

ILR Judges Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson at 7:04 PM EST.

Linda Hayes, ILR Board member, Kelly McWhorter, Fran Soukup, Secretary, Mindy Reid, and Steve Auld were present.

Old Business:

- 1) All judges have paid their dues. Only 5 apprentices have paid their dues, with 7 still outstanding.
- 2) Three judges wish to no longer be listed as judges and, therefore, have not paid dues: Bill Schultz, Rick Neal, and Beth Meyers.
- 3) Completed Open Book Tests continue to be submitted. Seventeen judges have yet to submit their tests. None of the apprentices have submitted their Open Book Tests.
- 4) Many judges have provided positive feedback regarding the test. They especially appreciated has been the feedback provided to them, regarding the completion of their individual tests. They also expressed the constructive criticism. However, three judges did provide negative feedback to the committee. One stated, "Some of the questions on this test were confusing and ambiguous. Asking multiple things within one question was confusing. I would recommend that in the future you have a test that isn't a "Busy work" format. This test is about at an elementary school level and just requires filling in the blank from long existing information. It is not representative of experience, work done, issues that have come up and more. Adult learners typically hate being challenged, and already "Know it all." It would be more beneficial to have our judges learn and address issues that come up throughout the year. Also, get their opinions on various things that have been brought up." A second judge's comments were similar to this statement. The third judge found the last fleece question to be ambiguous.
- 5) The purpose of the Open Book Test was reviewed. The purpose of the test is to identify and focus upon changes in the Guidelines and to review problem areas. In preparing the 2018 Open Book test, several committee members contacted appropriate committees, as they related to specific sections of the test. It was somewhat difficult to obtain input from these committees.
- 6) In the future, the Judges Committee members will again split up the sections of the test to develop the questions. It is planned to start sooner in the year to allow time to contact the committees and obtain feedback. The committee discussed the possibility of providing a format which would allow judges to complete the test directly in the document provided and to insert digital signatures. The committee will attempt to send out the Open Book Test simultaneously with the posting and/or mailing of the annual Guidelines.

- 7) The 2018 Guidelines has been sent to the publisher and should be in the mail in the coming week.
- 8) The clinic sponsored by Jessie Munson has just gotten out registration materials. There is interest in attending the clinic, especially those interested in auditing the clinic with reasonable fees.

New business:

- 1) Gogi Villanueva has requested to be accepted as a Fast Track Fleece Judge. The committee agreed to review her request after her application has been received.
- 2) Sarah Nichols was approved as a Fleece Apprentice in 2011 and will be added to the list of apprentices.

The date of the next conference call is May 8, at 8 PM EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.