$93,710.26

Balance at Hand: \$55,138.42

Income	\$8,086.86
State Convention Payments	\$780.00
2019 NJCL T-Shirt Sales	\$6,576.00
Postage for t-shirts	\$7.35
Deposit for remainder of 2018 State Convention Seed Fund	\$531.51
Donations	\$12.00
2018 NJCL T-shirts	\$125.00
SCL Membership Dues	\$55.00

Expenditures	\$46,658.70
Storage	\$204.00
SBM Travel	\$5,815.84
SBM Breakfast and Lunch	\$601.78
State Host Stipend	\$4,000.00
State Supplies	\$127.17
State Food	\$12,967.00
State Extra Awards	\$76.48
State T-shirt proceeds	\$3,771.00
SBM 2018 travel (check rewrite)	\$341.59
2018 NJCL Registration (check rewrite)	\$495.00
TXJCL.org and TSJCL.org Domain Names	\$31.98
Webhosting & State Online Simulcast	\$96.88
PO Box Renewal	\$118.00
Aristotle Award Nationals Registration	\$495.00
Certamen Team Nationals Registration	\$1,980.00

TSJCL Officers Nationals Registration	\$8,415.00
Spirit Props for Nationals	\$507.31
State T-Shirts for Nationals	\$6,355.00
Insurance Policy Premium 2019-2020	\$694.00
Mistaken use of debit card (to be refunded)	\$13.65
Scholarships Contribution to TCA	\$1,050.00
Refund for Overpayment of State registration	\$90.00
Adjustment (check was never deposited)	\$-222.36
Adjustment (lost check)	\$-530.00
Adjustment (lost + check rewrite)	\$-836.59
Square Deposit to set up account	\$0.97

vi. Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker

Since the last board meeting, I lead an attempt at a cheer contest. I put all spirit chants on Instagram, doubled the TSJCL Instagram follower count, and ran spirit at nationals. I also made updated plans for social media, spirit, and service, that were left by Will.

vii. Historian Emma Schmidt

This past summer, I attended the National Convention where I took many pictures of the Texas delegation, all of which are uploaded to Flickr. I connected with the incoming National historian and other state historians to share tips and advice. We discussed different designing and editing programs' strengths, best ways to communicate with local clubs and historians, and more. At Nationals, I also talked to several local historians about the upcoming year and resources. Since Nationals, I have been brainstorming ideas for the State Scrapbook, edited the Publicity, Scrapbook, Poster, Illustrated Quotations, and Cartoons Contests' rules, and have submitted an application to Canva to get a free subscription. Finally, I've investigated prices and companies for getting a new TSJCL Banner.

viii. Parliamentarian Urvi Alamela

At Nationals, I attended the Nominations Committee, the Constitutional Amendments Committee, and Fellowship. I talked to every candidate and took detailed notes of their campaign. I wrote a script to make the voting assembly move quickly. Troy and I led Voting Fellowship, and I led Texas to approve of the proposed amendments to the NJCL Constitution and Bylaws.

Since the Convention, I sent google forms to gather information from students interested in running/applying for TSJCL Office. However, I only received four responses. I also had only thirteen people initially show interest at Nationals. I plan to increase interest in the upcoming month. I wrote a proposed amendment to the Bylaws (yet to be approved by mentor), as well as a Sponsor and Student Officer Interest Letter.

ix. Editor Monique Hoarau

Since Nationals, I've been planning out the fall edition Torch, writing drafts, and making outlines. I'm in the process of purchasing an editing/writing software for the Torch and am making plans to start requesting articles from other members, such as TSJCL officer introductions to put in the Torch. After reviewing the TSJCL photography contest and T-shirt contest rules, I've seen no issue with them, and have decided to keep the current rules and regulations as they are.

x. Webmaster Pranav Yalamanchili

Since Nationals, my main priorities were to get all of the officers switched to their new officer emails. I removed a lot of the old messages in the Forum section to make room for new announcements and news. The TSJCL Nats results have been posted. I hope, in the next couple weeks, to get approved pictures from the TSJCL Historian to use on the website. I also noticed that the search for the documents in the archives does not always work, especially on Safari, so I am going to look into that.

xi. Area A Chairs Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm

Since the Spring Board Meeting, we assembled, sent, and brought props for "Planet of the Apes" spirit day to Nationals (including icon Jerry the Alien) and helped run that day of spirit. The date for Area A Convention has been set for February 22nd, 2020 at Klein Collins High School. We also revised the rules for vocal contests.

xii. Area B Chair Thelo Lewis

Since the Spring Board Meeting, I have made props for the "Violets are Purple, Honey is Gold" spirit day and helped lead spirit with the other officers at nationals. I also revised the Latin Oratory rules and judging sheets. The date for the Area B convention is set to be February 21st for Certamen and February 22nd for the main convention, at Brennan High School in San Antonio, TX.

xiii. Area C Chair Rori Coleman

Since the Spring Board meeting, Rori Coleman attended the nationals convention in North Dakota and supplied props for Poseidon's Day.

