

The meeting of the Judges Committee was called to order by Committee Chair, Nick Hauptly, at 7:35 CDT on October 5, 2021. Nick Hauptly, Jerrika Mumford, Fran Soukup, Ramona Simpson, Mindy Reid were in attendance. Steve Auld joined the meeting at 7:45.

The minutes for the September 2021 meeting were approved via e-mail and are available on the ILR website.

Fran made a motion to approve the agenda. Mindy seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The Judges Committee discussed the upcoming deadline for changes to the ILR-SD Guidelines. Changes must be submitted to the Governing Board before the end of October. Because changes are due in October, the ILR-SD Committees should have time to provide questions for the Judges Committee for the upcoming Open Book Test by November 15th. Nick will send an email to committee chairs requesting questions.

Responsibilities for reviewing the questions and answers submitted for the Open Book Test were assigned as follows:

Fran-Fleece

Mindy-Youth

Jerrika-Performance

Steve-Halter

Nick-Judges, Futurity

A rough draft of the test questions will be due from the Judges Committee members by December 15th. The final test will be developed and made available pending the final issuance of the 2022 Guidelines.

The Judges Committee reviewed the changes to the Virtual Judging Clinic proposal. The Judges Committee agreed that the changes were good and overall feedback about the proposal was positive. Steve Auld motioned to approve the proposal. Mindy seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. Jerrika will submit the proposal to the Governing Board.

New Business:

The committee reviewed the Judges section of the guidelines for suggested changes. Several clarification and wording changes were suggested, Nick will finalize the details for review.

Kayline Schechinger & Randi Kirchner requested to be admitted into the apprentice program. Both have met the requirements outlined in the Guidelines. Fran motioned to approve both,

Steve seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. Nick will send the request to the Governing Board for final approval.

The committee received four letters of recommendation for Tor Sorensen to become a Teaching Judge & an Advanced Teaching Judge. Tor submitted a request to become a Teaching Judge. The committee agreed that he would be a great teaching judge, and he has met the requirements in the Guidelines. Mindy motioned to approve Tor as a Teaching Judge. Jerrika seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. Nick will contact Tor to see if he would like to pursue becoming an Advanced Teaching Judge.

The next meeting was set for January 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm CDT.

Mindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jerrika seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM, CDT.

After the meeting via email, the Judges Committee reviewed a request from Tor Sorensen to become an Advanced Teaching Judge. The committee received letters of recommendation and believed that Tor would make a great Advanced Teaching Judge. Jerrika motioned to approve Tor as an Advanced Teaching Judge. Fran seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passed. Nick will send the request to the Governing Board for final approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrika Mumford
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