

April 13, 2023
White Flint Amphitheater
Bethesda, MD
Time: 8:15 Eastern Time
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes from PRP Business Meeting 2022

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Nash

B. President – Wade Hesch

C. Vice President of Association – Francesca Bishop

D. Vice President of Tournament – Rolland Petrello

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**

F. Comptroller – Paul Cummins –

1. Consolidated Wells Fargo investments: \$272,181 (4/4/23)

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominations – Thuy Pham

B. Inter-organization – Francesca Bishop

C. Site Selection – Francesca Bishop

D. Awards – Dewi Hokett –

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

F. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

G. Constitution & By-Laws – Danny Cantrell

H. Interpretation – Bonnie Gabel –

I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany –

J. Publications – Dug Hall –

K. Rules – Dug Hall -

L. Debate – Brittany Hubble

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tournament Director – Rolland Petrello

B. Tournament Hosts – Nathan Carter

C. Regional Governors – Francesca Bishop

D. 2024 Tournament Host –

PHI RHO PI
Profit and Loss
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

ORDINARY INCOME

Income from Membership

College Membership Student	\$1,950.00		
Membership	<u>\$1,510.00</u>		
		Total	\$3,460.00

**Income from National
Tournament**

StudentC ompetition Fees	\$8,240.00		
Judging Assistance Fees Facilities	\$2,000.00		
Fees	\$13,410.00		
Nuisance Fees	\$630.00		
Additional Banquet Tickets TShirt	\$90.00		
Fees	\$1,530.00		
Duplicate Trophies	\$180.00		
		Total	\$26,080.00

Subsidy - From St Charles \$2,500

Other Income

Transfer From Investments \$10,000

Total \$12,500.00

\$42,040.00

TOTAL INCOME

EXPENSES

Food/Stipends \$2,001.30

Officer's Retreat Officers Travel Stipend \$1,800.00

Site Visit - St. Charles NCA Hotel Cost \$2,950.20

NCA 2021- Officers Airfare \$794.21

2025 Site Review - Omaha Total \$7,545.71

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Lawyer Fees Total

2022 National Tournament

Hotel Expenses (Deposit + Fedex)		
\$15,062.86 Convention Center Costs		
\$30,416.58 Supplies + Check to Host		
\$6,953.20		
Shipping Costs (Boxes)	\$1,141.65	
Awards & Shipping Fees Hired	\$8,767.73	
Judges	\$3,800.00	
COVID Verification Site	<u>\$3,393.41</u>	
	Total	\$69, 535.43
PRP Web Site Hosting Fees (BlueHost) & Weebly & Square	<u>\$303.41</u>	
	Total	<u>\$303.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>-\$77,996.60</u>
TOTAL INCOME		+\$42,040.00
	TOTAL NET INCOME	<u>-\$35,956.60</u>

NOTE: In the new fiscal year (July 2022) \$11,416.00 was returned to Phi Rho Pi from the deposit paid to Embassy Suites St Charles Hotel. This would suggest the actual (non-reported) NET INCOME would be - **\$24,540.60**

(-\$35,956.60 + \$11,416.00-DEPOSIT RETURN)