We have scheduled the Area C convention date for February 15th. Facilities at our main campus and adjoining 9th grade center have been secured for the day. Contest rules for Costume have been updated and are now in the Dropbox. Changes to existing rules are highlighted in yellow; additions have been highlighted in blue. We are in the process of updating the judges' sheets and contest procedures.

xiv. Area D Chair Jessica Liu

Since the Spring Board Meeting, I have attended nationals where I helped other officers lead spirit, pass out t-shirts, and helped my sponsor sell extra t-shirts. The Area D convention will be held at Amarillo High and is set for January 25, 2020. I have also updated the play rules for the 2019-2020 school year.

xv. Area F Chairs Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese

Since the last board meeting, we attended Nationals, where we coordinated spirit for State Day. We have also had our school's Latin Club members take a survey to gauge how many students can volunteer during the Area F Convention. In order to gain more volunteers, we have also communicated with our school's NHS officers about making the convention a source of service hours. In preparation for this meeting, we have made

two new flyers for the talent show with printer friendly versions. These flyers include the rules of the talent show and the link to an audition sign-up form.

xvi. Convention Coordinators Alivia Mayfield and Brian Earle

Since the last board meeting, Brian attended Nationals and completed all responsibilities thereof. We have generated lists of hotels that we've contacted about the event, local attractions in the Houston area, and a preliminary list of catering locations. We have contacted our school's various Honor Societies and JROTC (as well as Latin Club) regarding volunteering at the convention. We have also put consideration into more specific parts of the convention to be discussed later in the State Update.

State Update

- March 27-28 at Clear Falls High School
- Printed meal tickets on name tags seem good, but we'd like to bring back the plastic protectors
- We are inclined to not do homerooms because our school has enough large gathering space. Instead, have a few quiet "Introvert Recharge" rooms set aside?
- Combine info desk and lost and found into one?
- Volunteers- Latin Club, JROTC, NHS, SNHS, etc.
- Catering instead of food trucks, more details to come
- Things to do around Houston/Clear Lake
- Winter board meeting date
- Discuss how much space is needed by each competition after the meeting

III. New Business

1. Trophy Report: First Vice President Lorelei Ing

Lorelei Ing updates board on the status of the trophies for the State Convention. She states that she has contacted six companies of which six replied. She mentions that she likes Crown Trophies as they are most cost-effective. She adds that purchasing the trophies directly from Houston would reduce prices as well.

Troy entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to begin voting.

Devansh Dalal moves the begin voting.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 11:14 PM.

Emma Schmidt moves to work with Crown Trophies, Houston.

Abigail Rieger seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 11:15 AM.

2. Proposed 2019-2020 TSJCL Budget: Treasurer Merissa Hall

Merissa Hall reviews the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 year.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Urvi Alamela moves to begin voting.
Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:18 AM.

Devansh Dalal moves to approve the budget.
Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.
The motion passes 11:18 AM.

3. Membership Packet: *Secretary Katiana Soenen*

Katiana Soenen reviews the welcome letter for the membership packet.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Urvi Alamela moves to begin voting.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:24 AM.

Thelo Lewis moves to approve the letter.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:25 AM.

4. Revision of Contest Rules

i. English Oratory Contest: *President Troy Schouten*

Troy Schouten reviews his edits to the English Oratory contest rules.
The Chairs state that the convention theme should be approved before the board can approve the contest rule revisions.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Kagan Baker moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:28 AM.

Davansh Dalal states that he thinks including a pronunciation guide would be helpful, as not everyone knows Greek.

Kagan Baker agrees; he also doesn't know what the theme means.

Ms. Wenzlaff mentions that she does not think Greek is a good idea, as some teachers are not familiar with the language.

Lorelei Ing proposes having the theme in both Greek and Latin.

Devansh Dalal states that the language does not matter if we include a pronunciation guide.

Kagan Baker thinks that posting a video of Troy defining and saying the theme on Instagram might be helpful.

Abigail Rieger mentions that not all people will have an Instagram.

Lorelei Ing suggests we do both.

