

Oregon DECA Board of Trustees
Zoom Call
November 17th, 2020 6-7 PM

Welcome and Call to Order

Roll Call

Board Members

Heather Baldwin – Chair
John Dixon – Vice Chair
Tiana Briones – Secretary/Treasurer
Ryan Witzig – State Director
Arthur Khamkhosy – OR DECA President
Mike Gump
Kim Thompson
Brycen Woodley – Executive Director
Nat Ellis
Ron Dodge

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: Arthur Khamkhosy moved to approve the October meeting minutes.

Kim Thompson seconded. Ron Dodge abstained. The motion passed.

SCDC 2021 Update

- Brycen Woodley provided an update based on phone conversation with the Director of Sales & Events at the Red Lion. Recognizing that the mounting restrictions would not be feasible, Red Lion is allowing Oregon DECA to cancel via letter on letterhead to enact the Act of God Clause (Force Mejure).
 - Current dates for State will not work with renewed COVID restrictions and information from government officials.
 - Discussion of whether the event should be a hybrid or completely virtual.
 - Nat Ellis shared that his students have expressed disinterest in a virtual event.
 - Brycen shared that the Red Lion does not believe that they could safely deliver the event in a safe way for staff, judges, students and teachers.
 - Skills USA will be having a completely virtual event in June.
 - International DECA has not made any official statements at this time.



- Heather Baldwin asked Brycen if we could start looking at the next hotel contract regarding whether we would need to add a year to the contract). No stipulations are being enforced at this time.

Motion: Nat moves to submit the letter canceling our contract for the 2020-21 conference and going 100% virtual.

John Dixon seconds. Passes unanimously.

- Ryan Witzig is working on the budget/numbers trying to bring down the registration rate. A balance between registration numbers and cost/budget needs to be found.
 - Brycen cautioned that Oregon DECA may need to dip into reserves in order to cover the costs. Costs may be similar, but different (i.e. saving on hotel, food and supplies, but instead spending money on staff and logistics to hold the event).
 - Nat suggested using the reserves as a means of encouraging student numbers. Adding that perhaps we should offer pricing in blocks rather than per person.
- Discussion on tests. Key points:
 - Test costs are \$.85 per test
 - Brycen suggested sticking to a 4-event limit. 2 series events and 2 written events.
- Discussion on Awards and what that would look like. Key points:
 - Awards would be shipped to the chapters
 - Virtual awards session will be quicker as students will not be walking back and forth from stage
 - State officers will still participate and perform roles similar to an in-person conference. Elections would be announced (prerecorded) after a virtual voting system.
- Discussion on Events. Key points:
 - Would be like the case study challenges in that all participants would receive the information at the same time and then have the same deadline.
 - Removes the impromptu aspect of series events, but will allow students to improve/practice skills

Arthur Khamkhosy inquired about the annual business meeting. Brycen & Ryan are working on a plan.

Next Call Date

No official date yet set.

Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

Sincerely,
Tiana Briones

