

UACTT Meeting Minutes 5/13/23

Board Members in Attendance: Case Spaulding, Suzie DuVal, Stewart Shelley, Elinda Nedreberg, Kayla Martin, Melanie Day, Jason Campbell, Kayla Vernon, Kjersti Parks, David Sidwell, Amanda Swanson, Andy Hunsaker, Jan Hunsaker, Penny Caywood, Russ Saxton, Erica Heiner

Meeting dates for next year:

September 9th 2pm (Zoom meeting)

December 9th lunch at Corner Canyon 1pm

UTA meeting January 19th or 20th TBA

May 11th 2pm (Zoom meeting)

July meeting at UACTT Conference (July 10-12 in Cedar City)

UHSAA discussion:

1. UHSAA Updates-Kjersti Parkes

- a. Kjersti shared bullet points from State surveys. Document was shared with all board members. Board members were requested to review and comment to Kjersti.
- b. Kjersti needs help with identifying region and state region reps for next year due to realignment.
- c. Some key issues that were reported in the UHSAA State survey:
 - i. 5A and 6A still feel too many plays are qualifying for state.
 - ii. Tech Competition-explore ideas about how to double enter for IEs and Design competition. Kjersti is looking for some proposals for ideas to do this.
 - iii. We need to standardize how tech competition is run and provide updated training for judges, perhaps a video for tech competition? Should tech judges take a different quiz?
 - iv. Pantomime-Some teachers would like this event to go away. It seems a majority of teachers want pantomime to stay. Kjersti will put it to a vote for the summer meeting and if the majority of teachers want pantomime to stay we will put this to bed.
 - v. Should there be a black list of judges?
 - vi. Classical scenes-should the dates be looked at
 - vii. Add the phrase memorization to the ballot

2. Kayla shared some proposals for competition from 3A:

- a. Can musical theatre be split into solos and ensemble pieces? Or solos and scenes? The challenge is it would add another category.

- b. Could scenes be divided into dramatic and humorous instead of classical and contemporary?
 - c. Can we change the qualifying requirements for State to compensate for bad judges? Some ideas are: 1) Let region be a pre-qualifying event and every IE moves on if they meet the qualifying standards. 2) Drop the lowest score of the 3? The board discussed these two ideas and decided logistically it would be hard to have everyone qualify for state. It might be a good proposal to drop the lowest score.
- 3. Stewart brought up that it was difficult to find judges this year for 1A, 2A and 3A since they were all scheduled on the same day. Kjersti agreed that more communication was needed across the board, but these dates are decided by the Region and State classifications.
- 4. The question was raised if we can pay region reps? Kjersti said the money would have to come from the regions so you would need to talk to the principal in charge of your region. If you pay them you should use the same pay scale that has been determined for judges and meet directors.

UACTT Summer Conference Update and Planning-Amanda

- 1. All food except the final luncheon will be off-site food as per Jan. Case will purchase the breakfast for the first day.
- 2. Schedule will be similar to last year. Schedule was approved by the board.
- 3. Participants will be scheduling their own shows.
- 4. Workshops were reviewed and board members made suggestions to help fill slots that still need filling. Amanda will discuss with the committee and reach out to people about workshops.
 - a. Discussion of adding a trip to the tech workshops of USF
- 5. Conference swag ideas were discussed. Case will order the swag.
- 6. Teacher awards committee is led by Mindy. Board members who will serve on the committee and help select teachers who are nominated are: Kayla Martin, Andy Hunsaker, Penny Caywood, David Stillwell

Professional Development Update

- 1. Austin Kimbell is requesting \$500 for attending a Broadway teacher workshop. Board members discussed whether or not to support this application. Board voted to give Austin the full \$500.
- 2. Suzie, Mindy, Case, Penny, Elinda, and Krishelle will meet to discuss and decide how much we will allocate for scholarships each year and update the criteria. Ideas discussed: you have to do a workshop the next year, it has to qualify for relicensure points, you have to be a member of UACTT.

Social Media Update

1. Erica will be taking over social media. New ideas are teacher of the month. Quick polls and likes. Instagram and Facebook. Russ will continue to do the newsletter. Highlight teachers in some way? Teacher of the week?