



Pennsylvania Technology Student Association and Foundation, Inc
Learning to Live in a Technical World
Incorporated 2004
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda for
January 6th, 2024 (Mountain View MS/Zoom)

Zoom Link

1. Welcome: Call to Order – 9:04 AM
2. Roll Call: Zoom Meeting
Board of Directors: Jocelyn Long (President Elect), Jason Kofmehl (Ex Director), Josh Pennington (Past President), Diana Rickert (Technology Coor.), Judy Hawthorn (Secretary), Sarah Kline, (Treasurer), Marie Leatherman (SOT Advisor), Lauren Lapinski (State Conference Director), Korbin Shearer (Member at large), Mike Flowers (Foundation), Brandt Hutzler (PDE Advisor), Molly Miller (Scholarship), Dale Moll (TSA), Ryan Ferry (Alumni)
Region Reps: Tim Linkenheimer (Region 1), Molly Miller (Region 2), Bob Dwyer (Region 3), Clint Rickert (Region 5) Matt Kline (Region 8), Matt Rimbey (Region 9),
Student Officer Present: Charlize Amper (President), Margo Wyckoff (Vice President), William Reisner (Secretary), Boyi Chen- (Treasurer), Haley Mosorjak (Reporter), Krish Mittal (Sergeant-at-Arms), Julia Carrasco (Historian).
3. Meeting Announcements - none
4. Adjourn for Committee Meetings (if needed) – n/a
5. Minutes (Motion to Approve) Fall 2023 – *Motion to approve July 2023 Minutes – Molly Miller, Tim Linkenheimer 2nd, APPROVED*
 - a. [Fall 2023 Board Minutes](#)
6. Treasurer's Report (Filed for Audit)
 - a. Balance Sheet - \$46,957.50 checking (down from last year due to purchase of a computer and \$5000 to Vail Corp for spring conference) – no concerns
 - b. Details – switched to online version of Quick Books so reporting may look different

- c. Accounts
Treasurers report – filed for audit

7. Regional Reports – highlighted reports are attached

- a. Region 1 – no report
- b. [Region 2](#) - Molly Miller – January 27, 2024 conference
- c. [Region 3](#) - Bob Dwyer – January 20, 2024 conference – increase in students (86 more) this year
- d. Region 4 - Inactive
- e. [Region 5](#) - Clint Rickert – January 27, 2024 – up 87 students from last year (over 100 students)
- f. Region 6 – no report
- g. Region 7 – – Feb 3, 2024 conference. Jon Jarrett will take over as Region 7 Coordinator in the Fall of 2024
- h. [Region 8](#) - Matt Kline – February 3, 2024 conference –moving to a new conference location next year
- i. Region 9 – Matt Rimbey -
Motion to approve region reports – B Dwyer, 2nd Josh Pennington - APPROVED

8. Team Reports

- a. [State Officer Advisor](#) - Marie Leatherman – cabin trip fro students...kids had fun and did a lot of work (virtual chapter meetings, pins for chapters, worked on winter board meeting, will give mini reports)
- b. State Officer Team-
 - i. Charlize Amper and Boyi Chen– Joint effort fundraising; a way to raise more money and awareness for ACS. Set it up with outside communitites to support our initiative. With involvement of TSA members, outside community members are more likely to help in fundraising. Bringing outside speakers to regional conferneces and set up regional activities. Clint Rickert – concerns about the amount of time and effort needed to do the various activities. Purring on a relay is a giant amount of work regardless of the amount of chapters involved. Could be better for TSA to reach out to local relays and bolster those. J Pennington - At Boyertown they use this model and the money raised goes toward the TSA totals (Chapters). Jocelyn Long – regional protions – are we looking at this 2024 or upcming years? Whats the plan for carrying it forward (keeping in mind that many of you wmay not be on the baord next year). Boyi would like to pass it on to furture treasurers. Clint suggestes that they may be able to find room for a speaker but it will change from school to school hosting. I think Boyi is trying to improve our brand versus establishinga relay.Molly Miller- perhaps establishing a webinar and teaching regions how to tie in to ACS. State Officers could say something at the Region Conferences they attend. Tim Linkenheimer – committee members should help in planning during September/October planning meetings. Jocelyn- is there al ist that chapters can go to to see current Relay for Life events.

- ii. States expansion Proposal – Margo and Charlize – discuss having a Keynote speaker at the conference (speaking at multiple sessions) Lauren – cost is an issue along with no guarantee of attendance. Try to get an alumni. Judy – some alumni are doing great things and would probably speak virtually. Ryan – he will reach out to alumni and see who will be willing to do something.
 - iii. Margo Wyckoff-Community Service Special Interest session –earn service hours for school requirements and also give back to the community as a whole (hospital blankets, pack donation boxes, letters to patients) Lauren – draw up cards and have them fill them out on site to send to hospitals, etc..Cards or letters must be checked by advisors prior to sending
 - iv. Charlize Amper - Spirit Days at States – simple tasks like dressing with a theme, ups TSA spirit (Lauren – run with Spirit Days at the Conference)
 - v. SOT Candidate Procedure Change– William Reisner/Margo Wyckoff – give candidates more time to talk to delegates. This is needed because many times the Q&A has been cut short and other candidates are promoted by schools rather than Q&A. Lauren – how much time in total? No specific time, perhaps 30 minutes. She will look for locations. Marie Leatherman – this may help with the amount of time and candidates. William –everyone gets one question and it promotes fairness. Lauren – students should be involved in writing the questions as it is a student organization. We can change and make this happen. Molly – I agree with Dr Lapinski but anyone running who is currently on the officer team must exclude themselves.
 - vi. Each state officer reported on what they have completed this year for the conference
- c. State Conference – Lauren Lapinski
- All progress is according to plan, medals have been ordered versus trophies, event list is up along with early submissions, Seven Springs deposit is in, 2023 feedback review, scheduling and location supplies change needed.
- i. Need location to store state conference supplies and manager – there is an existing database of materials but inventory needs to be taken for ordering. Someone needs to take the supplies. It has to be a team effort.
 - ii. Middle School PSSA and conference for 2025 coincide – we may look at different dates – Lauren will pull up letters for admin/districts to help this issue.
- d. [Technology](#) - Diana Rickert – rolled out the new website, bugs need to be worked through, Ryan saved the old site to be able to work out bugs. Working with Joe Smith to solve some of the problems. More pictures are needed (from Conferences) – please forward them to Diana. Working on the Committees (like scholarship, etc...)
- How can we post an update? As of this point, there is no resolution to this. Diana is working on this process.

