**April 19, 2013**

**Woodland Hills, CA**

**Salon E**

**8:30**

**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The president called the meeting to order at 8:47 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 Schaumburg 2012 and asked for corrections.

2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**

**B. President – Cynthia Dewar**

1. CD highlighted 4 day schedule being piloted this year. Everyone will have the opportunity to weigh in on strengths and areas which may be addressed to improve the process.

2. Introduced Jill Kratz from Experiant who has been helping PRP finding and negotiating hotel contracts. Encouraged members to use her if interested in hosting nationals as well as using the company for regional tournaments. Ms. Kratz explained her company and the service she offers to the forensics community.

3. The PRP website has been completely redesigned. All old information has been transferred from the old site with the exception of old results. That will be done before the summer. Regional governors and future hosts will be able to update the information to keep the site current. CD thanked Fred Ebert for his assistance in running the program. Also thanked Thomas Bovino for proofing the content on the website.

4. Archived materials from Tom Kuster will be sent to CD soon and she will peruse the materials and make pertinent information available to the membership.

5. Recognized Darren Elliot as the official AFA-NIET rep for junior colleges and asked him to present an overview of information regarding his position as liaison. Congratulated Tyler, Lone Star - North Harris, and El Paso for placing 3rd through 1st (respectively) in the junior college division at the 2013 AFA tournament.

**C. Vice President of Association – Jeff Przybylo**

1. Report is self-explanatory in attachment #3. Encouraged members to peruse the materials and let him know if there were any questions. Documented as the fastest officer report in the history of the organization.

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

1. Please refer to item 15. Mentioned that the total participant number was inclusive of coaches and students. Hoped for an increase in students and schools with the shortened schedule, but it did not impact the numbers at all. A survey will be circulated to determine how members liked the shortened schedule. Next year PRP will be going back to the longer schedule in Denver. Thanked the tab room staff for making the tournament run smoothly. Only needs 3 competition rooms tomorrow on the 3rd and 4th floors.

**E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

A. Total income of $45,150.09

B. Total expense of $47,294.54

C. Net loss of ($2,144.45)

2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**

**E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Submitted report for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

A. Beginning balance of $231,259.45

B. Total cash received was $45,476.61

C. Total cash disbursed was $47,294.54

D. Ending balance was $229,441.52

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. No elections this year. There is a schedule of upcoming officer elections on the nominations page on the website.

**B. Inter-organization – Jeff Przybylo**

1. Please refer to the information provided in the VP report. Documented as the NEW fastest chair report in the history of PRP

**C. Site Selection – Jeff Przybylo**

1. JP thanked Jill Kratz from Experian for assisting members with developing bids. The committee examined a bid from Costa Mesa. The dates are March 31 – April 10. The dates in the committee proposal are incorrect. JP highlighted the information provided in the site bid for 2016. The committee has recommended that the bid be accepted for the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa. Rates are $127.00 inclusive. **MSP**

**D. Awards – Dewi Hokett**

**1.** Commented on the accelerated schedule and how it impacted the voting process during the 2013 tournament. 417 students entered with 300 plus votes for both fellowship awards. Thanked the organization and students for their diligence in the process.

**2.** The concept of changing the process to an electronic voting system was highlighted. DH addressed challenges of moving to a new system. Positives of the current system includes the ability for students to make comments

**E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan – No Report**

**F. Publications – Fred Ebert**

**1.** Commented on the new website and encouraged members to visit the website and become familiar with the content and to share with people who are not at the PRP national tournament.

2. Noted that there are several Facebook pages on the net and encouraged members to visit the site which is officially sponsored by the organization. Also noted that PRP is active on Twitter. Reminded people that they can upload photos of the team.

**G. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker**

1. The committee is identifying ways to use evaluations to collect more meaningful data to help make the tournament a more rewarding and efficient event. The committee routes information to appropriate persons and committees to make the tournament a better experience. Encouraged members to get involved as there are dwindling members on this particular committee. This committee is considering an electronic response option but will continue with the traditional way of providing feedback.

2. CD commented that the committee will be gathering demographic information on students who compete in the organization.

**H. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Benedetti – No Report**

**I. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino**

1. Looking to establish a resource library for all members to use – particularly new coaches who need help finding material. Also commented on issues regarding the videotaping of performances. The committee is working to help members with this process.

**J. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – No Report**

**K. Debate – Francesca Bishop**

1. Proposal #1: The proposal by the committee. Add IPDA to the national tournament. Would be added to pattern A. It would be weighted at 1 point per slot and would be limited to 2 entries per college. No Central announcement. Value / policy / metaphor resolutions would be used in 6 prelim rounds of communication. Pros are listed on the resolution proposal form. They include such elements as increasing participation from the Northwest. Discussion pro and con ensued. DF commented on how the inclusion of this event would impact the judging pool but had more questions than answers regarding this event.

2. Friendly amendment was made to not allow double entries in that flight. Committee did not accept the FA. Another FA was made to move IPDA back to the original flight as indicated in the proposal. **Motion Failed.**

3. Original proposal was called to vote. Division of the House was called. **31/54 Motion Failed.**

4. Bell Scroggins award for Team Debate has been awarded to the top speakers in both parliamentary debate and NFA LD debate. The Grossman Award will be given to the top speaker in both debates – tabulating the points scored by a student in both events.

**L. Rules – M’Liss Hindman**

1. Proposal #1: Limiting events for students from 5 to 4. Recommend unanimously by the committee. **MSP.**

2. Proposal #2: To decrease the required hours from 9 to 6 with at least 50% of classes to be non-forensics classes. Recommended by committee. Friendly amendment to change language to at least 3 units to be non-forensics classes. The proposal will only include classes DIRECTLY tied to forensics competition and will not include such classes as oral interpretation or argumentation. **FA – MSP.** New wording of the proposal discussed. Cons included watering down the academic process of students. Pros included accessibility to students. **MSP.**

3. Proposal #3: Changing language from 6 teams in Team Debate/IT to EIGHT teams in those events. Additionally a combination of EIGHT slots/teams may be entered in L/D and Parliamentary Debate. Additionally, colleges may enter EIGHT entries in any single event rather than the current maximum of 6. Division of the House Called. **36/40 Motion Failed.**

4. Proposal #4: To add language to Section 2, Section K. Competent Judges. Add language stating that a judge must be removed from competition from an entire school year. **MSP.**

5. Proposal #5: Proposal to switch flights for CA and Poetry. Committee did not recommend. No vote.

6. Proposal #6: To award the top 5 speakers in addition to the current Bovero-Tabor Award. Committee did not recommend. Motion from the floor to recognize the top 5 speakers at awards – including ties. Practice would align with AFA and NFA tournaments. FA offered to recognize at least 5 students rather than the top 5. **MSP.**

7. Proposal #7: Elimination round entries in Duo Interp will be awarded double points rather than the current practice of 1.5. Committee did not recommend. No vote.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Report listed in report above.

**B. Tournament Host – Duane Smith and Josh Miller**

1. No report

**C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online. 9:15

**D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo**

1. Regional Governors were recognized: Nathan Steel and Denise Vaughn are now serving in this leadership role for their constituents.

**F. 2014 Tournament Host – Jessica Hurless**

1. The tourney will be fantastic. Zip lines, shopping, skiing, and fun for all. Room block starts on April 2. Starting Sunday after the 2013 nationals there will be a Facebook page with information and activities for students and coaches. Voting for shirts and perks will be a part of the interactivity of the website.

The meeting was adjourned at10:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Schultz, Recording Secretary