Urvi Alamelu still likes the idea of using both Greek and Latin.
Devansh Dalal disagrees; he thinks it might be better to only use one language.
Emma Schmidt suggests including a link to a video of Troy pronouncing the theme in the membership packet for those who don't have an Instagram.
The floor closes at 11:33 AM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Devansh Dalal moves to begin voting.
Carter Wiese seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:34 PM.

Kagan Baker moves to approve the theme with a link to a pronunciation guide in the membership packet as well as the remainder of the contest rules.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 11:35 AM.

ii. Academic Contests and Certamen: *First Vice President Lorelei Ing*

Lorelei Ing changed the wording relating to testing levels to correspond more clearly with Latin levels as opposed to years.
The Chairs agree and further clarify the wording. They also suggest changing the dates for the Roman History contest to 753 BCE – 31 BCE to reflect the years of the monarchy and republic.

Lorelei Ing states that she edited the Certamen rules to reflect the new rules for the National Convention. Her goal with this is to promote growth in the novice division. She states that if a team in the novice division wins 1st at state they must level up to intermediate the following year regardless of level.

Mr. Lee agrees but thinks that the rule should apply to all teams who reach the final round.

Ms. Dill does not think this is fair, as some teams get to finals because they simply get lucky.

Ms. Luongo agrees with the revision because she believes that kids who go to nationals in Certamen will spend months preparing and will thus have a significant advantage the following year. For this reason, they should not be allowed to go back into the novice division.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion.
Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 7 minutes.
Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 11:51 AM.

Mr. Lee still thinks that the new rule should apply to all members of finals, as they still have the choice to practice over the Summer.

Devansh Dalal asks why we don't allow more than five teams per division at state.

Mr. Lee explains that allowing more teams would be too difficult logistically, so we only allow one team per area.

The floor closes at 11:58 AM.

Troy entertains motions to reopen the floor for discussion.

Carter Wiese moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.

Trinity Ramm seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 11:59 AM.

Kagan Baker states that he is confused, as he does not play certamen.

Lorelei Ing clarifies that she believes the current rule is unfair, as it allows a player to compete in the novice division a second year even if they win state. She thinks that changing this rule might increase participation.

The floor closes at 12:04 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.

Carter Wiese seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 12:06 PM.

Devansh Dalal asks what the chairs think about the rule change.

Ms. Read states that they do not agree and cannot say for sure.

Troy Schouten asks what we are voting on.

Ms. Dill clarifies that we are voting to either approve all of Lorelei's changes or to propose new changes.

Lorelei Ing proposes sending two novice teams to nationals.

Ms. Dill states that this would cost more money.

The floor closes at 12:10 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.

Carter Wiese moves to open the floor for 7 minutes.

Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 12:10 PM.

Mr. Lee continues talking about expenditures. He states that since we already approved the budget, we might want to postpone this discussion.

Abigail Rieger asks if adding teams would increase dues.

Ms. Dill reassures the board that this would not impact dues in the near future.

Thelo Lewis suggests also reviewing how the state funds teams, especially if we send two teams from the novice division to nationals.

Lorelei Ing states that it would be more equitable to fully fund all four teams if we send four to nationals.

The floor closes at 12:18 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 7 minutes.

Lan Nguyen seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 12:18 PM.

Trinity Ramm asks whether level 2 students can still play in intermediate if they do not make finals.

Ms. Dill explains that this is clear in the rules, but the confusion arises for students in level 1/2 a and 1/2 b.

Mr. Lee adds that he would not feel comfortable allowing teams who place 1st and 2nd at state and travel to nationals (if Texas sends two teams to nationals) to compete again in novice.

Ms. Luongo expresses concern that a middle school team that is forced to play up as an intermediate team might do poorly in intermediate and would then not be prepared for advanced the following year.

Mr. Lee mentions that he expects around 90% of kids to be successful in intermediate.

Ms. Luongo disagrees as she thinks that, based on her experience, kids are not always successful when playing up.

Will Snider adds that there are many factors that could contribute to a student's ability to succeed, and not all are related to certamen.

The floor closes at 12:25 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 15 minutes.

There is no second. The motion fails.

Carter Wiese moves to open the floor for 8 minutes.

Emma Schmidt seconds the motion.

The motion passes. The floor opens at 12:26 PM.

Devansh Dalal clarifies that we are discussing whether or not to fund a total of four teams to travel to nationals (two novice teams) and whether or not these two novice teams should be required to play in intermediate the following year.

Mr. Lee states that we all seem to agree. He asks what the certamen players on the board think.

