

April 12, 2012
Schaumburg, IL
Nirvana B and C
8:15

Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz

1. Presented the minutes from Greenwich 2011 and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**

B. President – Cynthia Dewar

1. CD highlighted the committee process
2. Encouraged everyone to peruse her report which is self-explanatory.
2. Mentioned that PRP students have been successful at other national tournaments. They will be mentioned more fully during the awards rather than the opening assembly so to not influence students who are currently competing.

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 5 and 22. Mentioned that the numbers from 2011 to 2012 were very similar in nature. Will comment on #5 later in the meeting.

E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
 - A. Total income of \$47,906.00
 - B. Total expense of \$48,433.21
 - C. Net loss of (\$517.11)
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**

E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti

1. Submitted report for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
 - A. Beginning balance of \$208,332.03
 - B. Total cash received was \$48,449.19
 - C. Total cash disbursed was \$48,433.31
 - D. Ending balance was \$231,259.45
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. Vice-President for Tournament, Vice-President for Association, and Treasurer. Nomination for Vice President of Tournament was opened to the floor and Duane Fish was nominated. He accepted the nomination. Nomination for Vice President of Association was opened to the floor and Jeff Przybylo was nominated. He accepted the nomination. Nomination was opened for Treasurer and Wade Hescht was nominated. He accepted the nomination. All officers were elected by the body. Hearty applause ensued.
2. 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. Inter-organization – Jeff Przybylo

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

C. Site Selection – Jeff Przybylo

1. JP thanked Jill Kratz from Experian for assisting members with developing bids. The committee examined bids from Bethesda and Cleveland. JP highlighted the information provided in the site bid for 2015. The committee has recommended that the bid be accepted for Cleveland, OH. Rates are \$129.04 inclusive. Hotel gave the organization all the amenities that were requested by the board. **MSP**
2. Also commented on the possible tournament schedule change. Commented on how LA and Denver hotels would be willing to amend the contract to accommodate us. Suggested that maybe PRP handle it as a trial.

D. Constitution and By-Laws – Kari Schimmel

1. CB highlighted that the gravity of a potential tournament schedule change and sent the issue to both Constitution & Bylaws and Site as they are impacted by such a change. KS provided and balanced list of pros and cons to move to a 4 day schedule. It included cost-saving on one side and time challenges on the other.
2. Also had an informational item on filling the position of archivist which is indicated in the bylaws but not currently filled.

Duane Fish was then introduced to give the membership a sense of what a new 4 day schedule would mean for the body. Made it clear that he had no personal desire to change, but was merely moving in the direction indicated by the body. Also, asked members to look at attendance trends and that one of the factors is often identified as being 'too long'. Made it clear that CEDA and policy LD can be included if numbers are there for the events to make. He then took questions from the floor. Addressed shrinkage in time for IT turnaround. Indicated that one of the big time savers was to cut down parli debate slotted times. Also, small adjustments like bumping up extemp draw, etc. Also suggestions from the floor included considerations to be made regarding extemp and parli, etc. DF encouraged insight from the body. CD asked for members to vote on implementing a 4 day schedule. 58 for the change in schedule. 21 voted against a change in schedule.

E. Awards – Chris Miller

1. Commented on the fellowship awards for policy debate (as the event didn't make). They are going to accept nominations for the Bell-Scroggins award to be vetted by the committee for possible awarding on Saturday. If the lack of offering in CEDA occurs next year, the committee will decide how to reassess the situation. CD encouraged members to see agenda item 18 in the packet for more details.
2. DF mentioned that some of the awards including: Huffer-Goldman, Service Awards, and Fellowship Awards from last year were purged from the computer accidentally. Asked for members to bring forward names to update the brochure.

E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan – No Report

F. Publications – Rolland Petrello – No Report

G. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

1. Identifying ways to use evaluations to collect more meaningful data to help make the tournament a more rewarding and efficient event.

H. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino

1. Proposal #1: (#9) “To delete the line ‘contestants may not rewrite the ending of a work’. The current language is redundant as it stands in the language. **MSP.**
2. Proposal #2: (#10) “Contestants may not replace the ‘sex’ not ‘gender’ or the narrative point of view (moving between 1st, 2nd and 3rd person). The new language is more accurate. **MSP.**
3. Proposal #3: Delete language that “in cases of confusion as to which....for final arbitration. Members should examine the rationale in the proposal. **MSP.**
4. Proposal #4: Delete language “along with a copy of the copyright page” Add language “copyrighted works...from the author”. Motion from house to divide into 2 motions. **MSP.** New first proposal subpoint 4 part 1 is: to delete language as identified above. **MSP.** New proposal subpoint 4 part 2: to add “copyrighted works...from the author. Discussion ensued. Points ranged from legal ramifications, to enforcement, ethicality of abusing literary genres, limiting creativity, etc. **Motion Failed.**
5. Proposal #5: Delete the word “transitions” in the language which is not required. Change the word ‘reading’ to ‘interpretation’. Friendly amendment to change ‘a manuscript’ to ‘manuscript(s)’. Friendly amendment was accepted. **MSP.**
6. Proposal #6: Change word ‘will’ be allowed. Amending the wording to ‘may’ be ‘provided if’. Adding the wording that “Elimination rounds will not be timed”. Current practices and policy are in line with this change. **MSP.**

I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany

1. Proposal #1: (actually presented by Thomas Bovino). The current wording in the tournament brochure lump both interpretation and public address events together. The multi-page proposal is to simply change the language splitting the events to be more clear to judges and students. No action necessary.

J. Rules – M'Liss Hindman

1. Proposal #1: (19) To change the number of teams and individual slots from (6) to (7). Since there are 14 maximum students it would allow programs which are predominantly debate or IE to better serve the students. Negative impact includes judging and rooms. Further discussion ensued. Division of the house was called. **Motion Failed 48 to 30.**
2. Proposal #2: (20) To allow colleges to bring one hybrid IT to the national tournament and for such entry to be counted for team sweepstakes. Friendly amendment to limit each college to 2 students per college. **MSP.**
3. Proposal #3: To allow students greater access to competition at the PRP national tournaments. "Each student is allowed to have one student per year who has already participated in more than (5) semesters of college competition. ...No student may ever compete at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in more than three different years. Division of the house was called. **Motion failed 57 to 28.**

K. Debate – Mark Nelson

1. Proposal #1: Add the language (including the CIA World Fact Book) to the current language. The identified book is a reference book which is widely accepted as an almanac but not clearly specified. Discussion ensued. **MSP.**
2. Item for consideration (not an action item): the debate committee presented a unanimous resolution which encourages the PRP President and Vice-President of Tournament to more actively advocate for CEDA debate. The resolution highlighted the historical and academic importance of the event as a part of PRP.
3. Item for consideration (not an action item): to encourage the organization to award both the Lynch-Grossman and Bell-Scroggins award during the 2012 national tournament even though the event didn't have enough entries to be offered during this tournament.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish

1. We need a lot of judges for tomorrow. Early rounds have already been posted. All competition rounds with exception of several named schools have been released.

B. Tournament Host – John Nash

1. Thanked the membership for attending. There are a few t-shirts remaining if you want to take home an extra souvenir.

C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online.

D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo

1. Regional Governors were recognized: Region 1 – Todd Guy, Modesto; Region 2 – Franchesca Bishop, El Camino; Region 3: Jessica Hurlless, Casper; Region 4: Lynn Harper, Lake County; Region 5: VACANT; Region 6: M'Liss Hindman, Tyler; Region 7: Thomas Bovino, Suffolk County; Region 8: Janice Ralya, Jefferson State; and Region 9: Kerrie Hughes, Clackamas.

F. 2013 Tournament Host – Josh Miller and Duane Smith

1. The tourney will be fantastic. Come to California!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Schultz, Recording Secretary

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