

State Degree Check Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 2, 2018 – Lubbock

- Heard concerns from each area, but no action taken
- Reviewed LS check
 - o Voted to make the Wednesday of state check the final deadline to change any book – there were still many books being taken from the room after reject, being fixed and then brought back to committee. That will no longer happen – reject decision will be final
 - o Checklist revision will continue – more will be done through the SAE taskforce
- Proficiency awards
 - o National results should be out no later than Monday, August 6
 - o Had some issues with copied applications – some folks copied word for word – even captions. Be aware that nationals has software to detect anything that is plagiarized and has a database of applications from several years back.
 - o Committee would prefer that apps be stapled in top left corner and not put into an awards folder
- American Degrees
 - o All from Texas made it through nationals
- Star applications
 - o Discussed if there is a need for interview if there are no points. Committee felt interview is important for clarification but all discussed possibility that some points could be assigned in the future
 - o Group did appreciate that Austin Large sent a letter to any student who was DQ'ed for being in the wrong category
 - o Stars will again go to Austin to be confirmed after area
- Golden Horizon
 - o Just staple apps in top left corner – no awards folders
 - o Changes are coming this year to the app
 - o Also will now have three divisions:
 - Single teacher
 - 2-3 teachers
 - 4+ teachers
 - o 2019 dates: June 5-7 - Tarleton