

April 13, 2023  
White Flint Amphitheater  
Bethesda, MD  
Time: 8:22 Eastern Time  
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes from PRP Business Meeting 2022 (MPS)

**II. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**A. Recording Secretary – John Nash**

1. Website has been updated with business meetings minutes and results from last year. The website has been updated and streamlined. If you find anything that needs to be altered, please let me know. Please check your school information and region information.
2. Documents are being stored on a PRP Board Google Drive
3. Region Webpages are a great place to record history – Let Nash know if you want anything added to your Region page.
4. Some people have reached out sending photos and history that have been updated on the webpage.
5. If you need to add or delete names from the listserv – contact John Nash
6. Working on a different way to submit committee proposals

**B. President – Wade Hescht**

1. **April** - Last year was an off year for elections. So, there are no results to report. This year we will be voting for President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary.

2. **July** - The EB held its summer retreat online.

Discussed an entry fee proposal submitted by Blake Longfellow.

Issues with moving forward with the proposal were discussed. EB agreed that we will continue the discussion about possible future scholarships/fee waivers for new and/or returning schools.

Discussed the need for more hired judges at future national tournaments.

Discussed the possibility of conducting tournament evaluations with a QR code.

Discussed selling pins at the 2023 PRP Tournament.

3. **August** - Confirmed with the Comptroller that our 990's were submitted for the year. Paul confirmed that they are submitted and complete.

4. **December** - Created a financial support structures task force.

Committee will report on their findings at this year's national tournament.

EB will discuss how to implement these findings at our summer retreat.

5. **January** - Created a task force for the re-imagining of our regions.

Committee will submit a proposal laying out the new regions at this year's national tournament.

Worked with regional governors to appoint members to all standing committees.

All committees were officially given their charges.

**C. Vice President of Association – Francesca Bishop**

1. Community Colleges made a great showing at other National Tournaments. NPDA: KCKCC did well and El Camino 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, IIFA: Mt Sac won, AFA: Bellevue awarded top community college.

**D. Vice President of Tournament – Rolland Petrello**

1. Tournament had much growth 54 schools 474 entries – IE's increased 461 to 702, Debate 128 to 231, IPDA largest it has ever been.

**E. Treasurer – Nathan Carter**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
  - a. Total income of **\$42,040.00**
  - b. Total expense of **-\$77,996.60**
  - c. Net Income **-\$35,956.60**
  - d. See report below for actual details (Lower turnout at 2022 PRP hurt us financially – hotel and convention center were a bit higher –
  - e. Assessment – post-pandemic: less fee brought in from school – cost of running tournament much higher post-pandemic – projection for future is problematic for the next 15 years. Presented ideas to offset costs – encouraged people to come speak with Nathan for questions and ideas.

**F. Comptroller – Paul Cummins –**

1. Consolidated Wells Fargo investments: \$272,181 (4/4/23)
2. If you want copies of the reports reach out to Paul and he will send them.
3. Hopes to work with Diversity, Inclusion and Ethics committee to make sure investments are ethical.

**G. Roberts Rules of Order:** information given by Darren Elliott

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Nominations – Thuy Pham**

1. Elections held
2. President – Wade Hescht elected in 2023 to serve 3 more years.
3. Recording Secretary – John Nash elected in 2023 to serve 3 more years.
4. Comptroller – Paul Cummins elected in 2023 to serve 3 more years.

**B. Inter-organization – Francesca Bishop (see above)**

**C. Site Selection – Francesca Bishop**

1. Proposal #1 Recommended by committee– Denver proposal for 2026 PRP National Tournament (no suites – fridge in room – good flights – central location – high room cost – we would be sharing the space of two towers with other groups – grab and go lunch \$65 each – it is in downtown Denver area) – **did not pass**
2. There was a motion to allow discussion on Bethesda proposal for 2026. Motion was seconded and brought up for discussion. Bethesda 2026: (two-year contract – good rate for 2026 & exceptional rate for 2028 – being on the east coast back-to-back could be problematic - both dates



over Easter – third week in April for 2028 would conflict with NFA.) Discussion proceeded for and against. Proposed to accept the 2026 bid and ignore the 2028 bid.

3. Proposal to accept bid for Bethesda for the PRP National Tournament in 2026 (not 2028) – **MPS** – Call for hand vote – 43 to 26 **MPS**

**D. Awards – Dewi Hokett –**

1. 9 awards for coach and 9 for students – asked members to submit 2 to 3 sentences for each winner to be read at awards.

