**FALL MEETING MINUTES**

The fall meeting was conducted at the Virtual Illinois Communication and Theatre Association Convention

1. Call to Order: 9:42 by Jeff Przybylo Attendees: Jeff Przybylo, Vance Pierce, Star Lee, Chris Langone, Harry Bodell, Star Lee, John Stanley, Brian Cafarelli, Richard Payne, Kacy Stevens, Brian Asbury, Dana Trunell, Paul Cummins, Carolyn Clarke, David Nadolski, Megan Koch

The meeting began with introductions. Jeff announced the meeting would be recorded and Kacy would be monitoring the Chat. Jeff asked if people would please update their contacts. Brianna Geist from Aurora is no longer DOF, we are not sure if they will have a program this year.

1. Approval of Minutes from March meeting at IIFA State-

Motion to approve –Kacy , Paul seconds motion carries- - no abstentions . motion passes unanimously

1. Treasurers Report – the report presented at the March meeting was based on projections, we underestimated Speechwire but we overestimated the cost of hired judges, without Interstate we are ahead of where we usually are at this time. Motion to approve Treasurer’s report Dave N, Harry seconds. Treasurer’s report approved.
2. Concerns regarding IIFA at ICC- Jeff explained that there was a complaint from ICC regarding some items that were stolen. Jeff spoke with Bryan about the incident regarding some damaged property and some items that were taken. Jeff spoke with Bryan and addressed our concerns here with regard to this. Bryan noted that he spoke to them and reassured us that ICC would allow us back at the campus. Jeff noted that we really need to be vigilant regarding these kinds of “pranks”. In the future this will not be tolerated. Richard asked if we needed to compensate ICC. Bryan said that he feels that it is best to move on from this and that in the future we cannot tolerate any kind of activity like this. The board once again apologized to Bryan and thanked him for interceding on our part. Bryan said just as reminder it is our duty to coach and educate our students about situations on the competitive arena and outside as well.
3. Virtual Tournaments
* Jeff explained the new formulation of RAFL (region 4 ) this consist of most of the people who would have hosted their invitational tournaments. Jeff, Kacy, John Nash, Tim Anderson, will be serving as the team providing these tournaments. This is based on the MAFL. Different schools will “host” these. The Friday will be IPDA and Saturdays IE. This will be for community college students and students in their first year of competition. The format will be 8x8 forensics tournament.net There is a scrimmage planned just as a “walk through”- these will be synchronous they will also be awarding medals.
* Vance talked about Oct.17-18 for Chicago Swing that he will be doing with GSU and Northwestern . More information will follow. It will be synchronous.
* Richard talked about LPDL and the idea is to run regular style tournament, largely on Fridays. They are also on planning on having scrimmages that will be non-decision debate. Kacy, Richard, Harry and Matt Dupuis will serve on the board, contact any of them if you have received a mailing.- hosted on Zoom
* Matt Dupuis hopes to host MJack Parker at NIU only change it will be a Friday tournament.
* Jeff hopes to update the schedule on IIFA website. Jeff also recommends that to get a feel for this, you may want to judge a tournament.
* Chris Langone feels the scrimmage idea is a good one for debate, even after we go back to face to face. It could also help with recruitment.
* John Stanley also noted that scrimmages for IE – this would really help develop community during these times. This might also help with the isolation our students are experiencing. Some other comments were added about perhaps a master class. This would also help us as coaches and assisting with our students who could practice with other schools.
* Kacy suggested the idea of open practices, creating partnerships.
* Jeff also suggested perhaps creating a series of videos surrounding debate terminology.
1. The IIFA State Tournament
* Richard presented a proposal for IIFA and began with some history behind IIFA and the inclusion of debate at IIFA. The proposal suggests that IPDA and Parli to a previous weekend for this year, because it would really make this much easier to run this. The proposal would be that IPDA is one weekend, Fri/Sat Parli the next and then IE would stay first weekend in March, but could be changed to a 2day tournament instead of 3. Chris said that he thought IPDA should move to IE and Parli would be alone.
* Kacy discussed the burden of time on tabroom, students, and coaches. She feels that IPDA would be better on its own weekend. This has traditionally been a much larger field than Parli. She also feels that being on zoom for that long could be really problematic. Harry agreed that if we move one of them, it should be IPDA. There is not as much crossover with Parli as there is with IPDA.
* After much discussion Jeff noted there was some consensus that this will be an online tournament, IPDA will be 26-27 and Parli and IE will be in March. All the points will be the same it is just that IPDA will be tallied done.
* Megan asked for clarification of dates, that would be iPDA on 26 prelims and 27th and IE on March 6-7 – discussion followed regarding the MAFL on the 26-27 . Discussion continued to ensue regarding which one to move, there appeared to be consensus to move IPDA.
* Some discussion involved possible weekdays for debate.
* Bryan motioned that the Board comes up with a variety of possible schedule and then do an email vote. Kacy asked if we were going to create a 2 weekend schedule, or a 1 weekend option or a 3 weekend option.
* Jeff concluded that the board would get to work
1. 2022 location

Jeff motioned that the tournament go to NIU, Richard seconds.. motion carries

1. Jeff noted the internship was successful and encouraged grad students and coaches to apply for the internship
2. Old Business

Chris asked about a student voice on the board . Bryan suggested that we challenge our students to come up with a proposal for the Spring and we would vote on it in the Fall.

1. Final comments- Dave noted that he would be doing IE and Chris would be doing debate. Bryan offered ICTA as another forum and partnership for iIFA to explore. Megan talked about the Developmental Conference and thanked us for our participation. John reiterated the idea of support for each other with regard to work load and budget cuts. It was suggested it could be a great program at ICTA. Maybe use the ICTA website, create a resource page on the ICTA website. Jeff once again encouraged us to get involved in the organization and look at the new changes.
2. Vance moved to adjourn and Richard seconds.. meeting adjourns 11:06

Respectfully, submitted.

Judy Santacaterina