



Virginia Law Related Education Institute

3329 Doncaster Court
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**Meeting Minutes
(Annual Board Meeting)**

Time: March 1, 2019
Location: Williamsburg, Virginia

Attendees Present:

Jonathan Bolls, Chair
Courtney Hagge, Vice Chair
Laura McVey, Secretary
John Lanning, Treasurer
Ariel Hedgepeth, At-Large
Tim Issacs, at-large
Guy Neal, at-large
Matthew Rossettini, Executive Director

1. 740p- Call to order- agenda approved, meeting minutes approved
2. A and B. Board members approved- guy Neal arrived, part of board, will amend agenda to include him as at large member (all present signed conflicts form... John, Ariel, Jonathan, Laura, Courtney, Catie, Matt, and guy)
3. Need to add 4 at large board members- amendments adopted
4. Going to adopt program, become service board first and advisory second ... no longer just competition but a full program- public will see mock trial hand book and coaches guide. Help teachers form mock trial team without attorney attached... this is an educational organization... set objectives, primary objective to teach all kids power of courtroom and why attorneys are necessary for equality and justice
 - i. -- exec board will run all things state related
 - ii. -- at large will focus on regional

Catie will run state competition, control mock trial problem, and train at large regional members

Courtney gets courtroom and figures out timing and when stuff will happen next year (pick weekend) (Matt still getting trophies)

Laura suckers 3 judges per room for state competition here in Williamsburg

-- everything across state needs to be uniform, though some leeway permissible
Vlre run coaches clinic and focus regions

Regional stuff financing--

\$500-\$750 if want to run in courthouse

Must have food at competitions (vlre pays)

Need to do some fundraising (all fundraising goes to state level through John)

8:10 - adopted program

Currently no educational partnerships ... Matt going to try to get Tim Issac and rule of law organization

5. 3a- pick 5 regional sites
 - 1- Loudon
 - 2- Fairfax/Alexandria/DC/Arlington? (Selected Arlington)
 - 3- VA beach
 - 4- Richmond
 - 5- Roanoke

Mj Williams to be Loudon coordinator

Focus regions in Roanoke and peninsula

F. Regional coordinators: secure site, gets judges, has someone who runs competition

- Mary Jane in Loudon
- Tim Isaacs in Roanoke (tentatively)
- Guy Neal in Nova (Arlington)
- Ariel in Richmond
- Approach Betsy Morris for VA beach

Approved

6. Budget:

No additional fee for state

Can get \$1500 for coaches clinic (per Matt)

Need fundraising to cover regional costs, try talking to law firms (we are public charity)
-- Maybe try to see if Mike Mullen can be fundraising chair (John to look into part time commission person?)

-- vote to do at high schools currently, see if we can get any fundraising (approve budget 1)-
ramen budget fiscally responsible choice

Need to negotiate regional and state weekend competitions around other big competition stuff like model un.... Pick 3 week window (January 19-february 8) - regionals on Saturday

7. Competition

- Do civil problem next year
- Combine SC and Oregon plans- Geo location to region... have floater teams (registration will determine) (sc)... Use Oregon every region has winner but if competition bigger then will add others based on ratio... use SC rank system based on ballots... seeding in state competition first competition
- Hope for volunteer from judges meeting to write but for now Catie will write
- How many teams for state? Put on agenda to discuss next meeting... 20 is a lot
- Is it worth making smaller to do it in JCC courthouse? Need to get people's opinions

(Can Courtney and Laura secure courthouse and hopefully some sitting judges?)

Richmond scrimmage went well, Fairfax was good... VA beach good... scrimmage manual created by matt- all will be on website

Look into VLRE reviewing dispute resolution- propose change to the way it is with AMTA where a representative from each team goes to tab and takes it up with competition coordinator

8. Financial – 9:18

- taxes filled, will file next in proper time frame... need to get folks together to internally audit (Ariel and Johnathan volunteered)

9. New business – Request by Laura to make the judging a CLE, but also coaches training and focus group meetings may be rope for credits and it will lure in more lawyers who are desperate for free credits. (Especially if we do a coach training and a focus group in early October- every lawyer looking for last minute hours may be drawn in).

921 meeting adjourned