

LQBA Annual Board Meeting Agenda  
South Regional Library - Lafayette, LA  
Saturday June 9, 2018  
9:30 am



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- 1) **Call to order**
- 2) **Roll call of members present**
  - Ashley Dugas - ESA
  - Ryan Southall - Zachary
  - Karin and Stephen Goebel - C.E. Byrd
  - JR Barry
  - Deighton Zerby - Zachary
  - Michael Romine
  - Mason Guillot - LSU
  - John (Jay) Mersch - Lusher
  - Amanda Lawrence - Caddo Magnet
  - Tammy Wilber - Leesville
  - David Venable - Berchman's
- 3) **Reading of minutes of last meeting:** Minutes Approved as Read [**JR, RS**]
- 4) **Officer's reports**
  - a) **President - Ashley Dugas**
    1. LQBA had 20 high school quiz bowl tournaments in LA last school year. We've seen a more extensive schedule and more participation across the state.
    2. We had 5 LA Schools go to Small School Nationals
    3. We had 6 go to HS Nationals
    4. National Recognition from NAQT; Bryce from St. Martin's, Lya from Magnet, ESA team (teams and students of the week)
    5. Twitter social media account connected with NAQT
    6. 501(c)3 private entity allows us to encourage sponsors for tax exempt at the federal level
    7. We have over 50 member schools in LQBA.
    8. We began plans for a summer quiz bowl camp at ULL, which we would like to make this happen if LA schools want it and if it can be financially affordable for students

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9. \$2500 worth of sponsorships for state tournament
  10. LAAC bestowed us the remaining balance to us to contribute to the 2017 state tournament.
  11. Directed attention to the Constitution, encouraged members to review
- b) Vice President - Ryan Southall
    - i) The VP has a variety of tasks that assist the president
    - ii) Email account management, email
    - iii) Update contact information
  - c) Secretary - Karin Goebel
    - i) Maintain Database
    - ii) Increase in North Louisiana tournaments
    - iii) Participation for North LA tournaments results in less travel
  - d) Treasurer - Mark Ebarb (*Ashley will read*)
    - i) Treasurer report in packet
    - ii) School fees this year were \$20 initially, \$40 for the state tournament
    - iii) Buzzer systems (3, one to give away to Lafayette HS)
    - iv) Total expenses shown on report, current balance of approx. \$1700
    - v) Without tournament sponsorships, we would be in the hole
    - vi) We didn't break even on food or t-shirt sales.
    - vii) We wouldn't have been able to host the state tournament without sponsorships
- 5) Committee reports**
- a) Webmaster - Stephen Goebel
    - i) The website changed over the course of the year. At the beginning of the year we had four domains, now they are consolidated. The current format is a wordpress site.
    - ii) Kept the tournament schedule as up to date as possible especially using the NAQT website and links to registration pages
    - iii) There are a lot of quiz bowl resources out there already, so we can add links to resources (NAQT, PACE) and the CA write up for hosting a tournament.
    - iv) We used NAQT email lists, although some were old
    - v) We will post the schedule for next year and open weekends calendar
  - b) 2017 State Tournament Director - JR Barry
    - i) Membership Report
      - (1) 53 schools who paid to be members, 31 at state, 22 not at state
      - (2) 12 teams of the 22 who registered but then dropped out
    - ii) Drops, Participation, Undecideds, etc. Feedback
      - (1) Most common reason for drop out was kids could not go
      - (2) Coaches had personal reasons and couldn't travel

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- (3) Two teams paid but didn't come because it interfered with spring break. Spring break varies from parish to parish/public to private and may be hard to plan around.
- (4) Question format (bounce backs, worksheets)
- iii) Location of tournament feedback
  - (1) We had a good number of readers for S. LA
  - (2) Baton Rouge is a long trip for teams from North LA; North LA coaches may be upset that tournament is in BR
  - (3) Our philosophy is not to have byes, so we need more rooms to have the tournament in.

**6) Election of Officers for 2018-2020 Term**

- a) According to constitution, we have two year terms, this year was uncontested for board members **[DZ, JR]**
- b) We want more people involved

**7) New business**

**a) Membership**

- i) SWOT of organization
  - (1) Strengths - Organization and communication; Best run tournament other than nationals, tournament format improved
  - (2) Weaknesses - more regular emails, math questions (NAQT trend nationally), no dates on tshirts, set up night before, communication to volunteers
  - (3) Opportunities - scheduling like the NAQT site, History Bowl (First weekend in March), we should add it to our organization, middle school, specify qualifications for state, structure reach outs earlier
  - (4) Threats - Apathy of adults, quiz bowl format differences
- ii) Fees
  - (1) What are the benefits? A membership fee allows access to readers, materials, mass emails, website, running organization,
  - (2) Change fee? We need to increase the state tournament fee to match costs.  
JR's idea is to continue to have a 20 membership fee that is still part of the state tournament registration fee. Schools can pay \$60 if they register for state before January 1st, \$75 if they register after January 1st **[motion-RS, DZ, vote is unanimous]**  
We should email out the list of membership perks or link to a website page in the email.