PHI RHO PI COMPTROLLER'S REPORT **NATIONALS BETHESDA 2023**

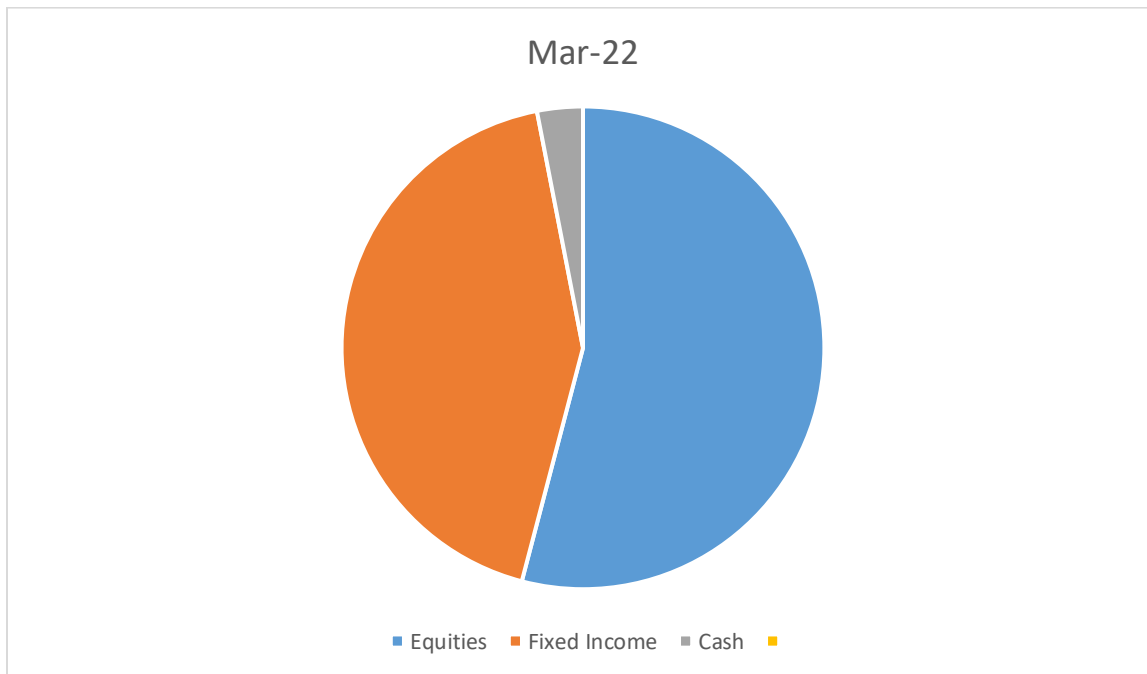
- Taxes for 2022 in process.

Past Figures

- \$283,944 (4/04/23)

Current

Wells Fargo investments: \$272,181 (4/04/23)



Equities: 54%, Fixed Income: 43%, Cash Alternatives: 3%

*Statements available by request

SUBMITTED BY: PAUL CUMMINS

Site Selection Proposal #1 – NOT Recommended by Committee

Select the Committee

Site Selection

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I am...

...a committee chair submitting a proposal coming out of committee

Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

PRP site for 2026 and 2028: Marriott Bethesda North (this hotel)

2026: \$159/night \$22k F&B

2028: \$164/night \$25k F&B

Comp rooms and staff rate suites.

Fridges in sleeping rooms.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Good rate for 2026 and exceptional rate for 2028.

Excellent location, as we all are experiencing.

Comp rooms and staff rate suites.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

It would mean 2 back-to-back and 3 out of 4 east coast years.

More costly airfare for west coast schools.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair). The Committee does not recommend the proposal

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Electronic Signature. Submitted by the Committee Chair

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Site Selection Proposal #2 – Recommended by Committee

Select the Committee

Site Selection

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

PRP site for 2026: Denver Sheraton Downtown

\$179/night (\$207 inclusive)

Parking \$30/night

\$30,000k F&B.

No staff rate/no suites.

Fridges in sleeping rooms.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Reasonably priced airfares.

Central location with good food options.

Middle-of-the-country location.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Expensive nightly rate.

Expensive parking.

Higher than average F&B (usually 25k)

No staff rate/suites.

Opportunity cost of securing very low price for 2028 in DC.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Constitution Proposal #1 – Recommended by Committee

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

The PRP Task Force Committee recommends a change to Constitution and By-Laws Article III A

The committee recommends that the PRP Regions be consolidated as follows----

Region 1: Northwest

WA, OR, ID, WY, MT, AK, NV, UT, CO

7 Schools

1. Bellevue College
2. Casper College
3. College of Eastern Idaho
4. College of Southern Idaho
5. College of Western Idaho
6. Lower Columbia College
7. Northwest College

Region 2: Northern California

9 Schools

1. Chabot College
2. Ohlone College
3. Las Positas College
4. San Joaquin Delta College
5. Modesto Junior College
6. Butte Community College
7. Solano Community College
8. Santa Rosa Junior College
9. Skyline College

Region 3: Southwest

Southern California, LA, San Diego/ Imperial, Orange County, & Inland Empire/ Desert Regions of CA CC system + HI, AZ, NM

17 Schools

1. Moorpark College
2. Santa Monica College
3. El Camino College
4. College of the Canyons
5. Pasadena City College
6. Cerritos College
7. Cypress College
8. Irvine Valley College
9. Mt. San Antonio College
10. Orange Coast College
11. Palomar College
12. Rio Hondo College
13. Saddleback College
14. San Diego Mesa College
15. Santiago Canyon College
16. Grossmont College
17. Maricopa Speech and Debate

