Wyoming Association of SkillsUSA
VIRTUAL Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2020, 3pm

VIRTUAL Attendees: Lucas Dow, Jamie Cordonier, Rob Hill, Janie Wilcox, Todd Warner, Jason Eggemeyer, Chance Pollo, Erin Lamb

3:07 pm: Hill moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting
Pollo Second
All in favor – passed

Treasurer’s Report given by Janie Wilcox for Joe Feiler. 990 filed to Nationals in a timely manner after closing of our fiscal year. Monthly financials sent to board and board rec’d draft 2020-2021 budget for review. In discussing this draft budget, Wilcox explained she simply duplicated 2019-2020. She expressed in the odd year of COVID our income and expenses were affected, and those line items effected are not a true testament to our “normal” income and expenses. She sees no need for changes and requested that our budget remain constant in these fluid times. Dow motioned that we approve the 2020-2021 budget.
Hill second
All in favor - passed

State Director Report: Janie Wilcox
Informed board of overload of roll outs from the National office, including the state officer decision to “lean in” and take full advantage of the virtual fall conference offered from the national level to our individual states. Cost is $20 per attendee with a free leadership conference for chapter officers. These will take virtually on November 13 and 16. Discussed CONNECT and ABSORB – online national platforms for 2-way conversations and all housed-educational materials. Wilcox announced that the technical standards, both in-person and virtual have been released to ABSORB and can be found under PROFESSIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS. Nationals will be announcing their plan for NLSC on December 15 (NOV 2, UPDATE: new set date: 11/16/2020.)

Open Discussion: Rob Hill
2 year RFP signed with the DoE: Hill answered questions as to outcome of conversations prior to the RFP. Wilcox noted which CTSO’s were awarded contracts. Emphasis on line items in said contact including a different pay structure and the ability of the DoE to deny funding based on responses to invoices at the time of submission.

Corporate Sponsorships – Sponsorship action plan has begun with the production of a marketing booklet. 500 have been printed and steps will be taken to distribute these. Joe, Janie and Rob will agree upon a meeting date for the week of Nov 2 to discuss:
Yearly kick off expectation/dates for fundraising launch
Continue to build upon sponsorship data base
Devise a plan for person reach vs mass mailing
Sponsorship goals?

State Leadership and Skills Conference 2021: Discussion on the unpredictability of COVID and the possibility of Casper College closing and the consideration of a new venue. Eggemeyer spoke to the temperature of Casper College on these notes. Eggemeyer assured the board that for Casper College to close their doors completely, it would due to a state wide-mandate from health officials and the governor that would not only effect Casper College but any large venue that we would consider as an alternative, as well. Wilcox gave some short and fast statistics on Casper Fair Grounds and Archer Complex (Cheyenne). The board discussed that the reality of a pivot to virtual but for now, the face-to-face experience for the students would remain with steps to meet COVID restrictions as April approaches.

Eggemeyer also mentioned that Casper College has found a replacement for Mr. Raymond/Auto Tech and an introduction is in order.
Welding Technical Chairman: An email will go out to the technical team from Janie requesting a date to meet in-person or virtually to discuss:
Pre-state competition for tables (advisor assist – Feb or early March)
Fabrication State Competition: Project plan, dates
  prior to SLSC across Casper locations or AT SLSC and limit welders to fab OR individual (NOT BOTH)
Individual Welding: Project plan
Warner asked that Wilcox confirm that Blake Parks from Air Gas is included on the email.

Diesel Technology: Wilcox will reach out to Huesinkveld who was unable to make the meeting, today, and follow up on dates suggested back in July.

Board Openings – Hill reviewed with the board our current term dates:
August 2020: Calhoon, Brustman/Egemeyer, Sapp
August 2021: Lamb, Harmon, Traverso
August 2022: Warner, Pollo
August 2023: Hill, Dow, Feiler, Huesinkveld
Ex Oficio: Cordonier, Stone

Hill expressed he would reach out personally to those board members who have termed in August of 2020. Hill also spoke of diversity on the board with regard to our bylaws (Advisors/CTE Curriculum Directors/WACTE/B and I/School District or System), and suggested that we also consider populating the board across the state and to consider recommendations from the western side of the state to expand our reach.

Action items:
2 groups moving forward-
Corporate membership committee – calendar, personal contact, mass mailing
Welding technical chairs – plan for table build and the logistics and consider plan of action for 2021 competition

Unfinished Business
None

New Business
None

Pollo: Motion to adjourn
Egemeyer: Second, All in favor -passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02pm