

November 15, 2011
New Orleans, LA
NCA National Convention
Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting
MINTES WERE APPROVED AT THE 2012 NCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

I. Call to Order – Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi

Call To Order at 11:00 am.

Took time to recognize the contribution and passing of Raymond Puchot. A moment of silence was taken in honor of his service.

II. Officer Reports

A. Secretary Report – John Schultz

1. Presented minutes from San Francisco November 2010 (NCA). Thanked Duane Fish for taking minutes in Schultz's absence in San Francisco in 2010. **MSP.**

B. Treasurer Report – Wade Hesch

1. Net Income: \$47,906.00. Net Expenses: \$48,433.21. Reported that the net loss of \$517.11 was much less than anticipated. Loss was due to lower entry numbers while hotel costs are widely fixed. Special thanks to Jill with Experion for her assistance in helping with the contract to minimize the loss. **MSP.**

C. Comptroller Report – Lisa Benedetti

1. The Income/Expense sheet for FY of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 Beginning Balance \$208,332.03. Ending Balance \$231,259.45. **MSP.**

D. Vice President of Association Report – Jeff Przybylo

1. NCA 2012 is in Orlando on the property of Disney. Special amenity for guests is the tram for transportation because it will be so landlocked. Theme is "COMM-unity". The goal of NCA is to discuss the idea of community within the association. Phi Rho Pi is getting 2 slots for next year. Could appeal for additional slots if there is need. Encouraged members to participate in CRAFT. There were 50 members who attended CRAFT earlier this morning.
2. Indicated that site information will be covered by John Nash. Mentioned that there are 2015 bids in the works for Cleveland, Ft. Worth, and Washington D. C.

E. President Report – Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi

1. Cynthia highlighted that the website is being updated to become more interactive. Rolland Petrello is working with the EB on reconstructing the site.
2. M'Liss highlighted that AFA is being hosted by Hutchinson CC in 2013. It is the first time in the history of AFA that a junior college is hosting the national tournament. Site for AFA has not been solicited for 2014 at this time.
3. Duane indicated that two members of PRP were running for the nominating committee.
4. Kirt Shineman was nominated to be Vice President Elect for the Community College Section. Jeannie Hunt is running for Secretary.

F. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish

1. Rule changes:
 - a. Persuasion is going to be renamed Persuasive Speaking
 - b. Judges are no longer able to completely buy out of judging requirements.
2. Site visit was great. John Nash was a superb host. Hotel was a 'swank' property. Thinks the membership will enjoy the experience in 2012.

III. Committee Reports

A. Publications/Website – Rolland Petrello

No Report. Cynthia mentioned that access rights will be expanded to EB members and even committee chairs so information can be posted and digested earlier in the year. Thinks that it will improve the decision-making process. Asked for members to provide input in the process.

B. Site – Jeff Pryzbylo

No Report. Any information will be discussed by John Nash in new business.

IV. Old Business

Interpretation Committee was highlighted. The committee is going to review language and practices in regard to interpretation events at the tournament. The concept is to make sure rules and procedures are current and accurate. A more formalized ad hoc committee will include: Rolland Petrello, Fred Ebert, and Cynthia Dewar will be active members.

V. New Business

Duane Fish: PRP conflicts with AFA- NIET this year. A number of member schools have approached the EB to amend the schedule to allow students to compete at both. The schedule needs minor adjustments to accommodate members who wish to participate in both tournaments. AFA has already made adjustments to their schedule. As a show of good faith, PRP is also trying to make adjustments. IE events will not begin at 8:00 AM, probably would begin around 9:30 – 10:00 AM. This proposed change led to a more widespread discussion in amending the overall schedule. For example, Parliamentary Debate time slot is longer than needed.

That change facilitated the discussion that the schedule could be amended to commence on Wednesday rather than Tuesday. It is a discussion that members have asked leadership to do for years. Duane asked members to wait to announce/print schedules for team members until small changes for this year have been made. He also wants the body to peruse and approve the change to a 4 day schedule. This change will not take place until 2015 because we currently have hotel contracts which would prohibit that in the next two years. Also wanted to get feedback from the membership on moving committee meetings to Tuesday morning. Comments from the floor: Rolland Petrello – morning committee meetings will be poorly attended because coaches will want to coach and no coaches will have had the opportunity to discuss issues. Larry Radden – maybe look at shifting committee meetings to another day. Rolland Petrello – clarified that if a student came in late because of travel delays at the airport that the schedule would not be further delayed – Duane Fish indicated it would not.

Duane indicated that AFA was not being uncooperative, but the conflict is based on April 1 falling on a Sunday. Feels that the change will be minor. Encouraged members to give him input and feedback on the process. Cynthia Dewar and Duane Fish also encouraged people to begin thinking about how a 4 day schedule would best be implemented.

Succinct motion: Duane Fish shall have the ability to draft and implement an amended schedule for the situation highlighted above. He shall also begin drafting a 4 day schedule to present to the membership in April. **MSP.**

John Nash reported on PRP 2012. A webpage is up and live. Needs direction to get it out to the membership. Address is: morainevalley/forensics/prp/htn Links already live include information on: taxi, airport, trolley, city info, city tours, restaurants, etc. Addressed the difference between flying into O'Hare (recommended) and Midway (much farther away). Check-in time and facility information also ready. Presented a t-shirt design for members to get an initial look. There are refrigerators in the rooms. Internet is 50% off rack rate in rooms and free in the lobby and common areas. Parking is free at the hotel as well.

JP encouraged members to attend College of DuPage / Harper College in January / February to get acclimated to the area.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 am. **MSP.** Cynthia moved to go to executive session. Executive Session closed at 12:14 pm.