Josh Dollar states that the solution for NCJCL was to allow middle schoolers to play two years in intermediate if necessary. He proposes a similar rule for Texas.

Ms. Luongo adds that the NJCL rules allow students in 1/2 b to play a second year in intermediate.

Trinity Ramm states that not all schools allow their 1/2 students to play.

Ms. Luongo clarifies that the intent of the rule change is to promote enthusiasm and not to limit practice.

The floor closes at 12:32 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for 15 minutes.
Trinity Ramm seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 12:33 PM.

Devansh Dalal clarifies that we are now discussing whether or not middle schoolers (8th grade or below) can play a second year in intermediate if they do not get to finals.
Emma Schmidt asks how this affects high schoolers.
Troy Schouten states that it shouldn't affect them.
Lorelei Ing adds that this rule would mean that 1/2 b students would have more experience than level one students in high school.
Davansh states that no rule will be flawless, and someone will always be at a slight disadvantage.
Trinity Ramm suggests opening a middle school division.
Emma Schmidt likes the idea, but reminds all that some middle schoolers would have far more experience than others, as some might be in Latin 2 or even 3.
The floor closes at 12:48 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Devansh Dalal moves to begin voting.
Jessica Liu seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 12:49 PM.

Lorelei Ing moves to approve that teams that place first and second at state in the novice division must compete in intermediate the following year.
Merissa Hall seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 12:55 PM.

Pranav Yalamanchili moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.
Devansh Dalal asks what level 1/2 a and b mean.
Emma Schmidt clarifies that some schools split level 1 into two sections.
The floor closes at 1:01 PM.

Davansh Dalal moves to reopen the floor for 10 minutes.
Lorelei Ing seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 1:02 PM.

Troy Schouten asks what we are discussing.
Lorelei Ig states that we are deciding if we would like to make a specific rule for level 1/2 a and 1/2 b students.
Urvi Alamela suggests doing an informal vote for some more direction in the discussion.
The informal vote is inconclusive.
The floor closes at 1:12 PM.

Troy entertains motions to recess for a 5-minute break.

Davansh Dalal so moves.
Kagan Baker seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 1:12 PM.

The meeting is resumed at 1:20 PM.
Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Devansh Dalal moves to reopen the floor for 6 minutes.
Pranav Yalamanchili second the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 1:20 PM.

Davansh Dalal reminds board that the goal is to make the most people happy.
Urvi Alamela suggests another informal vote.
She proposes an informal vote to keep the rules for time played in intermediate as they are.
The informal vote passes.
The floor closes at 1:26 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Carter Wiese moves to begin voting.
Kagan Baker seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 1:27 PM.

Urvi Alamela moves to approve the written changes to the rules and to state that all teams in the intermediate division may only compete there for one year.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 127 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Carter Wiese moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.
Devansh Dalal seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 1:31 PM.

Lorelei Ing proposes we send four teams to nationals (2 novice teams, one intermediate, and one advanced) and reimburse their registration fully.
Mr. Lee reassures the board to simply think about equity, as the organization is in good shape financially.
The floor closes at 1:36 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Devansh Dalal moves to begin voting.
Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 1:36 PM.

Lorelei Ing moves to vote for the TSJCL to fund four teams (2 novice teams, one intermediate, and one advanced) to go to nationals.

Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.
The motion passes at 1:37 PM.

Troy Schouten recesses for lunch for 30 minutes at 1:38 PM.

Troy Schouten resumes the meeting at 2:20 PM.

iii. Classical Civilization Contests: *Second Vice President Devansh Dalal*

Devansh Dalal shows his proposed essay and research paper topics to the board.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Pranav Yalamanchili moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.
Carter Wiese seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 2:28 PM.

Kagan Baker suggests the medical topic, as there is more research.
Troy Schouten agrees that there needs to be enough to research.
The floor closes at 2:23 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.
Lan Nguyen moves to open the floor for 3 minutes.
Lorelei Ing seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The floor opens at 2:33 PM.

