

November 7, 2019
3rd Business Meeting
9:15 pm

Attending: Cristol Johnson, Cynthia Williams, Benjamin Crist, Melissa Dittmar, Annmarie Givans, Robert Haywood, Larry Letich, Missy Postlewaite, Bobbe Fraiser, Sasha Flores, Tyson Rydl, Frances Smith, M White, Ralph Jackson, Gerald Green, Jr., Kathy Cramer, Jeffrey Berenholtz, Srini Gorantla, Michael Fleming, Jo Winn, Anne Wagner, Mary Ann McCloskey, Shirley Lenus, Denise Baugh, Dominique Brightmon, Christine Limparis, Randall Smith, Antoine Gray, Berlin Stokes, Denise Anderson, Daniel McCaffrey, Lisa Rippeon, Timothy Tyran, Freeman Bagnall, Christina Malliakos, Mary Klett, Courtney Gale, Jr., Sunil Patil, Vincent Ellsworth, Chisa Winstead, Veronica White, Joshua Smith, Carl Barsky, Emmanuel Jimenez, Gerry Stephens, Stephanie Thomas, Tammy Pettiford, Liz Wiley, Diana Curtis, Alan Haley, Oscar Zalamia, Dallas Ebanes, Vicky Fields, Nancy Lewis, Sukrit Kompella, Janice, Monique, Ania Charles, Theresa Hoeltzel, Carina Miranda, Jeff Melby, Dave Knolley, Kathy Lovemoore, Carmen Lee Pow, Andrea Powell, Theresa Baker, Ronnie

New Business (from September 22 Business meeting)

- - Soaring Eagles President Nick motioned that next year's Training Extravaganza be moved to either August or July so that we can incorporate TLI to that event and get more people to come.
- - Charles Reinecke seconded the motion. Discussion opened.
- - Diana Curtis kinda likes the idea. Taz said that the Training Extravaganza is an 8 hour event and TLIs are 4-6 hours long, which would make it a 14 hour event or a 2 day event.
- - Theresa Hoeltzel asked how we would integrate this.
- -Michael Hoy suggests designating a hotel in an area where the event will be held. Theresa Hoeltzel agrees.
- - Mary Ann McCloskey thinks that due to logistics and distance, we may lose people. It needs to be considered.
- - Charles Reinecke suggests combining it with a TLI in that particular area.
- - John of Kritikos wanted information on when the Chief Judge is doing the Judging workshop. Taz answered that he would like to print out booklets detailing the judging criteria. Make sure your contestants read the contest rulebook.

Due to meeting brevity, this was not discussed at this meeting

Budget Approval

- Many people asked if they needed to be on the call if they already voted. The District 18 Director Cristol Johnson answered that they still needed to be on the call.
- District 18 Director Cristol Johnson stressed that if anyone did not receive the ElectionBuddy voting poll, please email her at cristol2@hotmail.com with the correct email address. If it was a work email, please give her an alternate email.

- The District 18 Program Quality Director Cynthia Williams and District 18 Director Cristol Johnson repeatedly asked people to mute their phones to eliminate feedback and other distractions, unless they have a question to ask.
- Carina Miranda asked whether Director Cristol Johnson needs a confirmation email showing that we voted. Director Johnson said no.
- Many people also asked Director Johnson to resend it to their emails, which she did after the meeting.
- Jeff Melby asked Director Johnson to put on the screen the email showing the Vote Now: District 18 link.
- Christina Malliakos: is there the idea that we will have 3 contests at the Spring Conference? Or is it the idea that there will be 2 contests?
 - Director Cristol Johnson answered that ideally there will be 3 but it is dependent on the venue, if we are able to get the time that we need. The Conference Committee will have to work on the logistics for that, if it's possible.
 - The question is about what the voting members would prefer to be at the Conference. International Speech Contest is a given.
- Kathy Lovemoore asked what is the quorum needed to pass the budget and if we know how many people have already voted. Director Johnson said that we need a quorum of 90 votes. At the time of the call, the number of votes we had 82 ballots submitted or 46%. Program Quality Director Cynthia Williams confirmed that we had 91 participants on the call.
- Cristina Limperis asked a question about not receiving the voting email but Director Johnson did not want to jeopardize her WiFi connection because she was using HotSpot. Director Johnson was able to look at her email to see who had responded about not receiving the email about voting, which was 30 people.
- Sunil Patil informed us that she was using a regular phone and was having trouble connecting in order to vote. She couldn't use another phone as her husband was on a conference call. Director Johnson walked her through the process of accessing the link.
- When Director Johnson sent the reminder email about the vote, 37 people voted.
- At 9:46 pm, Director Johnson said that for those who need to sign off, they can do so. Thank you for all that you do for the District. For those having trouble and want to stay on the line, she will stay online with them. Program Quality Director Cynthia Williams also remained on the call.
- Vincent Ellsworth asked Director Johnson if we weren't already at quorum when we had 91 participants on the call. Director Johnson answered that we still need the votes to be on the safe side.
- Once the call concluded, Director Cristol sent out the ElectionBuddy voting poll to those who did not receive it previously.