Region 4: Northeast & Midwest

IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI, DE, DC, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, IA, SD, ND, NE, VA, CT, MD

10 Schools

1. COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
2. Elgin Community College
3. Harper College
4. Highland Community College
5. McHenry County College
6. Moraine Valley College
7. Prairie State College
8. Northern Virginia Community College
9. Oakton Community College
10. Southeastern Illinois College

Region 5: Southeast & Central

AL, MS, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV, AR, LA, OK, TX, KS, MO

11 Schools

1. Crowder College
2. Del Mar College
3. El Paso Community College
4. Florida State College at Jacksonville
5. Kansas City Kansas Community College
6. Lone Star College-North Harris
7. Miami Dade College - Kendall Campus
8. San Antonio College
9. State Fair Community College
10. Tallahassee Community College
11. Tyler Junior College

Recommendations-

- a. With greater distance between schools/states in new regions, the committee recommends flexibility for

Regional PRP tournaments to be held in a virtual/online/hybrid setting to offset the cost of school travel. (Some schools may not be able to travel out-of-state or great distances just before nationals)

b. Elections will need to be held to elect new regional governors

c. A conversation will need to be had about whether other PRP National Committees (Rules, Site, Debate, Interp, etc.) will need more than one Regional Rep for better/more diverse representation.

d. Time frame for re-evaluating region sizes/growth/changes should be on a 3 year cycle.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

1) Consolidation of regions will create better equity amongst regions in terms of size and school representation between states.

2) This will also create better/fuller regional competition for some regions with dwindling school/team numbers.

3) Regional judging responsibilities will be more balanced---especially for regions currently with small school counts

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

1) Travel between states or greater distances for regional tournaments may be costly for some programs just before nationals (this is taken care of by recommendation for flexibility in online/hybrid competition for regional tournaments.)

2) Representation on national committees (Rules, Site, Interp, Debate, etc.) may be impacted in terms of equal representation (again, this is considered in the recommendation to have more than one Region Rep on each committee)

3) There may be issues with judges balance between regions (more discussion needed to clarify how this may be taken care of in tab)

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Constitution Proposal #2 – Recommended by Committee

Submitted Information:

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Remove "Team Debate" (CEDA/NDT Team Policy Debate) from the tournament.

Strike the following from Section 3. II.A.1.

Team Debate

- a. The debate proposition shall be the National Topic for the 2022-23 year.
- b. Each team shall consist of two speakers prepared to debate both sides of the proposition.
- c. Each team shall be allowed a total of ten (10) minutes preparation time during the debate. Any time beyond the ten minutes shall be deducted from subsequent speaking time.
- d. Each speaker shall be allowed nine (9) minutes for constructive argument, six (6) minutes for rebuttal speeches, and a three (3) minute crossexamination period. Debaters shall not be penalized for not utilizing their full time. At the end of the allotted time, the debaters shall be allowed to complete their immediate thought.
- e. NOTE: the AFA/NDT Evidence Guidelines are enforced at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

We have not offered the event in 12 years. Having it listed may create confusion with our other form of team debate.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

It may come back.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair). This is a proposal being submitted TO the committee for discussion

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Constitution Proposal #3 – Recommended by Committee

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Eliminate the event "Lincoln Douglas Debate" (NDT version) from our offered events.

Strike: Section 3: II. A. 2.

Lincoln Douglas Debate

a. The debate proposition shall be the policy debate proposition. (See Team Debate)

b. Each entry consists of one person prepared to debate both sides of the proposition.

c. The Lincoln-Douglas format shall be:

Affirmative Constructive 8 minutes

Negative Cross-Examination 3 minutes

Negative Constructive 12 minutes

Affirmative Cross-Examination 3 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal 6 minutes

Negative Rebuttal 6 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal 4 minutes

d. Each speaker shall be allowed a total of six (6) minutes preparation time.

Any time beyond the six minutes shall be deducted from subsequent speaking time.

e. NOTE: the AFA/NDT Evidence Guidelines are enforced at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

We have not offered the Lincoln Douglas Debate event in the past 13 years. This is the 1 vs 1 version of LD where debaters debate the CEDA/NDT topic. Having it in the event list creates confusion for debaters who compete in NFA-LD debate.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

It might come back.