Devansh Dalal proposes the current essay topic.
The floor closes at 2:37 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to discuss the judging rubric.
Lan Nguyen moves to open the floor for 5 minutes.
Trinity Ramm seconds the motion.
The motion fails at 2:40 PM.

iv. Publicity, Illustrated Quotes, Cartoons, and Scrapbook Contests: *Historian Emma Schmidt*

Emma Schmidt discusses changes to contest rules, including the Quotes contest incorporating Greek or Latin quotes and the requirement for a translation of any Greek or Latin text on the art card.

v. Multimedia Contest: *Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker*

Kagan Baker explains updates to Multimedia Contest rules.

vi. Photography and T-shirt Contests: *Editor Monique Hoarau*

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Monique Hoarau explains updates to the Photography and T-shirt contest rules.

viii. Vocal Contests: *Area A Chairs Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm*

Lan Nguyen and Trinity Ramm explain updates to Vocal contest rules.

ix. Latin Oratory Contest: *Area B Chair Thelo Lewis*

Thelo Lewis explains updates to Latin Oratory contest rules.

x. Costume Contest: *Area C Chair Rori Coleman*

Rori Coleman explains updates to Costume Contest rules.

xi. Play Contest: *Area D Chair Jessica Liu*

Jessica Liu explains changes made to Play contest rules.

xii. Talent Show Contest and Flyers: *Area F Chairs Shivani Lam and Carter Wiese*

Carter Wiese suggests allowing contestants to share music through a google form.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting.

Carter Wiese moves to begin voting.

Thelo Lewis seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:14 PM.

Devansh Dalal moves to approve all rule changes.

Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 3:15 PM. The rules are approved.

5. Sweepstakes *State Chairs*

The Chairs describe the new changes to the sweepstakes system.

The middle and Lower divisions will now be called the silver division and will include level2.

The high school levels 1-5 will be based on size. Red will be for chapters with 9 or less students, gold will be for chapters with 10-29 students, and

Lee- chairs looked at data and came up with new system purple will be for chapters with 30 or more students.

This information will be found in the membership packet.

6. Area Convention Updates: *All Area Chairs*

The Area A convention will be on February 8th and 9th at Clank Collins High School.
The Area B convention will be on February 21st and 22nd at Brennen High School
The Area C convention will be on February 15th at Hebron High School.
The area D convention will be on January 25th at Amarillo High.
The Area F convention will be on February 14th and 15th at Westlake High School.

7. Convention Update

i. Convention Details: *Convention Coordinators Alivia Mayfield and Brian Earle*

Alivia Mayfield and Brian Earle update all on their preparation for the convention.
The State Convention will be held on March 27th and 28th at Clear Falls High School.

ii. Convention Theme: *President Troy Schouten*

Troy Schouten presents the theme and agrees to include a pronunciation guide in the membership packet.

8. Social Media, Spirit, and Service Project Plans: *Outreach Coordinator Kagan Baker*

Kagan Baker announces that the service project will be in partnership with DePelchin Children's Center. He asks that attendees of the convention bring sunscreen, shampoo, toys, or other supplies. He also considers the idea of making jump ropes or cards at the convention.

Kagan Baker also discusses the possibility of doing coin wars at the convention. This will be decided at a later date.

9. Ludi Greek

Troy Schouten decided not to include this, as not many schools offer Greek.

10. Officer Skype Calls

Troy Schouten and Mr. Lee discuss the possibility of a skype chat with the board members.

Kagan Baker suggests and Instagram Q &A.

Mr. Lee thinks that a skype call would be better as it is more personal.

11. Winter Board Meeting

The Winter Board Meeting is set for January 18th, 2020 at Clear Falls High School.

12. Other New Business

Emma Schmidt discusses the possibility of buying a new Texas banner for nationals. Troy Schouten likes the idea but decides it would be best to discuss at the Winter Board Meeting.

Urvi Alamela proposes an amendment to the constitution to reflect that the Parliamentarian cannot serve to consecutive years as Parliamentarian, as he or she will play a large role in the elections.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting. Pranav Yalamanchili moves to begin voting. Carter Wiese seconds the motion. The motion passes at 4:03 PM.

Carter Wiese moves to propose the amendment. Thelo Lewis seconds the motion. The motion passes at 4:03 PM.

Urvi Alamela mentions that the NJCL changes the necessary chapter membership from 5 to 1 people.

Devansh Dalal moves to open the floor for one minute. Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion. The motion passes. The floor opens at 4:05 PM. KB states he likes the rule and thinks it is very fair. The floor closes at 4:06 PM.

Troy Schouten entertains motions to open the floor for discussion or to move to voting. Pranav Yalamanchili moves to begin voting. Carter Wiese seconds the motion. The motion passes at 4:07 PM.

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IV. Chair Announcements and Business

The Chairs make announcements concerning travel to board meetings.

Ms. Benemann reminds all to fly into Hobby airport in Houston if flying.
Mr. Lee reminds all to submit documents to Dropbox by deadlines.

V. Adjournment

Troy Schouten entertains motions to adjourn the meeting.
Kagan Baker so moves.
Pranav Yalamanchili seconds the motion.
The motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 4:15 PM.