**3. Members-at-large**

Members can approach the board about becoming a member-at-large (about 4 members for each year, who assist with sponsorships for state tournament)

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**b) State Tournament 2019**

- i) Ryan reported feedback from the state tournament surveys: readers (not super consistent), Vents on LSU doors could be noisy, delegate to members at large, positive feedback on check-in and with LQBA.
- ii) Location (Rotation of either high school or college; "Bids"; moving to different locations across the state; Host requirements need to be spelled out: building access, insurance, number of rooms, lunch fundraiser, etc.)
- iii) Pros and Cons of LSU
  - (1) Motion to discuss moving the state tournament **[AD, JM]**
  - (2) Pros of LSU (Honors College, rooms, set-up)
  - (3) Vote to explore moving to a high school for the state tournament in a central geographic region from Alexandria to Jennings **[JR, JM; Vote is unanimous]**

**DATE:** Most ideal date is March 16th

- iv) Suggestions for improvement (bounce back bonuses? Refer to surveys from tournament)
  - (1) Bounce back difficult to implement consistently
  - (2) Single elimination seems consistent with how most teams are operating, but you're gone after one loss; possibility of double elimination
  - (3) Rebracketing- more opportunities for play, adding more prelims after lunch, More preliminary and then top 8 or top 16. Tab Room on phones--could tell students what room to go to with a rebracketing system. Optional consolation rounds after the top bracket. **[Tabled]**
  - (4) Jay suggested using different types of tournaments, like card systems or swiss pairs
  - (5) Membership perk - extra name in hat for buzzer draw
- v) Number of Divisions: two divisions based on school size (Large school vs small school; uneven divisions); Adding an additional division would cost \$150; JR suggests select vs non - select schools (three divisions, etc.)
  - (1) NAQT's registration system - we didn't use it for divisions
  - (2) Possibility of four divisions (Large and small select and non-select)
  - (3) Would we advertise divisions? Select and non-select
  - (4) Possibility of bad optics for non-select
  - (5) Use NAQT data for divisions
  - (6) Stephen-one large division, six trophies, and small-schools trophies
  - (7) Send out a questionnaire and get feedback

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- (8) Would be great to have a JV division offered, even with fewer teams/smaller plaques; they don't qualify for NAQT Nationals (maybe a lower cost)

**c) Schedule of tournaments for 18-19 year**

- i) Help people submit online proposals if necessary

Caddo Magnet (Shreveport, LA) - Amanda Lawrence - September 15, 2018

C.E. Byrd (Shreveport, LA) - Karin and Stephen Goebel - October 20, 2018

LSU Spooktacular (Baton Rouge, LA) - Mason Guillot - October 27, 2018

UL-Lafayette (Lafayette, LA) - Thomas Credeur - November 2018

Lusher (New Orleans, LA) - John Mersch - November 10, 2018

LA Tech (Ruston, LA) - Matt Given - December 15, 2018

Captain Shreve (Shreveport, LA)- Barbara Doughty- December 2018

Episcopal School of Acadiana (Broussard, LA) - Ashley Dugas - January 26, 2019

Dutchtown (Geismar, LA) - Mark Ebarb - February 16, 2019

Other potential schools who held tournaments last year, but we haven't heard back from them are as follows:

West Monroe (Mitzi Murray)

Neville (Karari Hanks)

St. Paul's (Emilie Allen)

Non-NAQT tournaments: St. Mary's, Menard

Other Dates for Stephen:

Louisiana State Beta Convention: February 6-9, 2018

LSU Spring Break: April 15-21

ACT dates:

Sept 8, 2018

Oct 27, 2018

Dec 8, 2018

Feb 9, 2019

Apr 13, 2019

June 8, 2019

July 13, 2019

**d) Middle School Tournament Schedule**

- i) Ideas for reaching out to middle schools in area

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- ii) Who's willing to run tournaments? Caddo Magnet, Byrd, Dutchtown, ESA

**E. Ways to improve LQBA outreach**

1. Suggestions for website
  - a. First page - what the organization is or pinned post on schedule
  - b. More pictures
  - c. Obvious link to register for state tournament
  - d. I-9, verification, invoice
  - e. Printable form to pay for state
  - f. Resources tab, Quiz Bowl Packets, Buzzer sets available
  - g. New to Quiz Bowl page
  - h. Links to Twitter (Team feedback)
  - i. Video tutorials (David)
  - j. Photo release for students
2. Quarterly e-newsletter? Student highlights, email blast, add fun stuff on website, twitter feed  
What do people need from us to help with tournaments?

**VIII. Announcements**

- A. Sponsorships - Ideas for local businesses?
- B. Send sponsorship letter to all members Parents of quiz bowl kids?
- C. Any other announcements
- D. Date for next year's annual board meeting. For next year, we may want to move the date for the board meeting to the end of June so that it doesn't conflict with AP Grading.

**8) Adjournment.**

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**Brief Overview of Robert's Rules of Order**

<http://www.robertsrules.org/>

1. Obtain permission from the Chairman, aka President to speak.
2. Wait to designated portion of the agenda to bring up topics.
3. The President will call for all votes.
4. Motions
  - a. All of the events of the meeting will be recorded in the minutes.
  - b. The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration.
  - c. A motion must be seconded before being discussed.
  - d. If need be, the President will call motions to vote.