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Constitution Proposal #4 – Recommended by Committee

Select the Committee

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Proposed Change

ARTICLE 1 . . . THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section C, 1

Current Wording:

Elections of President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary shall be held on even numbered years. Elections of VP of Tournament, Secretary/Treasurer and VP for Association shall be held on odd numbered years.

Proposed Wording

Elections of President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary shall be held every three years from the date of the last election for this group.. Elections of VP of Tournament, Secretary/Treasurer and VP for Association shall be held every three years from the last election for this group. Individuals who are elected begin their term July 1st.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

The language of the current bylaws around elections was not correct. Because the two elections occur in 3 year off-setting cycles, it is possible for an election for either group to occur during an even or odd year. For example, this year in 2023 (odd) we are electing the President, Comptroller, and Recording Secretary and next year in 2024 (even) we will elect the VP for Association, VP for Tournament, and Secretary Treasurer.

Secondly, our current bylaws do not explain when the terms formally begin. To help with potential transitions it would be helpful if outgoing officers have time to onboard newly elected officers to help teach them the position. This is particularly important for financial positions and allows time for the organization to give proper access to newly elected positions that require legal access to financial accounts held by the organization.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Between April- July 1 there could be critical PRP organization business that needs to be addressed and the newly elected officers selected by the membership in April would not be able to formally enact policy. The previous E-board would still be in power for the three month period after the election.

This lag also creates a possibility that someone who ran for election and lost his/her/their position and was disgruntled, would be able to cause harm to the organization.

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Constitution Proposal #5 – Recommended by Committee

Select the Committee

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

ARTICLE VI . . . AMENDMENTS

C. 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.

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C. 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.

D. 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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

This would ensure that topics which cover more than more area (such as adding or removing events) are discussed prior to the business meeting in all relevant committees.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

This could create confusion on the status of proposals and delay the process.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Electronic Signature.Submitted by the Committee Chair

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Rules Proposal #1 – RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Submitted Information

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Number of slots and Team Sweepstakes points for Duo Interpretation increased from 1.5 slots and points to two slots per pairing and sweepstakes points so that a Gold equals 20 points, a silver equals 15 points, and a Bronze equals 10 points.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

This change would correctly value each competitor fully in a Duo pairing, rather than each being valued as .75 a competitor.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

n/a

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Rules Proposal #2 - NOT RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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SWEEPSTAKES: There will be three Sweepstakes categories: Limited Entries School Category, Intermediate Entries School Category, and Open Schools Category. The Phi Rho Pi National Tournament shall have four types of Sweepstakes awards: OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SWEEPSTAKES and INTERPRETER'S THEATRE SWEEPSTAKES. The removal of Interpreter's Theatre from Individual Events Team Sweepstakes eligibility and the creation of a unique Interpreter's Theatre team sweepstakes category.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

I.T. should not be classified as an IE as it doesn't conform to the rules and practices of any other IE and is awarded 3Xs the sweepstakes points of IE events. IT is a head-to-head matchup that competes in six rounds, and has 3+ people. It is not fair to those teams competing in individual events, that maybe don't have the resources to field an I.T., to have to compete against a small field of schools that do have the resources and can then earn 3X the points. IT should only count for Overall Points OR be granted its own category of competition.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

I.T. utilizes skills in IE.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair). This is a proposal being submitted TO the committee for discussion

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Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair). The Committee does not recommend the proposal

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Electronic Signature. Submitted by the Committee Chair

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Rules Proposal #3 – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

Submitted Information:

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Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Interpreters Theatre will be reduced to two entries and double team sweepstakes points so that Gold awards receive 20 points, Silver awards receive 15 points, and Bronze awards receive 10 points.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Only 7 of 55 schools at this years Phi Rho Pi are competing in I.T. with a total of 9 theaters. Four of these theaters are going to get triple the points of other individual events for essentially doing twice as much work. 20-25 minutes compared to 9 -10 minutes, 6 rounds instead of 3.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Theoretically, three students taking up two entries devalues a student as a fraction of a competitor.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Rules Proposal #4 – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

Select the Committee

Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

During a 3-year trial period, students should be allowed to double enter in Duo Interpretation.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Double entry is already allowed for this flight. Students that commit their time and skill sets to duo will have increased access to the special, interactive experience that is unique to this event.

