

Minutes March 16, 2008 Teleconference Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Before all bills and state tournament: \$19345.60

Regional Directors Summaries were given.

Discussion on possibility to moving state tournament to MSU, U of M, or MSU Great Falls.

Due to the concern of where we would find appraisers and the increased cost of the majority of current appraisers having to travel will mean we need to get more support from the host school in terms of cost for site use and providing volunteers.

Membership Team Count

Dropped again this year. Felt that as long as we continue to serve students we need to continue the program. We need to do more in our marketing.

Letter to past participants may have been too late in the year. Thought maybe we need to divide up list and make more of individual contact. More times we contact them the more they will realize we are a serious organization and want more information. Look into after school programs and get them started with ICs.

New Membership Fees

New Membership fee structure was explained.

Heather's Regional Visits

Heather did workshops and trainings in 4 of the 5 regions.

State Tournament

Connie will be running state awards. Request that all Board members sit up front. Will have a TA DA area this year. Trying to make it more of a celebration. Will have a parade of teams – ask teams to bring a team banner or flag. Need to step awards up to a higher level. Give out TM ribbons with stars at registration to help speed up awards.

New Team Registration System

There was discussion on the online team registration and how to improve it.

Appraiser Recruitment/Registration

Discussion on how to have enough appraisers if some do not show.

Regional Money

NW region would like to use some of their left over money to help their teams going to globals by purchasing an item for a raffle. The group did not have a problem with regions doing this.

Scholarship

Discussion on whether to offer second scholarship to college students or hold the money for next year.

Global Finals

Heather gave a report on what Global Finals teams can expect in terms of fees, communication, and additional activities.

Laura Jo Moved to Adjourn

Stuart Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM