

**April 14, 2011
Greenwich, CT
Round Hill Meeting Room
8:15
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. The president called the meeting to order at 8:35 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 New Orleans 2010 and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**

B. President – Cynthia Dewar

1. PRP website was hacked over the summer. Entire database structure was rebuilt. Thanks to Rolland Petrello for the work. Hosts have been switched to prevent such actions in the future.
2. AFA-NIET report. 11 CC's at the tourney. North Harris Lone Star had a student place fourth place.

C. Vice President of Association – Jeff Przybylo

1. Report is self-explanatory. Encouraged members to peruse the materials and let him know if there were any questions.

D. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish

1. Please refer to Item 14

E. Treasurer – Wade Hesch

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
 - A. Total income of \$52,518.90
 - B. Total expense of \$51,517.65
 - C. Net gain of \$1,001.68
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**

E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti

1. Submitted report for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
 - A. Beginning balance of \$196,107.28
 - B. Total cash received was \$52,528.33
 - C. Total cash disbursed was \$51,517.65
 - D. Ending balance was \$208,332.03
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CD introduced Jim Wyman who briefly explained protocol of Robert's Rules of Order to ensure that the meeting would run smoothly.

A. Nominations – Paul Cummins

1. 3 positions up for election this year. President, Secretary, Comptroller. Only office which is contested is between CD and Terry Rogers from Casper College. Nomination for Comptroller was opened to the floor and Lisa Benedetti was nominated. She accepted the nomination. Nomination for Secretary was opened to the floor and John Schultz was nominated. He accepted the nomination. Both were elected by the body.
2. Terry Rogers briefly spoke to the organization about his views and vision for PRP.
3. CD briefly spoke to the organization about her views and vision for PRP.
4. PC and HS collected ballots from the floor.
5. PC returned to the body after the report on public speaking to announce that CD was elected as the president for the next three year term (inserted into this part of the minutes for convenience).

B. Site Selection – Jeff Przybylo

1. Highlighted the information provided in the site bid for 2013. The committee has recommended that the bid be accepted for Woodland Hills. It is the same property that was used by the organization in 2004. Rates are \$99 non/inclusive. Final cost should be approximately \$112 / \$115. Hotel gave the organization all the amenities that were requested by the board. **MSP**
2. Highlighted the site bids which were presented for 2014. Indicated that going out an extra year would be strategically prudent. Even got bids from 2015 – felt like that was too binding for PRP. Encouraged members to contact Experient who to become host. Spoke about two great bids from Phoenix and Denver. Committee recommended Denver in 2014 for \$125 inclusive. Many amenities such as free parking and free internet. **MSP**

B. Inter-organization – Jeff Przybylo

1. Please refer to the information provided in the VP report.

D. Awards – Chris Miller – No Report

E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan – No Report

F. Tournament Evaluation – Edwin Tiongson

1. Reminded everyone to participate in the survey on Saturday.

G. Constitution & By-Laws – Kari Schimmel – No Report

H. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino

1. Proposal #1: Contestants may not change the change the gender or POV of literature from Section 3 – Event Rules: #6 Unlimited Preparation Events: h:) currently reads: “Contestants may not change the point of view or gender of a character.” Proposal is

to strike the language from the constitution. Debate ensued both for and against the proposal. Division of the House called. **Motion Failed.**

2. Proposal #2: change language in Section 3 – Event Rules: #6 Unlimited Preparation Events: c. – to delete the language which identifies introductions as being extemporized. Friendly amendment changing “must” to “should” was proposed and declined. Second friendly amendment was offered deleting the word “extemporized” which was accepted. **MSP.**
3. Requested that the president form an ad hoc committee which would review the rules governing interpretation to update the rules to match current practice in the event.

I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany

1. Proposal #1: Regarding extemporaneous speaking: that prep be limited to use only a dictionary and almanac. Discussion ensued for and against. Committee did not recommend. **Motion Failed.**
2. Proposal #2: Regarding STE: language to be changed to include the word “humorous” (The STE shall be an original *‘humorous’* speech, the primary purpose of which...”). **MSP.**
3. Proposal #3: Change the designation of event from Persuasion to Persuasive Speaking. **MSP.**

K. Debate – Mark Nelson

1. Proposal #1: Regarding parliamentary debate: Add: “In addition, debaters are allowed to use any electronic devices and/or internet access during their 15 minute preparation time.” Discussion limited to 10 minutes and ensued both for and against the proposal. Division of the house called. **Motion Failed.**
2. Proposal #2: withdrawn due to proposal #1 failing.

J. Rules – M’Liss Hindman

1. Regarding judging requirements: Add: “a coach cannot buy out of a complete judging commitment. One could still split a commitment, but only for half. Obviously the tournament director could waive this for medical reasons. Rationale is that more coaches are buying out of assignments which is causing increased strain on the tab room staff. Discussion ensued. Friendly amendment offered and declined. **MSP.**

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish

1. Thanked Thomas and Trent for hosting.
2. Numbers for this year’s tournament were slightly down in both colleges and overall entries. Details from all events can be found on the comparative spreadsheet found on the last page of the packet.
3. Clarified that entry deadlines are put in place because of contractual and administrative obligations and demands (IE – housing deadlines, judging philosophies, etc). That is the reason the entry deadline is much later than all other components of the entry process.

4. Concerns about the hotel regarding payment and folio. Encouraged members to check in at the front desk to make sure that arrival / departure information and all fees are correct. Met with the hotel GM – the Hyatt is trying to make the stay better.
5. Thanked judges for stepping up to help with a small judging pool.
6. Moved that the current mode of sweepstakes determination be extended for 2012. Wants it to move through the rules committee to be more formally reviewed next year.
7. Suggested that CEDA remain on the Thursday / Friday rotation for next year. Wants it to move through the rules committee to be more formally reviewed next year.
8. Released competition rooms for the remainder of the tournament.

B. Tournament Host – Thomas Bovino / Trent Webb

1. Thanked the membership for attending. Go to karaoke!!

C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online. VERY TIGHT on judges on Friday and Saturday.

D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo

1. New Governors: New Region 1 – Todd Guy. Region 5 – Khris Strup

F. 2012 Tournament Host – John Nash

1. Beautiful hotel. Close to the airport. Please contact him if members have any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Schultz, Recording Secretary

