

April 8, 2021
Online
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Time: 5:00 Pacific Time
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes from PRP Business Meeting 2020

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Nash

B. President – Wade Hescht

C. Vice President of Association – Francesca Bishop

D. Vice President of Tournament – Duane Fish

E. Treasurer – Nathan Carter

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
 - a. Total income of **\$0**
 - b. Total expense of **\$24,615.12**
 - c. Ordinary Net income of **-\$24,615.12**
 - d. Other Income (Interest Wells Fargo \$17.12 / Contribution from Experient \$2,401.59 / Returned Promo Items \$649.20 / Returned Supplies \$365.79)
 - e. Total **\$3,433.70**
 - f. Net Income **-\$21,181.42**

E. Comptroller – Paul Cummins –

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
 - a. Checking: \$31,379.73
 - b. Savings: \$16,412.92
 - c. Wells Fargo Investments \$162,436.53
 - d. Putnam Investments \$107,679.44
 - e. Total \$317,908.62

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Nominations – Robert Hawkins**
- B. Inter-organization – Francesca Bishop**
- C. Site Selection – Francesca Bishop**
- D. Awards – Floyd McDonnell –**
- E. 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 – Duane Fish**
- B. Tournament Hosts**
- C. Regional Governors – Francesca Bishop**
- D. 2021 Tournament Host –**

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Site Proposal #1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Site

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/7/21

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE: Francesca Bishop

Proposal:

Contingent upon being able to seat 550 in one room for the banquet, the Site Selection Committee recommends that PRP 2024 be at the Radisson, Salt Lake City. Room rate, including taxes \$136.

If the Radisson cannot guarantee the minimum banquet attendance either at the hotel or at the adjacent convention center for the same price, PRP will be at the Nugget, Reno. Room rate including taxes is \$114 Sun-Thur and \$132 Fri-Sat.

THE COMMITTEE XXX RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT

RECOMMEND PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

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PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Radisson does not include coffees/pastries for judges, but is not a smoky environment as the Nugget is (which was the number one complaint in 2019).

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Constitution and By-Laws Proposal #1**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Constitution and By-Laws****DATE SUBMITTED: 3/11/21****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

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Constitution

Article 3.A.1

Phi Rho Pi may grant annual chapter memberships to Junior and Community Colleges ~~who meet the membership requirements of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and~~ upon payment of the annual chapter membership fee.

Article 4.A.8

The National Executive Committee. The National Executive Committee shall be composed of the National Executive Board, regionally elected Regional Governors, the Immediate Past President, the National Tournament Host Director, the future National Tournament Host Director, the Website Administrator, the Chairs of the Standing Committees, ~~the Archivist~~, the Ombudsperson, other appointments, and any person holding an officially designated title of the National Association.

Article 5.A-C

A. ~~The official badge of Phi Rho Pi shall be a key; a duplicate of this official design shall be retained by the Secretary-Treasurer.~~

B. ~~The key shall denote degrees of membership by the following jewelings:~~

1. ~~Any member may wear an opal or sapphire within the star, or any unjeweled pin.~~

2. ~~Only members who have achieved the Degree of Honor may wear a ruby within the star.~~

3. ~~Only members who have achieved the Degree of Highest Achievement may wear a diamond within the star.~~

C. ~~All keys may be ordered from the current jewelry supplier.~~

By-Laws

Article 1.B.1.d-e

d. Shall, after consultation with the Vice-President for Association and Vice President of Association, appoint all Standing Committees and assignments for the National Tournament.

e. ~~Shall, after consultation with the Vice-President for Tournament, appoint all standing Committees and assignments for the National Tournament.~~

Article 1.B.2.h

Shall ~~co~~-chair the Site Selection Committee.

Article 1.B.4.i

Shall retain ~~a duplicate of the Phi Rho Pi key~~ and all current official records of the organization, ~~shall give to the Archivist all non-current records,~~ and shall transfer all records either to the Comptroller or the newly-elected Secretary-Treasurer at the end of the term of office.

Article 1.B.6.e

Shall ~~supervise the permanent Phi Rho Pi Trust Fund at the Plains National Bank in Lubbock, Texas~~

Article 1.B.6.f

Shall deposit and invest available Phi Rho pi monies in interest-bearing ~~trusts, funds, and accounts,~~ and shall supervise them with access by the Comptroller and at least one other Executive officer.

Article 2.B.3.b.2

~~Local hotel and tournament site arrangements are to be made as needed for the Site Visit and the National Tournament.~~

Article 2.B.5.b

~~Shall, when deemed appropriate, publish online, SpeakerPoints, the official journal of the association.~~

Article 2.B.6.j &k

Remove underline

Article 2.B.7

Archivist

- a. ~~Shall collect all records, letters, pictures, documents, and information about Phi Rho Pi, and shall order this material chronologically in permanent files.~~
- b. ~~Shall keep Phi Rho Pi archives in a safe and secure repository, except for selected showings at the Convention/Tournament.~~
- c. ~~Shall at the end of the period as Archivist give all records to the new officer.~~

