**Emergency Board Meeting, March 11, 2020**

**Online Meeting Via Google Hangouts**

1. **Call to Order**

Troy Schouten calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. **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*

1. **New Business**

Mr. Lee states that the chairs have been monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Houston for the past few days. The recent declaration of a state of Emergency in the city has now put the situation out of TSJCL’s hands. Because of this, the 2020 State Convention has been cancelled. Mr. Lee mentions that he wanted to hold this emergency meeting to announce the cancellation to the officers before making the public announcement.

Troy Schouten asks if there are any questions concerning the cancellation of convention.

Emma Schmidt asks what will happen to Certamen.

Mr. Lee states that Certamen will likely still happen, but the location and date are yet to be set. He believes we need to wait and see how the situation continues to develop, but he does believe that certamen and elections will occur.

Alivia Mayfield asks where state will be held next year. Will it be in Houston or San Antonio?

Mr. Lee states that next year’s convention was originally going to be held in San Antonio, but the chairs still need to discuss whether or not the convention should be held in San Antonio or Clear Falls next year.

Mr. Waehner states that he is happy to host next year.

Ms. Read states that she is okay with the convention being in either city, but she thinks Clear Falls might be easier because they already have more plans.

Mr. Lee agrees that hosting in Houston next year might be the best choice, as the San Antonio host school will be undergoing construction next year.

Ms. Santos asked whether or not we will still hold the prejudged contests.

Mr. Lee states that we will still have prejudged contests judged; the chairs are still unsure about testing.

Kagan Baker asks if we should open the prejudged contests back up for those who did not think the convention would be cancelled.

Ms. Read thinks opening them back up would be unfair to those who already completed their submissions.

Mr. Lee agrees and doesn’t want to overwhelm the judges.

Merissa Hall asks if she will reimburse all the checks.

Ms. Wenzlaff says she will have to, but only for those who have already payed.

Ms. Dill clarifies that the checks haven’t been deposited yet, so they can be mailed back. She adds that credit card payments can also be refunded.

Ms. Santos asks if we should refund people in prejudged contests.

Mr. Lee states that we should.

Urvi Alamela asks if she should draft a virtual election process or if new officers will be appointed.

Mr. Lee suggests having all candidates create a video, so people can vote online. He adds that additional consent forms might be necessary for this.

Ms. Wenzlaff asks how we will handle offices with more than two candidates.

Mr. Waehner suggests a runoff election.

Kagan Baker asks how we want to release the news about state and the elections to the public.

Lee states that he has drafted a letter and will send it out shortly.

Kagan Baker also asks what schools will do for nationals, as many use the state results as qualification for nationals.

Ms. Dill suggests that those schools use area results for national’s qualification.

Thelo Lewis asks what we will do about t-shirts from state.

Mr. Waehner suggests just using them for next year depending on the location of state next year.

Mr. Lee also suggests having two themes next year, so we could do both shirts because Troy worked hard to come up with this year’s theme.

Mr. Lee asks what we want to do about the Spring Board Meeting.

Ms. Dill suggests we wait and see who is elected first and play it by ear. We will have to see the effect of the virus first.

Urvi asks if we’ll have to change the format of appointed elections.

Ms. Wenzlaff thinks that there should be no reason to change their format, so we can keep them the same.

Troy emphasizes the importance of keeping enthusiasm going even though there will be no physical state convention.

1. **Adjournment**

Troy Schouten entertains motions to adjourn the meeting.

Katiana Soenen moves to adjourn the meeting.

Kagan Baker seconds the motion.

The motion passes at 8:09 PM. The meeting is adjourned.