**April 10, 2014**

**Denver, CO**

**Salon E**

**8:30**

**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The president called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. The recording secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school.

**II. OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz**

1. Presented the minutes from Woodland Hills 2013 and asked for corrections.

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

**B. President – Cynthia Dewar**

1. CD stated that there were 4061 hits to the website. The data helps administrators decide what pages to continue to develop the website more fully.

2. No significant new rules from AFA. Discussed information about community college participation in other national tournaments such as AFA and CEDA.

**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. (Broke record for last year)

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

1. Please refer to item 4 for history of enrollment in events at the tournament. Sweeps number breakdown of colleges in each division: 35 Hindman. 15 Wheeler, Wyman 8. No competition rooms will be used Friday or Saturday.

**E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A. Total income of $52,529.78

B. Total expense of $49,408.19

C. Net profit of $4,125.78

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

**E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Submitted report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

A. Beginning balance of $229,441.52

B. Total cash received was $53,533.97

C. Total cash disbursed was $49,408.19

D. Ending balance was $250,574.85

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

**III. 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. PC highlighted the procedure for officer elections for President, Secretary, and Comptroller. Jeff Przybylo ran unopposed. Nominees for Comptroller and Secretary were also announced. JP declined commentary. Candidates in the contested positions highlighted their strengths and reasons for aptitude in the various positions. Later in the meeting it was announced that John Nash was elected secretary and Cynthia Dewar was elected comptroller.

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

1. Inter-organization did not meet at the last NCA convention.

**C. Site Selection – Jeff Przybylo**

1. The bid recommended by the committee was for Washington, DC in April 2017. Rates are $132.00 inclusive. Please refer to the report provided in the packet. **MSP**

**D. Awards – Janice Ralya – No Report**

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

**F. Publications – Fred Ebert**

1.The website broke the record today with over 6,000 hits. Asked if people have been following notices on twitter and facebook. Encouraged people to check out photos on Facebook.

**G. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker**

1. For 2014 nationals, the tournament evaluation will be done on survey monkey. URL and codes will be provided. 5 – 6 pages of questions. Also encouraged input from members. Will funnel information pertinent to specific committees to the appropriate chairs.

**H. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Amending the Fellowship Awards to be oriented toward each region. One student from each region shall receive the award. The committee shall review information on coaches and will be selected by the committee. **MSP.**

**I. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino - No Report**

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

1. Proposal addressed the taping of public speaking and limited preparation events during finals beginning in 2015. At least two events in each round of finals will be taped. The rationale is two-fold. First, the tapes may be used for educational purposes for new programs and coaches. Additionally, it could be used for scholarly research. Concerns from the floor addressed that the cost of the taping would be absorbed by the host school. Other questions centered on students’ ability to opt out of the taping and presenting. A friendly amendment was offered that volunteers from Phi Rho Pi could tape rounds when permitted by the hotel contract. **MSP.**

**L. Rules – M’Liss Hindman**

1. Proposal #1: Strike language in Section 2.A. “A bracket shall be divisible by four.” Committee recommends. Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. **Motion Failed.**

2. Proposal #2: Proposal with Multiple Facets: 1. To allow double entry in all patterns except D. Patterns are highlighted in the attached handout. 2. To amend judge requirements. 3. Competition room requirement which would base number of completion rooms on the same formula as judging. Not approved by committee therefore not voted on by the body.

**K. Debate – Francesca Bishop**

1. Proposal #1: A. Debate, 3. Parliamentary Team Debate. To clarify and codify current practices in parliamentary debate. Teams which are not ready to strike resolutions 15 minutes after the round begins will forfeit the round and those which return from prep more than 2 minutes late may forfeit the round. Friendly amendment that language state “will forfeit”. Another friendly amendment to change “15 minutes to 10 minutes”. **MSP.**

2. Proposal #2: Would prohibit the note-taking and flowing of rounds by those not participating in the round. This would apply to all events. **MSP.**

3. Proposal #3: To move NFA-LD to Pattern C and D. Add IPDA to Pattern A. Double-entry as follows: IPDA/CA/STE. IPDA would weight at 1.0 entry. Friendly amendment to leave NFA-LD in current Flight A. IPDA would be placed in C & D. **MSP.** Amendment: Move IPDA to pattern A and to limit the number of entries in NFA-LD and IPDA to 6 total. **MSP. Overall motion passes as amended.**

4. Proposal #4: Event Rules, A. Debate, 3. Parliamentary Team Debate. Eliminate Section F (limiting resources to use as reference materials for the debate) and Section H (electronic devices such as cell phones may be used). Then re-letter the remaining sections as needed. **Motion Failed. Division of House. Failed 43/48.**

5. Proposal #5: Section 3. Event Rules Parliamentary Debate. Electronic devices shall be may be used as a timing device. Friendly amendment: That electronic devices such as phones may only be used during the debate. **MSP.**

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Report covered earlier in the meeting.

**B. Tournament Hosts – Jessica Hurless and Jeanie Hunt**

1. Make sure to check your departure schedule with the hosts and to confirm via signature. Make sure you bring your arm bands for the spoken word event on Friday night.

**C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online.

**D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo**

1. Regional Governors will be identified on the website.

**F. 2014 Tournament Host – Thomas Bovino**

1. Next Year’s Theme: Rock on!! Come to Cleveland.

The meeting was adjourned at10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Schultz, Recording Secretary