Acknowledging the complications from scheduling two students for consistent duo practices, it is not expected that these double entries will significantly increase.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Wait times for double entered competitors could sometimes be longer.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Rules Proposal #5 – Recommended by Committee

Select the Committee

Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

The separation of prose and poetry's trial is over. Given the success of this trial, we propose this flight change become adopted going forward.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

This practice has allowed interpreters to have more event choices, on par with other categories of competition.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

There may be troubling issues with this practice that have not been brought to our attention.

Check box below (to be checked by the committee chair).The Committee recommends the proposal

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Electronic Signature.Submitted by the Committee Chair

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Debate Proposal #1 – RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Proposal - Electronic Flowing

Proposal:

The following proposal seeks to clarify the eFlowing rule passed last year AND to codify our current practices in our organizational documents. Nothing proposed here is different from how the tournament was run this year, however unless these changes are made it is possible that a future tournament director could interpret the existing wording differently.

Amend Section 3: II.A.3.f (NPDA)

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, including internet. During the debate, debaters will be limited to using any notes they have **written** during prep time. During the debate, debaters may take notes on an electronic device as long as said device is NOT connected to the internet. **Judges are permitted to verify this during the round.**

Amend Section 3: II.A.4.f (NFA-LD)

- a. **During the debate, debaters may take notes on an electronic device. In NFA-LD debaters may use the internet to access information during the round, however they are not permitted to communicate with another person.**
- b. NOTE: For rules other than those listed above, the NFA constitution, bylaws, and guidelines, as of December 1 of the year prior to the tournament are followed at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

Amend Section 3: II.A.5.b (IPDA)

Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time. Debaters will remain in the prep room until they are released to go to the round by the monitor. As per IPDA rules, debaters will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material, which may be quoted or paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required. **During the debate, debaters may take notes on an electronic device as long as said device is NOT connected to the internet. Judges are permitted to verify this during the round.**

Rationale For:

- Prior to the tournament there was confusion based on last year's proposal if debaters could only read from digitally prepared notes (opposed to also editing and adding to those notes during the round). The intent of the proposal was clear from the rationale, but the changes to our wording was not. The resolution fixes and codifies the change clearly.

Rationale Against:

- None. To be clear we are not attempting to change any existing practice. This proposal only codifies current practices.

Debate Proposal #2 – RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Proposal - LD Disclosure

Proposal:

Amend Section 3: II.A.4.g

Students competing in NFA-LD must submit affirmative and negative case disclosures consisting of taglines, citations, and first/last three words of evidence to the tournament director or designee, and/or to the NFA-LD wiki by two hours after the end of the tournament day. Personal narratives do not have to be disclosed.

g. Students competing in NFA-LD must submit affirmative and negative case disclosures consisting of taglines, citations, and first/last three words of evidence to the tournament director or designee, and/or to the NFA-LD wiki by two hours after the end of the tournament day. Personal narratives do not have to be disclosed.

h. NOTE: For rules other than those listed above, the NFA constitution, bylaws, and guidelines, as of December 1 of the year prior to the tournament are followed at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

Rationale For:

- Disclosure allows for specific case prep, more case clash, and better education.
- Formalizing a norm prevents new programs' debaters from dropping because they are unaware of the norm.
- Clarifying what is specifically required stops the goal post from being moved, decreasing the need for a procedural and thus increasing case debate and education.
- The California state tournament has had this rule for many years, increasing consistency.

Rationale Against:

- It takes away a theory argument from the opposing team.
- It requires an action that some coaches or debaters may be philosophically opposed to.

Debate Proposal #3 – RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Proposal - Group Prep IPDA

Proposal:

Amend Section 3: II.A.5.b

Debaters will only be allowed to consult other students competing at the tournament. Debaters will remain in the prep room until they are released to go to the round by the monitor. As per IPDA rules, debaters will be allowed paper and/or electronic research material, which may be quoted or paraphrased from notes during the round, but not read directly, as extemporaneous delivery is required.

