

Phi Rho Pi Minutes

Approved

Meeting: Phi Rho Pi Annual Business Meeting

Date: April 10, 2014

Time: 8:15 pm

Location: Renaissance Denver, Salon E in Denver, Colorado

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Dewar (President), Jeff Przybylo (Vice President of Association), Duane Fish (Vice President of Tournament), John Shultz (Recording Secretary), Wade Hescht (Secretary-Treasurer), and Lisa Benedetti (Comptroller).

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Dewar called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. All Executive Board members were present. The Recording Secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes from the 2013 Phi Rho Pi Annual Business Meeting, held in Woodland Hills, California, were read and approved.

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz

1. Recording Secretary Schultz reminded the membership to pick up their packets in the back of the room and to update their contact information with him.

B. President – Cynthia Dewar

1. President Dewar stated that there were 4061 hits to the Phi Rho Pi website. The data helps administrators decide what pages to continue to develop in 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. Vice President Przybylo 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 four for history of enrollment in events at the national tournament. The sweepstakes number breakdown of colleges in each division for the 2015 tournament are as follows: 35 for the Hindman Division; 15 for the Wheeler Division; eight for the Wyman Division. No competition rooms will be used Friday or Saturday.

E. Secretary-Treasurer – Wade Hescht

1. Please read the included financial report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Note the total income of \$52,529.78. Total expenses of \$49,408.19. Net profit of \$4,125.78.
2. MOTION: To accept the annual Financial Report for the reporting period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
3. ACTION: Motion Seconded. Passed.

E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti

1. Please read the submitted report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Note beginning balance of \$229,441.52. Total cash received was \$53,533.97. Total cash disbursed was \$49,408.19. Ending balance was \$250,574.85
2. MOTION: To accept the report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
3. ACTION: Motion Seconded. Passed.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nomination Committee – Paul Cummins

1. Mr. Cummins highlighted the procedure for officer elections for President, Recording Secretary, and Comptroller. Each position will serve for three years beginning July 1, 2014 and completing their term June 30, 2017. Voting took place with each school being given a ballot for the designated coach and the designated student from member schools. Only those schools present are allowed to vote. Each ballot is anonymous. The candidate who earns a majority of the vote is declared the winner. Total vote counts will not be revealed. Ballots will be destroyed immediately following the Business Meeting. Mr. Cummins reported that he will count the ballots with other members of the Nominations Committee.

2. Office of President: Jeff Przybylo was nominated for the office of President. He was the only nominee.

a. MOTION: Elect Jeff Przybylo to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2017.

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

2. Office of Comptroller: The position of Comptroller was contested between Cynthia Dewar and John Schultz. A majority of the membership voted to elect Cynthia Dewar as the Comptroller. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2017.

a. MOTION: Elect Cynthia Dewar to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2017.

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

3. Office of Recording Secretary: The position of Recording Secretary was contested between John Nash and Trent Webb. A majority of the membership voted to elect John Nash. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2017.

a. MOTION: Elect John Nash to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2017.

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

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 Site Selection Committee was for Washington, DC in April 2017. Rates are \$132.00 inclusive. Please refer to the report provided in the packet.

2. MOTION: To attend approve the Site Selection Committee's recommendation to approve the bid for Washington DC in April 2017.

3. ACTION: Motion Seconded. Passed.

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. He encouraged people to look at photos on Facebook and welcomed feedback regarding the website design and the use of social media.

G. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

1. For 2014 nationals, the tournament evaluation will be done on Survey Monkey. The URL and codes will be provided at the Awards Ceremony. There will be between five and six pages of questions. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The results will be shared with everyone including Standing Committee, the Executive Board, and the Tournament Staff.

H. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Benedetti

1. There is a proposal to amend the Fellowship Awards to be oriented toward each region.

2. MOTION: Amend the Fellowship Award so that one student from each region shall receive the award. The Awards Committee shall review information on coaches and a student will be selected by the committee.

3. ACTION: Motion Seconded. Passed.

I. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino - No Report

J. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – No Report

1. The proposal was introduced addressing 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.

2. **MOTION:** To record at least two public speaking and limited preparation events at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. When permitted by hotel contracts, volunteers from Phi Rho Pi will assist with the recording.

3. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Passed.

L. Rules – M'Liss Hindman

1. **MOTION:** Strike language in Section 2.A. "A bracket shall be divisible by four." Committee recommends. Comments for and against were fielded from the floor.

1a. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Failed.

2. **MOTION:** Allow the double entry in all patterns except D. Patterns are highlighted in the attached handout. Amend judge requirements. The competition room requirement would base the number of competition rooms on the same formula as judging.

2a. **ACTION:** Not approved by the Rules Committee therefore not voted on by the body.

K. Debate – Francesca Bishop

1. **MOTION:** 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".

1a. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Passed.

2. **MOTION:** Prohibit the note-taking and flowing of rounds by those not participating in the round. This would apply to all events.

a. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Passed.

3. **MOTION:** 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.

a. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Passed as amended.

4. **MOTION:** 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.

a. **ACTION:** Motion Failed. Division of House. Failed 43/48.

5. **MOTION:** 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.

a. **ACTION:** Motion Seconded. Passed.

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.
2. Make sure you bring your arm bands for the spoken word event on Friday night.

C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey

1. Final judging assignments posted online.

D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo

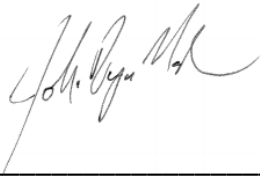
1. Regional Governors will be identified on the website.

F. 2014 Tournament Host – Thomas Bovino

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



John Schultz, Recording Secretary



Cynthia Dewar, President