

MINUTES FROM PSDA Meeting on Saturday, October 20, 2007

Atherton Hotel, Tarragon Restaurant

The meeting was called to Order by PSDA President, Bob Casey of Trinity HS, Camp Hill.

President Casey sent around copies of the minutes from the 2006 meeting and they were seconded by Jeff Smith of Lake- Lehman HS and unanimously approved.

President Casey called for Committee reports.

PA School Board Contact Committee

David Long of Southern Lehigh HS and Jeff Smith made flyers about PSDA for the state school board association. They included PSDA contact information. It was suggested to add this flyer in our standard PSDA brochure that we pass out during the year and during the PHSSL state finals at Susquehanna University.

Thanks given to David and Jeff.

Carl Askew, Shikellamy HS, handed everyone a copy of the **treasurer's report**. This was approved. Thanks given to Carl for the report and taking care of the NFISDA insurance as well as the funds.

Act 48

Sharon Givens Volpe then discussed PSDA now being able to grant Act 48 only to PSDA members.

After she explained the paperwork involved for the tournament director. Throughout the year, tournament directors/judges are to submit the Act 48 hours – including the evaluation forms- to either Sharon or Mary Ann Berty, Trinity HS/Washington, PA. Beth Walsh, Panther Valley HS was handling the collection of the paperwork at the conference.

Ellen Boyer for Shikellamy suggested that a school may wish to buy a PSDA membership for a judge in lieu of paying them for being a judge. This would have a financial advantage for the school by only paying \$15. However, the "judge" would be able to earn ACT 48 hours for the rest of the year whenever he/she judges which should be a positive advantage for the judge. Great applause for Sharon's hard work

President Casey then asked Beth Young, North Catholic HS, to trace the history of PSDA in honor of its 20th anniversary this year. Beth was a founding member as well as a PSDA past- President. She explained that originally high school coaches and Speech teachers belonged to SCAP (now PA Communication Association) which was having their convention across the hall this year. In the 1980's, SCAP – which was collegiate based was going more toward a college based agenda rather than a high school curriculum. Because of this, it was decided to begin a group specifically for Pennsylvania high school speech teachers and forensic coaches.

She added that the social was part of the conferences so that people would "break bread together " referencing Kim Borland's (E.L. Meyers HS) earlier presentation on how to keep a team together. After thanking Beth, President Casey recognized the original members attending this year - Beth Young; Kate O'Halloran, Norwin HS, Alice Ursin, Bethel Park HS and Marsha Williams, Greensburg-Salem HS and Michael Nailor, Danville HS.

Newsletter and Publicity Contact

Lisa Bompiani of Greater Latrobe HS discussed her revival of the PSDA newsletter and asked the group to submit articles or any information to her throughout the year. The mention of FONTFACE.COM was made to tell people it was a way to enliven their work. sent an article to PSEA President Jim Weaver about PSDA and Forensics and now this article is appearing on the PSEA website
Thanks given to Lisa.

Peggy Madden NFISDA nomination

Beth Young, NC, will be handling the paperwork to continue to pursue nominating the late Peggy Madden, North Hills HS, to the NFISDA Hall of Fame.

Social Committee

Much applause was given to the social committee for their hard work with the banquet and the theme of Camelot.

Kate O'Halloran, Alice Ursin and Carol Croll of Derry HS made the evening very special for the membership and our special guest, Scott Wunn of the National Forensic League.

New Business

Alice Ursin encouraged coaches and their students to submit designs for the PHSSL state tee shirt contest. Since the **Communicator** has gone on-line it seems as though her committee is getting fewer entries.

It was approved that PSDA 2008 be as early as possible in October. No State College location set at this time.

Alice Ursin, the Keynote contact, said that Scott Wunn had an enjoyable time and commended our group's existence and camaraderie.

Meeting was adjourned to continue the rest of the conference.