

**April 9, 2015
Cleveland, OH
Gold Ballroom
8:30 pm
Phi Rho Pi General Business 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

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. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Nash

1. Presented the minutes from Denver, CO 2014 and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**

B. President – Jeff Przybylo

1. JP stated that he was going to start an ad hoc committee to look into costs of the tournament and trying to make the tournament less expensive. Possible use endowment to help with costs for new or struggling programs. If interested in serving on the committee, let JP know.
2. JP thanks those who have been helping with the website. PRP is trying to make the PRP website better. Governors now have their own pages. Working on getting committees their own pages. If you have ideas, let JP know.
3. Discussed information about community college participation in other national tournaments such as AFA and CEDA. Announced schools who advanced into out rounds.
4. If you would like to get more involved with PRP, let JP know.

C. Vice President of Association – John Schultz

1. Reported on NCA Craft session. Craft entries rose from 8 to 21 this year. NCA will be held in Las Vegas.
2. Renewed affiliate status with NCA.

D. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish

1. Please refer to item 3 for history of enrollment in events at the tournament. Number of schools is down. Number of entries is up. Big boost in entries due to NPDA (89 entries). Appreciates everyone for helping judge. Announced sleeping rooms still being used for competition rooms will be used Friday or Saturday.

E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
 - A. Total income of \$45,033.82
 - B. Total expense of \$43,328.56
 - C. Net profit of \$1,705.26
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**

E. Comptroller – Cynthia Dewar

1. Reported that Sylvia Mariner left us money that has been growing and we are looking into using some of that money (most of it cannot be touched at this point in time) could be used to form an endowment to help schools who are having budget issues.
2. Submitted report for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
 - A. Beginning balance of \$250,574.85
 - B. Total cash received was \$71,897.22
 - C. Total cash disbursed was \$43,328.56
 - D. Ending balance was \$279,143.51
3. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. JP introduced Jim Wyman who briefly explained protocol of Robert's Rules of Order to ensure that the meeting would run smoothly.

A. Inter-organization – John Schultz - No Report

B. Site Selection – John Schultz

1. The bid recommended by the committee by Tallahassee College was for Daytona, FL in April 2018. Rates are \$123.75 inclusive. Spoke about the benefits and drawbacks. Please refer to the report provided in the packet page 2. **MSP**

C. Nominations – Paul Cummins

1. Mr. Cummins highlighted the procedure for officer elections: Vice President of Tournament, Vice President of Association, and Secretary Treasurer. Each position will serve for three years beginning July 1, 2015 and completing their term June 30, 2018. Voting takes 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 Vice President of Tournament: The position was contested between Rolland Petrello and Duane Fish. A majority of the membership voted to elect Duane Fish. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending in June 30, 2018.

a. MOTION: Elect Duane Fish to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending in June 30, 2018..

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

2. Office of Secretary Treasurer: The position of Secretary Treasurer was uncontested.

a. MOTION: Elect Wade Hescht to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending in June 30, 2018.

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

3. Office of Vice President of Association: The position of Vice President of Association was contested between Jolinda Ramsey and Kari Janeki. A majority of the membership voted to elect Jolinda Ramsey. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending in June 30, 2018.

a. MOTION: Elect Jolinda Ramsey to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015 and ending in June 30, 2018.

b. ACTION: Motion, seconded, passed.

D. Awards – Floyd McDonnell – No Report

E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan – No Report

F. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

1. For 2015 nationals, the tournament evaluation will be done on survey monkey. URL and codes will be provided. Only 30% return last year – trying new tactics to increase participation.

G. Constitution & By-Laws – Cynthia Dewar – No Report

H. Interpretation – Nathan Steele - No Report

I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – No Report

J. Publications – Fred Ebert

1. Continuing to work on website – broke a record on how many people using it. If you have any suggestions for the website, please let him know.

L. Rules – M'Liss Hindman

1. Proposal #1: To repeal: “Would prohibit the note-taking and flowing of rounds by those not participating in the round. This would apply to all events.”
Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. **MSP**
2. Proposal #2: Move IT from Pattern A to Pattern E opposite Parliamentary Debate.
No discussion. **MSP**

3. Proposal #3: Move NFA LD from Pattern A to Patterns C and C (three rounds in each pattern.) Allow double entry in C and D with NFA -LD. If a school brings 9 or more NFA LD and/or IPDA entries, the school will be required to bring an additional judge AND will be required to provide an additional competition room. Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. Friendly amendment offered and declined. Division of the House. Roll call vote. **Motion Failed**
4. Proposal #4: To modify: “all entrants who attain a preliminary round cumulative ranking of seven (7) or better, are guaranteed advancement into the semi-final (Bronze Award) round. If this does not represent 20% of the field, (those who actually competed in Round 1), all cumulates of eight (8) shall be advanced. This process shall be continued with additions of cumulates of (9) and higher until the semi-final field is equal to at least 20% of the original field.” Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. **MSP**

Pause in committee reports to announce election results (see report above).

K. Debate – Francesca Bishop

1. Proposal #1: Eliminate Section f. “Only a dictionary and one almanac (including the CIA World Fact Book) are allowed during the preparation period in Parliamentary Debate.”
Eliminate Section g. “Electronic retrieval devices, such as cell phones, cannot be used for any purpose once preparation time has begun, with the exception that cell phones may be used as timing devices during the debate.”
Replace Section f. with “Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time. During Parliamentary Debate prep, debaters will be allowed paper, dictionaries, almanacs and/or electronic research material. Except for notes that the debaters themselves have prepared during preparation time, no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources may be used during the debate.”
Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. Division of House **MSP**
2. Proposal #2: Section 3. Event Rules A. Debate 3. Parliamentary Team Debate
Change to: “c. Five Topic will be used in both preliminary and elimination rounds. These resolutions will include 2 policy, 2 value and 1 metaphor per round. The judge will first give the list to the Opposition who will then strike one of the five topics within one minute. Immediately following, the judge will give the list to the Government who will then strike one of the four remaining topics within one minute. This process will continue until 1 topic remains. The remaining topic will be debated in that round. The debate proposition will be restated by the judge in the room prior to preparation time, which will begin immediately. Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. Division of House. **MSP**

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish

1. Report covered earlier in the meeting.

B. Tournament Hosts – Thomas Bovino

1. Announced remaining activities for students.

C. Judges Table – Cynthia Dewar

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online and on door in ballot table room.

D. Regional Governors – John Schultz – No Report

F. 2016 Tournament Host – Eddie Toingson

1. Next Year's Theme: "Going Costal" Will be refrigerators in rooms. Shuttle service

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



John Nash, Recording Secretary



Jeff Przybylo, President