Rationale For:

- Already happening even if no intent to break rules.
- Helps alleviate anxiety of new debaters so better for mental health.
- Helps alleviate accessibility barriers for many debaters new to debate/those with access issues.
- Norm around the country and at the IPDA National Championship Tournament.

Rationale Against:

- Tradition
- Unfair for smaller schools

Debate Proposal #4 – RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Proposal - Group Prep NPDA

Proposal:

Eliminate Section 3: II.A.3.e

No coaching allowed in Parliamentary debate during the preparation period. Judges will patrol prep time in order to insure compliance of the closed prep rule.

Amend Section 3: II.A.3.f

Debaters will only be allowed to consult other students competing at the tournament. During Parliamentary Debate prep, debaters will be allowed paper, dictionaries, almanacs and/or electronic research material, including internet. During the debate, debaters will be limited to using any notes they have hand-written during prep time.

Rationale For:

- Team/group/coach prep is the norm nationally
- Allows people new to debate to get some help and not be overwhelmed especially when the topics are things they are not familiar with
- Good for mental health to have some guidance and positive help prior to debating which can be anxiety inducing
- Good for students with accessibility needs as it can help them adjust to the topic and the arguments prior to the debate
- Coaching is a fundamental part of the learning and teaching process and we should encourage more of that and not less
- Teams are witnessed doing this already and they may not even be intentionally breaking rules, they just do not know. Hard to police as it is

Rationale Against:

- Tradition
- Unfair for smaller schools

Debate Proposal #5 – NOT RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Proposal - IPDA Lay Judges

Proposal:

The following proposal seeks to allow and encourage the use of lay judging in IPDA at the Phi Rho Pi national tournament. To accomplish this...

Amend Section 2: II. L

L. Lay judging for IPDA Debate

1. In IPDA debate the tournament director, host, and/or their proxy should seek to recruit as many IPDA lay judges as possible.
2. Training should be minimal and should emphasize fairness and how to properly conduct the round and fill out the ballot.
3. IPDA debate judges are exempt from the “competent debate judge” standards required for other debate events.

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Amend Section 2: III. C

No college may enter more than six (6) entries in any single event. Schools with 7-9 total entries between IPDA and NFA-LD will provide one additional judge (this judge must be rated A in debate or meet “lay judge” criteria for IPDA judging only. This judge cannot be bought out of a judging commitment) and one additional competition room; schools with 10-12 total entries between the two events would provide two additional judges (these judges must be rated A in debate or meet “lay judge” criteria for IPDA judging only. This judge cannot be bought out of a judging commitments) and two additional competition rooms.

Rationale For:

- First, the IPDA form of public debate has sought to remain unique from other more technical forms of debate. The main mechanism through which this has been maintained is via the use of lay judging. This is specifically mentioned in the IPDA constitution’s preamble which reads

The philosophic foundations of the International Public Debate Association include: (...)

- *Lay Judging: Tournament directors are encouraged to use as many real-world judges as possible. Training should be minimal and should emphasize fairness and how to properly conduct the round and fill out the ballot.*
- Adding lay judging to Phi Rho Pi’s IPDA event would help uphold this basic tenant of IPDA and ensure the event as practiced at Phi Rho Pi follows the principles and goals from which it was created.
- Second, IPDA is the largest event at Phi Rho Pi and requires a considerable amount of judging commitment. Having a supply of fresh lay judges will reduce the judging burden on our coaches and volunteers. This helps to avoid judge burnout (and may indirectly help to improve the judging experience they can provide in their other rounds).
- Third, allowing lay judging in IPDA can serve as a conduit to expose new people to what we do. Lay judging IPDA rounds is a great recruitment tool for programs as you can offer extra credit to basic course and argumentation students to serve as lay judges. Regional tournament directors can speak to how this has helped with recruiting. Additionally this can serve as a means to invite individuals from our host

city(ies) into our tournaments. Community members or potential supporters can have an opportunity to directly participate in the tournament.

Rationale Against:

- The main argument that has been made against proposals like this one in the past is that the national tournament should provide a higher level of competence for judging. Having judges who are familiar with traditional debate means teams can run more technical arguments (procedurals, kirtiks, etc) than they would not typically be able to rely on with a more mixed judging pool.
- Lay judges provide worse feedback and are more likely to engage in inappropriate behavior.
- This differs from the norms of competition students are used to from their year of competition.
- Hiring lay judges is cumbersome.