

**November 21, 2008**  
**San Diego, CA**  
**NCA National Convention**  
**Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting**

**I. Call to Order – Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi**

Call To Order at 2:06 pm

**II. Officer Reports**

**A. Secretary Report – John Schultz**

1. Presented minutes from Chicago November 2007(NCA) MSP.

**B. Treasurer Report – Wade Hesch**

1. Income from all tournament fees - \$56, 724.36. Expense from all tournament activities - \$41,839.55. Net income of \$14,977.46

**C. Comptroller Report – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Reported a \$216,795.84 beginning balance and a \$219,724.09 ending balance for last fiscal cycle. Investments did well in the market.

**D. Vice President of Association Report – Jeff Przybylo**

1. NCA Update: CRAFT Session. Sat at 9:30. 16 presenters from both colleges and junior colleges.
2. PRP only gets 2 sessions. Important to come to the CRAFT session for NCA counters to increase viability.
3. Co-sponsoring with community college division. Thanked Tom Bovino. Sat at 6:30 PM.
4. Theme for next year: Discourses of Stability and Change. Call will occur ASAP. NCA has purchased 60 LCD projectors. JP will seek out other co-sponsorships for other ideas. Can even submit papers and opt for ‘Scholar to Scholar’. DOF’s can also apply for GIFTS.
5. Extension of fees to mid-September.

**E. President Report – Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi**

1. Highlighted that Exec Board was aware of the Prop 8 sponsorship with the Hyatt. Stated that supporting NCA needed our support and to move could create logistical problems.

2. The controversy at CEDA Nationals. PRP follows the Code of Conduct created by AFA. AFA is amending their Code of Conduct and PRP will adopt that policy.
3. CD is working on standing committees. See her
4. The Bradley developmental conference. All proceedings will be on the website.
5. There will be a debate summit at Wake Forest in June. Sponsored by NDT and CEDA.  
Side presentation by \_\_\_\_\_ to promote the debate summit.

**F. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish**

1. Looking forward to Portland in April of 2009. Easiest site visit ever. CD and DF conducted site visit in June. Addressed concerns about date of 4/6/09 – 4/12/09. Information on the website is correct.
2. Rule changes
  - a. CA / STE / IT was normalized in PRP rules. Passed in Houston
  - b. NFA – LD will again occur this year. Over 40 entries last year.
  - c. Extemp will be conducted by topic areas: Round 1 may be all inter, round 2 domestic, round 3 economic. Out rounds will be mixed.
  - d. Sweeps change: NFA, LD and Duo will all be weighted at 1.5
  - e. New ballot for IT will be implemented this year.
  - f. Judges patrolling prep time: Expect dialogue about that in the invitation and also at the opening judges' meeting. Judges will need to be sure that if they leave the room to patrol that the room be locked and secure.
3. Hired Judges: We didn't hire as many last year. Pay scale is not competitive. Will include all prelims and first day of out rounds. Also will include out round pay moving up to \$15. Last year, we collected more money than we needed. This is a way to keep up quality and quantity of our judges.  
Question from the floor: Kirt Shineman – double/triple entry clarification. Also inquiry about where potential hired judges should be directed.

**III. Committee Reports**

- A. Website – Rolland Petrello. Problem with documents on prior website. Documents were linked to old host site that went off line. Problem is being addressed. Also, CD indicated that a holistic e-mail contact list is being implemented. DF elaborated that his e-mail list only included people who attended the prior PRP tournament. This should improve communication.
- B. Site – Jeff Pryzbylo

1. CD – background of the site visit. Tampa logistics didn't work. Executive Board asked site to revisit the procedure.
  2. JP – New Orleans \$125 inclusive over Connecticut site. 5-4 decision by the committee. CN was landlocked and many kings would need to be converted to double / doubles. Analysis deemed that NO would be better.
  3. JS – identified pros and cons of the property.
- C. Tournament Evaluations - Edwin Tionsen
1. Overall favorable comments about the tournament.
  2. Cons included water problems, location away from city center, and distance between competition rooms was too much.
  3. Open ended responses notably included specific debate question for judges to include during judging criteria.
  4. Complaints about curfew.
  5. Online postings were well-received and received favorable reviews. Even asked for more comprehensive on-line posting.
  6. Slam poetry event was well-received. Students asked for more social opportunities.
  7. Students wanted an opportunity for a mid-tournament evaluation and discussion board.  
 Question: Kirt Shineman - asked about possible curfew amendments.  
 Question: Rolland Petrello - asked about instituting a concrete penalty for curfew violations for future PRP national tournaments.  
 Question: Lauren Morgan/Kirt Shineman – rules committee should be concrete in conveying what PRP does to be proactive.

#### **IV. Old Business**

No other old business.

#### **V. New Business**

- A. WH – Portland contract. \$42 banquet per person inclusive. There has to be a way to adjust the facility fee for all attendees by \$5. This should only be for only one year. **MSP.**
- B. DF – Motion to raise the raise new student cost from \$6 to \$10. Duane in the past has covered the cost by his staff. **MSP.**
- C. DF – Notify rules that there is a conflict in rules that occurred with new term limitations. **MSP.**
- D. Jill McCall – Recruiting opportunity for universities to provide information for potential transfers. Students seemed to be excited about it, but the event lacked buzz. CD – create an ad hoc committee. Jill McCall agreed to chair. Lauren Morgan volunteered to participate.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Moved to adjourn at 3:12

Moved to a closed meeting at 4:22 pm.