

**April 9, 2009**  
**Portland, OR**  
**Salon F**  
**8:15**

**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The president called the meeting to order at 8:33 p.m. The recording secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz
  1. Presented the minutes from Chicago 2008 and asked for corrections.
  2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP**
  3. Presented the minutes from the NCA Executive Meeting from Chicago. For information only.
- B. President – Cynthia Dewar
  1. Announced intent to form committee for examining event and tournament wellness. Encouraged student involvement.
  2. Announced that Duane Fish received award from AFA for distinguished service.
  3. No items of action.
- C. Vice President of Association – Jeff Przybylo
  1. No action items. Will present information in his later reports.
- D. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish
  1. Deferred report to announcements for the tournament. Presented numbers for tournament entries for the last several years.
- E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht
  1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
    - A. Reported a total income of \$56,724.36
    - B. Reported a total expense of \$41,839.55
    - C. Reported a net income gain of \$14,977.46
  2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**
- E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti
  1. Submitted report for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
    - A. Reported a beginning balance of \$216,795.84 and an ending balance of \$219,724.09.

- B. Reported that the total cash received was \$60,803.17
  - C. Reported that the total cash disbursed was \$41,839.55
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- 1. Vice –President Announcements – listserv will be set up for member schools during the upcoming year. Will include anyone the DOF’s deem appropriate.
- 2. CRAFT - top priority was given to PRP members.
- 3. Inter-organization report: Shannon Daldivia – Pi Kappa Delta Host for upcoming year. Also acknowledged Kirt Shineman for his service on behalf of the organization and membership.

##### **B. Site Selection**

- 1. Tampa bid from 2008 Business Meeting was discussed. Highlighted problems that made that location impossible for 2010. The bid was amended and moved to New Orleans.
- 2. Four site bids for 2011 were obtained before the beginning of tournament. Committee vetted bids and recommended that Greenwich, CT be accepted as 2011 host. Cost will be \$115 inclusive. A concern was raised from the floor about the cost of the Greenwich property versus the Boston property. Vote was called. **MSP**.
- 3. One site bid was presented for the 2012 tournament in Schaumburg, IL. The committee discussed the drawbacks of limiting future bids by going two years out, but felt the benefit of the cost outweighed the negative of locking in several years out. John Nash will serve as primary host to facilitate the bid. **MSP**.

##### **C. Nominations – Paul Cummins**

- 1. Nominations. 3 offices up for re-election.
  - Vice-President for Association: 2 nominations – Jeff P. and Kelly Brennan. Election results announced at end of committee reports: Jeff Przybylo elected as VP of Association.
  - Secretary – Treasurer: one nomination – Wade Hescht. Accepted by acclamation.
  - Vice President for Tournament Administration: one nomination – Duane Fish. Accepted by acclamation.

##### **D. Awards – Chris Miller**

1. Single item was to name the NFA L/D Fellowship Award as the Fish / Nelson Fellowship Award. **MSP.**

**E. Ethics – Jim Wyman**

1. No report.

**F. Tournament Evaluation – Edwin Tiongson**

1. Information item presented. Tournament evaluation from 2008 was highlighted. Encouraged all coaches and students to participate in the 2009 survey to make the tournament a better experience.

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

1. Proposal 1: Implementing a Code of Conduct. Concern was raised about the pragmatic implementation of such policy, while the theoretical base was praised. Motion Failed.
2. Proposal 2: Formalizing Procedure for Adding Events. Discussion of clarification ensued. Todd Guy commented that the proposed policy was the same format used for the adoption of parliamentary debate. Kirt Shineman indicated that the process would improve the educational curve of student competitors. Motion Failed.
3. Listing the official events offered by Phi Rho Pi in the By-Laws to facilitate better understanding by new member schools and to formalize event offering. **MSP.**

**H. Rules – M'Liss Hindman**

1. Proposal of an Ad Hoc Committee to study the validity of splitting tournament schedule. No action needed but asked for by the President. Straw vote in support of proposal.
2. Proposal to allow open discussion of parliamentary debate at the conclusion of all rounds (with conditions). Not recommended by the committee. Motion and second made from the floor in support of the proposal to allow discussion. **Motion Failed.**
3. Proposal of Ethical Guidelines for Tournament Host. Any tournament host shall divulge any/all incentives and benefits received by the host hotel. **MSP.**
4. Team Sweepstakes Division to be guaranteed to the following number of competitors:

Hindman:	1 - 4 students	(small school)
Wheeler:	5 – 9 students	(middle school)
Wyman:	10 – 14 students	(large school)

- a. The motion was divided to first consider that a certain number be guaranteed prior to arrival at the tournament. The manner of division is to be determined. **MSP.**
- b. Motion to divide both people and slots. Motion in support of basing division on number of student entries. **Motion Failed.**
- c. Motion to base division on 1 – 15, 15.5 – 30, 30.5 – (+).  
Friendly amendment to 1- 12, 12.5 – 21, 21.5 – (+).  
Discussion ensued and motion was retracted and then amended to allowing decision of slots to be determined by ad hoc committee to be announced at NCA.

**I. Interpretation – Kirt Shineman**

1. No report

**J. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany**

1. No report.

**K. Debate – Mark Nelson**

1. Proposal to adopt a 6 Question format for all debate judging philosophies to create a consistent tool for all students. **MSP.**
2. Proposal to allow “any non-electronic non-web based material in their preparation time.” **MSP.**
3. Proposal to increase NFA L/D entries to 6 students.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Announced competition rooms to be used on Friday. Released selected rooms.
2. Judging assignments to be posted as far in advance as possible.
3. Directed colleges not receiving certificates to see Hindman.

**B. Tournament Host – Kelly Brennan**

1. Cautioned colleges about tight van schedule for Sunday departures.

**C. Judges Table – Paul Cummins**

1. No report. Posted online.

**D. Regional Governors**

1. Announced Kerri Hughes as new Regional Governor..

**F. 2010 Tournament Host – John Schultz**

1. Spoke about the cultural opportunities in New Orleans and let colleges know that preparations are being made for a great national experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Schultz, Recording Secretary