



## **Sigma Tau Delta Communication Committee Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2021**

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10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Chair:** *Terry Phelps*

**Attendees:** *Katie Mudd, Brett Iarrobino, Dana Berkowitz, Alessandra Young, Albi Hayes, Jamee Larson, Douglas King, Kathleen Burr, Roxie James, Kassia Waggoner, Silas Ezell*

**Minutes:** *Dana Berkowitz agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.*

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### **Business**

- Follow up from last meeting
  - Reason for 2 year rule is to prevent the same schools from winning every year
- Outreach
  - Have winners do webinar on how to do a journal
  - Increase email outreach about the opportunity
  - Student roundtable at convention
- Timeline
  - Judge applications in December
  - Finalize submission review in January
- Convention
  - Include plans with hotel for room needs to set up displays
- Partnerships
  - Society has partnership with Dolly Parton Imagination Libraries
  - Could there be partnerships specific to our committee?
    - High school English Society and two-year college branch
    - How to contact? More Contact with High School, but two year has their own staff
- Community standards
  - Discussed when we updated by-laws last year
  - Goal to make them more prominent
  - One of the changes was additional lines around social media
    - More flare ups in virtual spaces
    - Community Standards
      - 1. Be Kind and Courteous We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.
      - 2. No Hate Speech or Bullying Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender, or identity will not be tolerated.

- 3. All posts violating these Community Standards will be removed and the poster will be banned from the page.
- Possible additions
  - respecting religious holidays
  - include disability
  - include ageism
  - expand on what a welcoming environment means
  - define what civil debate means
  - include positive examples of things To Do (not just what Not To Do)

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### **Action Steps**

- Work on community standards