

AGENDA

I. Welcome

II. Reports from Sponsored and Affiliate Organizations & National Council Officers:

a. NST – **Nance Riffe** report: 62 active schools at NST in April, 52 schools attended. For the first in-person nationals back at it was great attendance. New board of trustees. Gave some wonderful awards to alumni. Renamed an award after a competitor who passed away. We are heading to California this April to Santa Ana college, thrilled to have them host us. Its very important to show up to our 2-year colleges.

b. NDT – **Adrienne Brovero** report: NDT had an in person return at JMU with a hybrid format. They are continuing that this spring WFU will host the NDT in Chantilly, VA. It will be a hybrid competition. 58 member institutions for the NDT. NDT is going through an expansion of its board as well, led by **Karla Leeper**.

c. NPDA – **Ashley Nuckels** report: With the passing of one of our board members last year, much of our organization's website and domain names were tied up in his estate. We've had a hard time accessing them. We had a special election recently. NPDA hoping to be in person this year. In process of creating a new website. Working on some new outreach as well to get more teams back in the fold competing.

d. Treasurer – **John Katsulas** report: Our taxes have been filed for 2021-2022 year. The budget is the same for next year. 3,500 to NDT and National Speech Tournament. Dale has more to say with the financial report, but we are in good shape.

e. Executive Secretary – the AFA new recording secretary is **Becca Steiner**. She is generating meeting notes for this meeting, nothing else now to report. **Eric Morris** is the executive secretary and sending email notices about meetings and other relevant events. We conducted 2 successful elections recently. We've had a burst of new members.

f. Vice-President – **Jarrold Atchison** reports: we are meeting virtually because NCA has offered fewer slots to each division at this year's conference. Next year NCA projects to decrease slots as well, we may meet online again next year.

g. President – new transition to **Jarrold Atchison** as President. We've appointed new board of trustee's members for NDT. **Kelly Young** is continuing to update the website and professional development conference book is in the copyediting phase and should be available in February.

III. Reports from standing committees

a. Finance – **Dale Herbeck** report – thanks to **John Katsulas**. Our financial health is strong. The AFA has 110,000 in financial reserves. 55K money we've collected over the years. Committee has worked with **John Katsulas** to produce financial documents. Those will be on the website soon; **Eric Morris** and **Jarrold Atchison** have those already. Budget for next year: projecting 28K in income, 7-8K from dues, 15K produced from relationship with Taylor & Francis. It is unclear if/when the Alta conference will return. Alta has 3K from AFA before, but covid complicated things. Summary: The organization is healthy, and we have a good plan moving forward.

- b. Professional Development and Support – **Dave Steinberg** has future ideas in the works
 - i. DSR-TKA Lifetime Award – **Kellie Roberts** is the winner of this award for this year
 - ii. Distinguished Service Awards
- c. Educational Development and Practices – **Tripp Rebrovick** is in attendance but does not have immediate concerns or items to report.
- d. Research - Rohrer Research Award – February 1 new deadline for nomination, March 1 new award announcement. Brockriede Research Grant, Outstanding Dissertation Award as well.
- e. Publications – **Beth Innocenti** report – we had same number of manuscript submissions (32) as last year. We accepted a bit more (38%) compared to (34%) last year. Thank you to those encouraging people to submit work. We are still trying to increase the number of submissions further. **Benjamin Voht** expresses gratitude to Beth for the transition. We want to encourage everyone in the meeting to encourages others to submit manuscripts. We have some special issues in the works for 2023.
- f. Nomination – we are recruiting people across the forensic community. We will be making calls for that soon.

IV. New business

A. New Development Conference: **Joe Gantt** – newly elected VP for AFA. Jarrod and Joe have been talking over the past few months about future plans for what AFA can do to serve the broader forensics community. One thing talked about at length is trying to serve as a facilitator for discussion for all the forensic organizations out there. March 2020 we were faced with decisions having to make about whether to hold a tournament in person, switch to hybrid, or a virtual tournament. Each organizations made decisions independently, rather than community discussion between organizations. The organizations could have benefitted from more communication with each other as we navigate those shared issues. It would be great to have a meeting with a leader from all the organizations to find where we can find ways to support each other, find common ground, discuss shared issues, find duplicative work and minimize it, etc.

V. Good of the Order

Motion to adjourn by **Eric Morris**

Goodbyes from **Jarrod Atchison**