

**April 17, 2008**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

- I. The president called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.  
The recording secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school
  
- II. OFFICER'S REPORT
  - A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz
    1. Presented the minutes from Houston 2007 and asked for corrections.
    2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP**
    3. Presented the minutes from the NCA Executive Meeting from San Antonio.
    4. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP**
  
  - B. President – Cynthia Dewar
    1. Announced efforts being made to update the website
    2. Announced efforts for volunteerism projects by member schools.  
Thanked Steve Schroeder for his e
    3. Thanked Moorpark (McCall) for arranging a recruiting transfer night for opportunities for students to move to the university level.
  
  - C. Vice President of Association – Jeff Przybylo
    1. No action items.
  
  - D. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish
    1. Deferred report to announcements for the tournament
  
  - E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht
    1. Submitted financial report for July 2006 through June 2007.
      - A. Reported a total income of \$51,958.00
      - B. Reported a total expense of \$45,888.15
      - C. Reported a net income of \$6,069.85
    2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**
  
  - E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti
    1. Submitted report for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
      - A. Reported a beginning balance of \$199,314.17 and an ending balance of \$216,795.84.
      - B. Reported that the total cash received was \$65,713.65
      - C. Reported that the total cash disbursed was \$48,231.98
    2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Inter-organization – Jeff Przybylo

1. Rosie Mays from Glendale Community College – AFA NIET Executive Committee. Banquet discontinued because the size became prohibitive. At 2008 AFA tournament – proposal to eliminate books. Failed. Also combined Districts 7 and 8 at AFA. Colleges in District 9 may be assimilated into other AFA Districts. Tournament to be held in 2009 at University of Akron. No bids for 2010. Question from the floor about students judging rounds of forensics competition and how it might mean forfeiting eligibility (unless they petition the AFA president). Kirt Shineman (Glendale CC) suggested accessing the AFA website for updated information.

#### B. Awards – Chris Miller

1. Action Item: Proposal for NFA-LD award similar to those awarded in the other debate events. Fish / Nelson proposed. Petrello offered friendly amendment suggested that the membership be more involved in the naming and enact the award, but delay the naming. Committee accepted the friendly amendment. **MSP.**

#### C. Nominations – Paul Cummins

1. Nominations. 3 offices up for re-election.  
Recording Secretary – No other nominations. John Schultz  
Comptroller – No other nominations. Lisa Benedetti  
President – No other nominations. Cynthia Dewar  
**Accepted by acclamation.**

#### D. Tournament Evaluations – Edwin Tiongson

1. Thanked on the pre-tournament evaluation. Reminded membership about paper survey at the end of the week. Moving to online data collection in the future – perhaps occurring as early as the 2009 tournament. No action items

#### E. Publications – Rolland Petrello

1. No report. Asked one coach from each school to check in with him to make sure that all the contact and institutional information was updated.

**F. Ethics – Jim Wyman**

1. No report.

**G. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Change officer terms from 2 to 3 years. K. Copeland spoke against prohibits participation of new coaches in leadership positions. T. Guy – spoke toward the sense of history. Puchot spoke against. Petrello – officers will be more effective in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Increases stability. **MSP.**
2. Elect all officers during the same calendar year. **Motion failed.**
3. Housekeeping of language in the constitution. (Can be provided upon request) **MSP.**

**H. Interpretation – Kirt Shineman**

1. Change IT ballot to increase space for judge comments and clarity. **MSP.**
2. Motions to allow manuscripts to be optional in IT. Not recommended by committee. Not brought to vote by membership. **No action.**

**I. Debate – Mark Nelson**

1. Change speaker points from 1 – 30 to 1 – 100. Numbers must be integers and not decimals. Division of House Called. **Motion failed.**
2. Parliamentary debate judges will patrol hallways and public areas during preparation time to insure compliance of closed preparation rule. Division of House Called. **Motion Passes.**

**J. Rules – Wade Hescht**

1. Award 2/2/4 for sweeps awards in each division - Gold/Silver/Bronze. Not recommended by committee. Not brought to vote by membership. **No action.**
2. Change extemp to have rounds grouped based on subject matter. For example: Round 1 – Economic; Round 2 – Domestic; Round 3 – International, etc. **MSP.**
3. Committee proposals shall be submitted to recording secretary two days prior to meeting so they are publically posted prior to

committee meetings to increase transparency and committee discussion. **Motion Failed.**

4. Change point allotments for events. The organization has lost a cohesive sense of point allocation. IT shall change from 30/22.5/15 to 20/15/10. LD and NFA L/D shall move from 10/7.5/5 to 15/11/7.5. Proposal not recommended by committee. Friendly amendment to divide proposal:
  - #1: IT changes to 20/15/10 points. **Motion failed.**
  - #2: LD and NFA L/D change to 15/11/7.5 points. **MSP.**

**K. Site – Jeff Przybylo**

1. No official bids. Several enticing offers had been informally discussed by the committee. Thanked Kelly Brennan for work in creating bids. Committee wanted to have formal bid prior to selecting a hotel.
  - A. Jim Wyman suggested that the body move forward with the informal bid received at 6:00 PM on April 17 (day of business meeting) from Tampa. Wyman asked John Schultz to speak on the general essence of the Tampa bid. Motion to go to Tampa in 2010 for \$115 within \$5 thereof hosted by Tallahassee Community College. To be decided by the Executive Committee at the NCA convention in November 2008. Dewar noted that the motion did not come out of committee. No discussion. **MSP.**

**L. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany**

1. No report.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Thanked membership for patience regarding computer problems.
2. Announced that number counts for events for the last 5 years were included in the packets.
3. Announced that judging assignments have been posted in the common areas.
4. Announced competitions rooms being used for the 8am and 9:15 am rounds.
5. Announced division slot breaks – 9.5 for small / middle; 20 for middle / large (Fish estimation)

**B. Tournament Host – Steve Schroeder**

1. No report.

**C. Judges Table – Gretchen Wheeler**

1. No report.

**E. 2009 Tournament Host – Kelly Brennan**

1. Portland is now wireless.

**F. Regional Governors**

1. Todd Guy, John Nash – new governors.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Schultz, Recording Secretary