



## Board Meeting

March 11th, 2020

DI Colorado offices, 6000 E Evans Ave. Bldg. 1 Suite 031, Denver, CO 80222

**Mission Statement:** *Preparing Colorado's kids to be the innovators of the future by combining the arts, sciences, and technology with creativity, teamwork, and problem solving.*

**Strategic Imperative:** *Customer/Client Intimacy "Focusing on Relationships"*

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Kate Donelan, Jill Jurca (via Zoom conference), Dacia Donohue, Sara Heisdorffer, Shelley Billig, William White, and Bob Tipton, Jim Vigland and Jenny Ricklefs

**Absent:** Carrie Roethe (joined in late) Sarah Elberling

*Note: These minutes are organized by topic and may not reflect the actual sequence of events in the meeting.*

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

#### 1. COVID-19 Discussion

- a. Today DIHQ released an advisement against holding any large-scale events. Shortly following that announcement, Metro has cancelled all large gatherings. This has a significant effect on the State tournament.
- a. Our event insurance does not cover global pandemics.
- b. \$41k has already been spent on tournament expenses. \$18k of this is nonrefundable. Some of the expenses are reusable in future years. There could be a gap in recoup for some of these expenses, for example pins could be sold with the 2020 year on them.
- c. Embassy Suite will not hold DICO to their room guarantee contract.
- d. Tournament revenue is typically around \$35k net. Global Finals, we earn about \$30k net selling pins. While the operating budget and investment accounts can cover next year, the business model will modify significantly.
- e. T-Shirts have not been ordered, the deadline is Monday. The vendor knows that we're pending decisions.



- b. Several regional tournaments are scheduled for this weekend. If those school districts remain open, DICO discussed the probability of allowing the tournaments to continue as scheduled. The CDC regulations will be posted on the DICO website. Reasonable mitigation steps will be taken to help minimize the risk for participants and DICO will respect individual choice for teams and volunteers to attend.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to continue with the remaining scheduled tournaments unless the hosting district or location cancels. We will instruct the tournament directors to follow reasonable mitigation steps to help minimize the risk for participants and volunteers. We recognize volunteers and teams will make their own individual choice in attending. The CDC guidance will be linked on the DICO website. The motion was seconded and approved.

- c. Significant discussions took place about the best course of action in regards to the state tournament. For the protection of the DICO participants and volunteers, following the footsteps of the CDC, WHO and Colorado Government a motion was raised to cancel the state tournament.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to cancel the 2020 State Tournament. The motion was seconded and approved.

- d. Global Finals is still scheduled at this time. DICO will continue to closely monitor the situation.

## 2. Website Review

- a. High volume spikes are being well handled by the site. Metrics were reviewed.

## 3. Summer Board Retreat

- Is scheduled for June 13 & 14th the agenda for the retreat was discussed as well as the requirement for a facilitator to lead the meeting. Will has a facilitator who has offered to lead the retreat for free.
- The retreat will be covered extensively at the April meeting.

Next meeting is April 8th, 2020.

There is no April RD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm