

**November 20, 2014**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**NCA National Convention**  
**Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Executive Members in Attendance:** Jeff Przybylo (President), Duane Fish (Vice President of Tournament), Jolinda Ramsey (Vice President of Association), John Nash (Recording Secretary), Wade Hescht (Secretary-Treasurer), Cynthia Dewar (Comptroller).

**I. Call to Order – Jeff Przybylo**

Call to Order at 9:30 am.

**II. Officer Reports**

**A. Secretary Report – John Nash**

1. Presented minutes from Washington, D.C., November 2013 (NCA). **MSP.** Minutes from PRP business meeting in Denver have been posted on the website for membership perusal.

**B. Treasurer Report – Wade Hescht**

1. Net Income: \$45,033.82. Net Expenses: \$43,328.56. **MSP.** Commented that 2014 nationals was a financially sound year for the organization.

**C. Comptroller Report – Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi**

1. The Income/Expense sheet for FY of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Beginning Balance \$250,574.85. Ending Balance \$279,143.51. **MSP.** Commented that 2014 nationals was a financially sound year for the organization. We did well last.
2. Endowment - Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi said she would look into beginning an endowment. E.B. agreed that is was a great idea. We would need to have clear / concrete objectives. Create publicity on the website. Set up endowment first and set up guideline at Phi Rho Pi.
3. Not sure if we want to keep financial information in Texas or not.

**D. Vice President of Association Report – John Schultz**

1. Explained how slots are allocated for PRP at the NCA Convention. CRAFT session is this afternoon at 11:00 today. Please attend because NCA counts attendees. Also commented that 100% of this year's CRAFT is university-driven. Encouraged PRP members to submit practical ideas and participate in 2014. Comment from the floor that

the organization invite retired / emeritus coaches and directors to return and share experiences and strategies. This year – has no Junior Colleges presenting. Will try to up participation. Maybe consider reformatting the CRAFT session to something else such as a performance.)

2. Bids for future Nationals – Indianapolis – New Orleans – Daytona
3. Las Vegas NCA– 85 less sessions – encouraging people to have more creative panels.
4. PRP is being reviewed by NCA – We are incorporated in Texas. We are following both AFA and NFA. Without incorporation we could not still participate at NFA.

**E. President Report – Jeff Przybylo**

1. All is good and relatively quiet.

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

1. IPDA – Can double enter in STE / CA. Counts as 1 slot. Following IPDA rules with a few exceptions: 1) No consulting with people. 2) Striking in the rounds. Concerned with schedule – may not have enough time with current schedule so the schedule may be tweaked. Will try to have students speak first / last as needed who are double entered. Six slots for IPDA.
2. Bob Becker– getting survey results together from Denver.
3. Next PRP we will be voting on Treasurer – Vice President – Tournament Director
4. Site visit went well. Transportation should be very easy. No cars will be needed. Hotel is old but nice – lots of character.
5. PRP Nationals Contract issues – will need to work with future contracts on room assignments. Were some issues with TAB room and Extemp Prep – things have since worked out, but we need to set room parameters for the future.

**III. Committee Reports**

- A.** Website – Fred Ebert. We will be opening up the website to have Governors / Committee webpages on the main PRP Site. It will be password protected. John Nash and Fred Ebert will work together to get this rolling. Denver information will be coming down soon.
- B.** Site – Thomas Bovino. This year we are in in Cleveland. Preparations are continuing without issue. All teams will have discount cards which will allow

discounts to various local eateries and stores. Theme is ROCK ON! Website to open January 1<sup>st</sup>. Historic Hotel – Renaissance Hotel. Located in downtown! Walkable to almost everything. Connected to a mall. Grocery store nearby. Rapid transit is \$2 per person. No reason to rent a car. Casino is connected to the mall. Sports arena nearby (basketball and Baseball). Working on activities / ideas for the evening. \$129.03 for hotel. Fly into Cleveland Airport. Second closest would be Akron – hour away. Two shows one on each Saturday book ending PRP. Will need to let Thomas know ticket interest. Facebook page is up ROCK ON PHI RHO PI.

- C. Hotels – Jill Kraatz – Rolling out new system – PRP will hopefully be getting gift cards for PRP to use. Would like information on host requirements. We have a list and will get it to her and make sure it is posted on the PRP website. Jill will take care of room issues for next two nationals. \$2500 check will be given to PRP + 3 \$700 gift cards by Cleveland Hotel. Will need to decide what money will be used for.

D. No other committee reports.

#### **IV. Old Business**

No old business.

#### **V. New Business**

- A. Wade Hescht requested that t-shirts be paid for by host school. If PRP pays for t-shirts we will go in the hole. Especially due to Food and Beverage requirements being so high. No schools voiced major complaints or concerns when having to pay for t-shirts at the 2014 PRP Nationals. One proposed idea: charge \$5 and then PRP would pick up the rest. Discussion: Pros / Cons  
Second option: PRP will underwrite cost – Charge \$5 per shirt for school. PRP will make t-shirt sizes and quantity due same day as PRP hotel room due date. Discussion: Pros / Cons. Formal proposal by Wade Hescht: PRP will not subsidize PRP t-shirts. Friendly amendment: PRP will give \$500 to host school to be used for t-shirts. The remainder of cost would be covered / charged to the students / schools ordering the shirts. T-shirt orders will be due at same time as housing. Beginning with Nationals 2016. MSP
- B. Wade Hescht via M'liss Hindman requested that PRP work with the COFO calendar to avoid conflict with AFA / NFA.
- C. Duane Fish would like to codify the 5 day schedule. MSP. Will need to be on the agenda for the Cleveland Business Meeting.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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John Nash, Recording Secretary

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Jeff Przybylo, President