

**November 18 2017**  
**Dallas, TX**  
**NCA National Convention**  
Sheraton, State Room 1 - Third Floor  
**Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting**  
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***MINTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE 2018 NCA Convention***

**Executive Members in Attendance:** Jeff Przybylo (President), Duane Fish (Vice President of Tournament), Jolinda Ramsey (Vice President of Association), Wade Hescht (Secretary-Treasurer), Cynthia Dewar (Comptroller). In addition – 12 members were present. Recording Secretary, John Nash, was absent due to medical complications.

**I. Call to Order – Jeff Przybylo**  
Call To Order at 3:30pm

**II. Officer Reports**

**A. Secretary Report – John Nash**

1. Presented minutes from Philadelphia, PA, November 2016 NCA (Posted on line). **MSP with a 5-0 vote.** Minutes from PRP business meeting in Tysons Corner, VA and Philadelphia, PA have been posted on the website for membership perusal. Updated the PRP Webpage: Links to PRP Facebook and National Tournament Host webpage are there. Special thanks to Dug Hall. Updated the PRP webpage with membership. Updated the PRP list serve.

2. Would like to work on a better way for Regional Governors to send in Debate Topics. If anyone has ideas or wants to help, let JN know.

**B. Treasurer Report – Wade Hescht**

Total Income: \$48,865.57. Total Expenses: \$34,698.37. Net Ordinary Income \$14,167.20. Net Income \$18,696.05 **MSP with a 5-0 vote.** Commented that due to hotel issues, the net income is unexpectedly large.

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

1. Busy time for Comptroller. As per membership vote, the original Sylvia Mariner trust has been dissolved. There was a judge who agreed to dissolve it. We are currently working with Plains Capitol to set up pan account to receive our stocks and mutual funds.
2. The EB and our lawyer and been talking about setting up a charitable trust and that trust will have five trustees. This Trust is based on the mission on Phi Rho Pi. We will be guaranteed to receive 1% to 3%

back from the trust each year which could result, depending on the stock market, anywhere between \$9,000 and \$15,000 each year to use for the members and tournament of Phi Rho Pi. This will take at least another year to set up but we are working on it.

3. The Trust will be run by 5 trustees not the Executive Board or Membership. Trustees will be chosen soon. Trustees will be needing to have had a Phi Rho Pi experience, be no longer involved with Phi Rho Pi and we will need to take diversity and Regional diversity in to account.
4. We will need to talk with a CPA to deal with new tax issues. This could add a bit of a cost year each.

**D. Vice President of Association Report – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. NCA – next year – went to the Planning Committee meeting – NCA will be 11/8 – 11/11 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The main theme will be Communication at Play.
2. CRAFT session went well. Approximately 30 people were present.

**E. President Report – Jeff Przybylo**

1. The Exec Committee has worked really hard this past year. They have been meeting and working to make sure that the Trust / bank situation is resolved.

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

1. The 2018 Phi Rho Pi Brochure is finished.
2. Just learned this past week, the hotel we are using for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament has been double booked. Due to turnover in hotel staff, the first few days of our stay has also been booked by a Cheerleading organization. The Cheerleaders are still at the hotel until the Sunday prior to the start of our tournament. This is a breach of contract. We are working with Jill Kraatz from Experient to resolve this issue as soon as possible. The hotel wants to keep the Cheerleaders because they are paying more for their rooms. We are looking into options on how to resolve this issue as soon as possible. Duane will send out an email to the Phi Rho Pi membership as soon as we have more information.

3. We have had a breach of contract for the past 3 years with Hilton Hotels. Duane sent a letter to Jill Kraatz voicing our concern and the letter was forwarded to Experient corporate.
4. Daytona Beach Phi Rho Pi location – looks great! Every room has an ocean view. Beach and boardwalk are directly next to hotel. Good variety of eating close by. Host, John Shultz, is working on gift bags for teams. There will be pre-banquet entertainment. John Shultz is working on reserving a hotel in Orlando, FL for teams who would prefer to stay in Orlando prior to the tournament. Working on a webpage to share information with membership. Working on a food beverage rooms for coaches and students. Working on shuttle vans to help transport teams to grocery store.
5. Flights can be into Orlando or Daytona. However, Orlando is a minimum of an hour drive to Daytona.
6. IDPA – there are some new changes with the draw. They are explained in the 2018 Brochure.

### III. Committee Reports

- A. AFA Committee Representative – M'Liss Hindman – AFA is putting together a booklet on tournament best practices and M'Liss Hindman is on that committee. AFA is also looking at how to handle “trigger” topics – topics that might spark too much controversy or emotions. AFA is also looking into putting in requirements for Title IX training.
- B. No other committee reports.

### IV. Old Business

No old business.

### V. New Business

- A. Duane Fish – Because of the breach of contract from Phi Rho Pi 2017, we have some extra monies to use. For 2018 Phi Rho Pi Tournament, the student competition fees shall be reduced from \$40 per student to \$10 per student.  
**MSP with a 5-0 vote.**
- B. Cynthia Dewar-Kudsi – proposed to creation of the Phi Rho Pi Charitable Trust. **MSP with a 5-0 vote.**
- C. Announcements: Trent Webb will be the Community College representative for Pi Kappa Delta. The International Speech and Debate Tournament is in Canada this year. Wade Hescht won the Osborn Outstanding Community College Educator Award.

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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John Nash, Recording Secretary

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