Motion to accept TEAM Reports – J Hawthorn, 2nd; C Rickert - APPROVED

9. Committee Reports

- a. [Communication](#) - Jason Kofmehl – social media increases, stopped posting on twitter/X, a bit of issue with Discord which is now fixed, 34 posts this year, 2 videos now.
- b. [Scholarship](#) - Molly Miller – gave out 3 scholarships last year, students have been paid this year so far. Scholarship applications are due March 15, 2024.
- c. Bylaws – Only one bylaw update in the works – SOT must put forth the bylaw for discussion
- d. Finance – no update
- e. Redistricting - Jason Kofmehl/Jocelyn Long
 - i. Region 5 Split - size of region 5 (over 1000 participants) is becoming unmanageable, discussions after conference to help alleviate this issue (eastern side of PA regions)
- f. Leadership Conference – keeping it at the state conference

Motion to accept the committee reports – T Linkeheimer, 2nd; C Rickert – APPROVED

10 minutes break - resume at 9:50

10. Advisory Reports

- a. Foundation – Mike Flowers – PA TSA Foundation report - \$6638, thanks to the Foundation for paying for the website. General Fund - \$11,600. Scholarship – healthy amount (\$5175.00 from conference but all 3 scholarships = \$6000...something we should look at). Lauren will look at the conference totals and make sure the scholarships are covered. The teacher scholarship has been to reflect anyone going into teaching.
- b. [Alumni](#) - Ryan Ferry – last year provided systems at the conference to help things move along more effectively. Collected names at the conference for the alumni database. Most regions are using the judging portals. Continue the ACS challenge entries. Sent out info to the mailing list to try to get people involved in judging or supporting TSA through the Foundation. More than half the people opened the email and read it so hopefully regions got some help through that. Thanks Ryan for all the work and help.
- c. PDE- Brandt Hutzler – chapters are up three chapters from last year but hard to tell how many were lost. Invited Secretary of Ed but they no response as of this time. Asks for nominations for teachers and regional coordinators for the year.
- d. National TSA – Dale Moll – email coming out for the survey taken last year. Addressed some needs at the state levels, etc...nationals – June 26-30, 2024 in Orlando, Fla

Motion to accept Advisory reports - Tim Linkeheimer, 2nd; Bob Dwyer - APPROVED

11. Corporate Member Report

12. [Executive Director Report](#) - Jason Kofmehl – big changes are formatting rules book and its housed on Cumberland valley's internal drive, help with website, attend CTS meeting, new event proposed this year – will run as a special interest session – (Battling Bots),

can Jason put it out now as an event? Kirk Marshall wrote the rules for the events. **No objections to Jason posting this as an exhibition event (MS/HS)**

Motion to accept reports J Pennington, 2nd; M Miller - APPROVED

13. Executive Committee

14. Old Business

- a. DLG/iServices – Budget –***Motion: put this motion back on the table (unable the motion) Molly Miller, 2nd; J Kofmehl***
Motion: PATSA should stay with I Services since they are linked to the current way we do business. Molly Miller, Second; Lauren Lapinski - APPROVED
(subscription up in June 2024). Ryan Ferry – right now everything we do links with iServices. Jason – Chris Miller says he projects an increase of about 10%. Ryan – we want to be able to transfer/upload results so they are more automated.
- b. Child Abuse, Criminal Background Checks for volunteers or retired teachers – send a copy of clearances to Judy Hawthorn
- c. We need to create a definition of alumni for our by-laws – what counts as PATSA Alumni? Do students have to be out a certain amount of time to be alumni (especially if they are running for a board position). If they just competed at Nationals they can run for a board position? The time frame must be defined. Put in a cool down period, etc...What time span is reasonable? *“If they are still a student or just graduated they shouldn’t hold a board position” ...is this reasonable?* Look at rules from other schools, etc...

15. New Business

- a. Appointed Positions (every year, open nomination, take office July 1)
 - i. State Conference Director – Dr Lapinski
 - ii. State Officer Advisor – Marie Leatherman
 - iii. Technology Director – Diana Rickert

Motion to close nominations – J Pennigton 2nd; B Dwyer - APPROVE

Motion to approve appointed position Molly Milly 2nd; T Linkenhemer - APPROVE

Future Dates

State Conference: April 19 - 22, 2024 - Seven Springs Ski Resort

National Conference: June 26-30, 2024

Summer/Winter Board Meetings: July 15, 2024 - Cumberland Valley School District – Mountainview MS.

Winter BOD Meeting: January 4, 2025

Moving forward, the BOD meeting will be held the 2nd Monday after Nationals.

SOT Meeting– February 24, 2024 – in person meeting at Mountainview MS

Adjournment – 12:07 PM

Motion to adjourn: Molly Miller 2nd; Tim Linkenheimer - APPROVED