

November 17, 2020
Virtual Meeting
NCA National Convention
Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting
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MINTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE 2021 NCA Convention

Executive Members in Attendance: Wade Hescht (President), Duane Fish (Vice President of Tournament), Francesca Bishop (Vice President of Association), Nathan Carter (Secretary-Treasurer), Paul Cummins (Comptroller) and John Nash (Recording Secretary). In addition – 6 members were present.

I. Call to Order – Wade Hescht

Call to Order at 1:06pm (EST)

II. Officer Reports

A. Secretary Report – John Nash

1. Presented minutes from Baltimore, MD, November 2019 NCA (Posted online). **MSP with a 6-0 vote.** Minutes from PRP EB virtual meetings have been posted on the website for membership perusal. (No business meeting minutes from PRP 2020 due to cancelation)
2. Updated the PRP Webpage: Older items were removed, and links are more streamlined.
3. Added the past officers to archives - thanks to those who helped (Wade Hescht, M'liss Hindman, Gretchen Wheeler, Jim Wyman) Goes back to the 1970s.
4. New Governor for Region III - Andy Orr
5. Historic documents of past have been posted on the webpage
6. Reached out to Governors of each region - asks for new programs / members - got them added to the website. Reached out to Governors and offered to add archives and tournaments to the website
7. AFA Judge Committee Report - we have been discussing the need for (or not need for) more Title IX training, judge training and now new safety measures for online tournaments. Everything is still in discussion.

B. President Report – Wade Hescht

1. May
 - a. Held elections for President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary
Wade Hescht – President
Paul Cummins – Comptroller
John Nash – Recording Secretary

- b. WH transition into that role of President left the role of Treasurer open - Nathan Carter agreed to serve in that position - Nathan moving into that role left the role of VP for Association open - Francesca Bishop has agreed to serve in that position
- c. Special thanks to our outgoing President Jeff Przybylo.

2. July

- a. The EB held its summer retreat online
- b. PRP continued our affiliation with NCA for 3 more years. Every three years, this we must reaffiliate.
- c. We began the task of removing outgoing financial officers from the Wells Fargo and Putnam accounts and adding new officers onto the accounts.
- d. Discussed and ultimately decided to not participate in a proposed AFA Debate Watch Initiative.
- e. Assigned John Nash as a committee member to the AFA Judges Certification Ad Hoc Committee.
- f. Discussed creating and distributing a committee interest form.
- g. Discussed creating a Leadership Handbook
- h. Discussed creating a Diversity Committee
- i. The current Ethics Committee will now include Diversity. We discussed that the committee may need a new name.
- j. Discussed the future use of the newly created Host Committee.
- k. The decision was made that PRP will use a Host Committee when it is needed/requested by a Host.
- l. Discussed the possibility redesigning of Regions that could be proposed at the 2021 national tournament.
- m. John Nash created a past officer's page for the website.
- n. John Nash and Lauren Morgan create a Code of Ethics that is now on our website.
- o. EB decided to not pursue New Mexico for PRP 2023. Renegotiated the Bethesda contract, we will be going to Bethesda in 2023

3. September

- a. Began working on regaining PRP's corporation status in Texas Articles of Incorporation
- b. At some point PRP fell out of good standing with the State of Texas
- c. It is important to regain this because: "A nonprofit may, but do not have to, form a corporation. Typically, a nonprofit that depends on minimal funding and conducts limited activities does not need to incorporate. If the nonprofit does not incorporate, it is not required to file any organizing documents unless it seeks tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service." Incorporating also provides limited liability protection to our members and

officers. Without it, the member's and officer's personal assets are at risk in a lawsuit.

4. October

- a. Decision was made to move to an online tournament for 2021.
- b. Will be using forensicstournament.net

5. November

- a. Committee Interest Forms were sent out through a Google Forms
- b. Thanks to everyone who has already submitted the form

C. Treasurer Report – Wade Hesch / Nathan Carter

Total Income: \$0.00. Total Expenses: \$24,615.12 Net Ordinary Income ~~\$-24,615.12~~. Other income \$3,433.70. Net Income ~~\$ -21,181.42~~ **MSP with a 6-0 vote**. Commented that with out the tournament, no income was made. We still had to pay for JOT, t-shirts, and trophies.

D. Comptroller Report – Paul Cummins

1. Balance as of July 1, 2019: \$359,351.99. Total Cash Received: \$4,810.59. Total Cast Available: \$364,162.58. Balance as of June 30, 2020 \$337,413.86.
2. 9-90 taxes being completed. Need to be done professionally. Past practice so not vote need to approve funds for accountant.
3. **MSP with a 6-0 vote.**

E. Vice President of Association Report – Nathan Carter / Francesca Bishop

1. NCA – next year – went to the Planning Committee meeting – NCA will be 11/18 – 11/21, 2021 in Seattle, Washington. The main theme will be Renewal and Transformation.
2. We will have two sessions next year (business meeting and one other). Submission ideas are welcome. Proposals open January 11, 2021.
3. Contract Updates: PRP Bethesda MD 2021 will move to 2023. \$129 + tax. 2022 PRP in St. Louis / St. Charles MO Embassy Suites \$135 + tax. 2024 no contracts yet. Hoping to get back to the west coast.

F. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish

1. New Tab Room position – Assistant Tournament Director will be Danny Cantrell.
2. Tournament will be online using Forensicstournament.net and 8x8 rooms.

3. Danny Cantrell is working to get the system ready for the national tournament. Not all issues will be resolved. Some compromises may have to be made. These are unknown as of now.
4. The new brochure will be up soon. There is a new schedule. The tournament will be run in Central Time Zone.
5. Tab Room positions will be different. 3 people will be assigned to a student help room and 3 people will be assigned to a judge help room. We will still have some judge, IE and debate tab room staff but not as many.
6. Round 0 – will most likely happen and will be a practice round.
7. Working on how to make a ballot review still happen.

III. Committee Reports

A. AFA NST Rep – M'Liss Hindman

- a. AFA is still trying to figure out how to make the national tournament happen. Will most likely use Speechwire. Dates are still to be determined.

IV. Old Business

No old business.

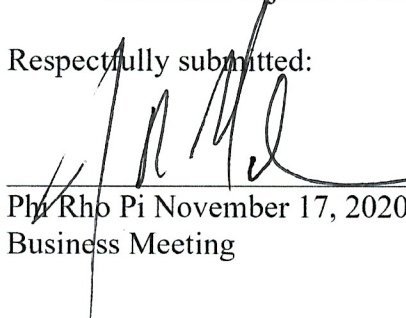
V. New Business

- A. After PRP is over. There will be a committee formed to determine best practices for moving forward and how to replace Joy of Tournaments.
- B. We may have to alter certain practices to make PRP online functional.
- C. John Nash – no rule changes were submitted for the PRP 2021 tournament.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:05am

Respectfully submitted:


John Nash, Recording Secretary
Phi Rho Pi November 17, 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes from the NCA
Business Meeting