**E. Diversity, Inclusion, Equity and Ethics – Nathan Carter**

1. Talked about Title IX
2. Healthy conversation about pronouns – hoping to work with FTN to work on indicating pronouns.
3. Working on the organization and sense of belonging – asking students to report on feelings of belonging on the tournament evaluation
4. Talked about future proposals coming down the pipe with DEI

**F. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker**

1. Please fill out tournament survey during awards – last year 228 completed surveys.  
Compiled data was given to Tournament Director and committees.

**G. Constitution & By-Laws – Danny Cantrell**

**Proposal #1** Creating new Regions – explanation given of proposal. Hope that Regional Tournaments will hold hybrid tournaments – if passed – new Governors and committee members will be needed. 3-year plan to assess new regions.

Friendly Amendment – Add a description of Northern California district, “Bay Area, Sacramento Area, San Joaquin Valley, and Monterey Bay Area.” Friendly Amendment Accepted

Friendly Amendment by KCKCC, Crowder, State Fair Colleges to move Kansas and Missouri from Region V to Region IV. Region IV is closer. Students do not feel safe traveling to Region IV. Friendly amendment Accepted.

**MSP**

**Proposal #2** Remove CEDA Team Debate from PRP – **MSP**

**Proposal #3** Remove Lincoln Douglas Debate (NDT version) from PRP - **MSP**

**Proposal #4** Change language in the Constitution to reflect correct years for elections – **MSP**

**Proposal #5** Proposal: All proposed amendments introduced by members prior to the tournament shall be assigned to the appropriate standing committee by the President. In the event that a proposal is relevant to more than one area, the chair of the assigned committee should seek feedback from other relevant committee(s). The chair shall present all additional feedback during the committee meeting and the business meeting. All proposed amendments that come out of any standing committee as recommended shall be posted in the judge’s room and student posting areas by 3 pm the day before the national business meeting. can go to multiple committees for feedback - **MSP**

**H. Interpretation – Bonnie Gabel –**

**Proposal #1** Solidify the flight switch of STE and Poetry. This was originally a trial idea and it is now a permanent change. **MSP**

**Proposal #2** Double Entry in Duo – a Friendly amendment was made to the wording, “allow two duos with separate partners” - accepted friendly amendment. A friendly Amendment was made to get rid of the 3 year sunset clause, friendly amendment was accepted. **MSP**

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

**J. Publications – Dug Hall – No Report**

**K. Rules – Dug Hall -**

**Proposal #1** Increase Duo points to Gold 20 Silver 15 Bronze 10 **MSP**

**Proposal #2 – Not recommended** – Move IT out of IE sweeps

**Proposal #3 – Recommended by Committee** – IT Points lower points 20 – 15 – 10 and acts as 2 slots. Discussion occurred. Motion Failed

**L. Debate – Brittany Hubble**

**Proposal #1** Electronic Flowing clarification proposal seeks to clarify the eFlowing rule passed last year and to codify our current practices in our organizational documents. –

Electronic devices may be used during rounds but only without internet.

Friendly amendment to add wording “self-contained” and other wireless means – friendly amendment accepted **Recommended by Committee MSP**

**Proposal #2** LD Disclosure of case is required Discussion occurred - Recommend by Committee Motion Failed

**Proposal #3** Allows for Group Prep in IPDA – Discussion occurred - **Recommended by Committee Friendly Amendment – allow the first 5 minutes for group prep and then no more group prep. Motion Failed**

**Proposal #4 – Allows for Group Prep in Parli – Motion failed**

**Proposal #5 – not recommended – Encourage lay judging in IPDA Motions to reconsider proposal failed**

**M. Financial Support Structures Committee – Paul Cummins**

1. Investments – we have not made a profit – but when we do, what should be done with the money? Information will be sent through listserv. Money will need to be used to improv student experience.

2. Looking at ways to make the tournament less expensive – maybe shorten the tournament.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Rolland Petrello** – No more student rooms needed for competition.

**B. Tournament Hosts – Nathan Carter** – 1pm awards – doors open at 12:30. Table set up to buy shirts (\$6) and extra awards (\$10). Cash only

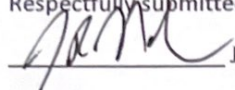


**C. Regional Governors – Francesca Bishop** – 9 Regional Governors to 5 Governors – two committee reps for each committee – we need to figure out how remains in current positions.

**D. 2024 Tournament Host** – Reno 2024

Adjourned – 10:27

Respectfully submitted:



John Nash, Recording Secretary

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