Article 4.F

~~The Phi Rho Pi Community Service/Outreach Award~~

- 1. ~~Awarded each year to the Phi Rho Pi chapter that has made an outstanding contribution in the area of community service.~~
- 2. ~~Entries will be judged on assessment of community need, uniqueness and overall effectiveness of their program.~~
- 3. ~~To be considered for this award, interested chapters will be asked to submit an essay explaining the accomplishments in the area of service.~~
 - ~~A. Essay not to exceed 350 words.~~
 - ~~B. Additional materials that help explain the service project can be submitted to the selection committee.~~
- 4. ~~The Awards Committee will be responsible for:~~
 - ~~A. Selecting a winner.~~
 - ~~B. Setting the deadline for the entries to be due. (The due date can be before the tournament.)~~
 - ~~C. Coordinating the logistics for the presentation of the award.~~
 - ~~E. Winning entry will be recognized at the opening banquet and will receive a plaque of recognition.~~

THE COMMITTEE XXX RECOMMENDS

THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND PROPOSAL

RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Housekeeping intended to correct errors, remove out of date information, clarify regulations or update information.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

None

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Constitution and By-Laws Proposal #2**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Constitution and By-Laws****DATE SUBMITTED: 3/11/21****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

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By-Laws**Article 1.B.1.d-e (President's Duties)**

- d. Shall, after consultation with the Vice-President for Association and Regional Governors, appoint all Standing Committees and assignments for the National Tournament.
- e. ~~Shall, after consultation with the Vice-President for Tournament, appoint all standing Committees and assignments for the National Tournament.~~

Article 2.B.1.e (Regional Governors Duties)

- e. Shall, in consultation with the Vice-President for Association, put forward nominations to all Standing Committees for the National Tournament to the President for consideration and appointment no later than December 31st of each year.

THE COMMITTEE XXX RECOMMENDS

THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT RECOMMEND

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Operational amendment intended to clarify the process of Standing Committee Nominations and Appointments

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

None

Include additional rationale on the back

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Interpretation Proposal #1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Interpretation

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/6/21

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Proposal: *C.6.c* - ~~Reading stands, chairs, stools, ladders, platforms, steps,~~ Black boxes, props, and lighting effects may be used.

HOWEVER, facilities limitations (space equipment, time etc.) should govern a director's choice. All other set pieces are forbidden.

THE COMMITTEE X RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT

RECOMMEND PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Rationale: To reduce the barrier to entry for new directors, and increase competitiveness across existing entries. Large, impressive, complex set pieces are intimidating to potential new interpreter's theatre directors. Set building and design is a dramatic deviation from the skillset of a typical forensics coach. Large set pieces are also a function of budget disparities across programs, since only teams with the funds to build and transport set pieces to the national tournament can even consider adding a set to their performance.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

None Brought Against

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Rules Proposal #1

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Rules

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/6/21

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Proposal: TREASURER NOTE:

Per review of Phi Rho Pi's existing contractual obligations, we would not be able to implement this new schedule for PRP 2022 (St. Charles/St. Louis).

Per review of Phi Rho Pi's existing contractual obligations, it is possible we could try to implement this schedule for PRP 2023 with only slight risks.

****We could implement this schedule for PRP 2024 and beyond given we are currently not under any contractual obligations for PRP 2024.

Proposal - First Draft with Flying IPDA in Prelims			
Patterns			
<i>DE Allowed</i>	<i>DE Allowed</i>	<i>DE Allowed</i>	
<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
IPDA	NFA LD		Parli
Info	STE	Pers	IT
Drama	Ext	CA	
	Pro	Imp	
	Poe	POI	
		Duo	
<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>
8:00 - B1 (7:45 Ext Draw / NFA @ 8:30)	8:00 - B2 (7:45 Ext Draw / NFA @ 8:30)	8:00 - B3 (7:45 Ext Draw / NFA @ 8:30)	7:45 - Ballot Review for Finals
9:30 - C1 (NFA @ 9:50)	9:30 - D4	9:30 - A6 Drama (IPDA Strike @ 9:45 & 10:15)	8:15 - Postings of all Finalists
11:00 - D1	11:00 - A3 Info (IPDA Strike @ 11:20 & 11:50)	11:15 - Ballot Review for B-D	8:30 - Finals B/C (NFA @ 9:30)
12:30 - A1 Info (IPDA Strike @ 12:50 & 1:20)	1:00 - C3 (NFA @ 1:20)	11:45 - Postings for B-D	10:30 - Finals A (IPDA Strike @ 11:00)
2:30 - C2 (NFA @ 2:50)	2:15 - A4 Drama (IPDA Strike @ 2:35 & 3:05)	12:00 - C Semis (No NFA)	12:00 - Finals D
4:00 - D2	4:15 - D5	1:15 - Ballot review for A	
5:30 - A2 Drama (IPDA Strike A 5:50 & 6:20)	5:45 - A5 Info (IPDA Strike @ 6:05 & 6:35)	1:45 - Posting for A	1:30 - Awards Ceremony
7:00 - D3	7:45 - D6	2:00 - B Semis (NFA @ 2:20)	
8:30 - Committee Meetings		3:30 - D Semis	

		5:00 - A Semis (IPDA Strike @ 6:45)	
		7:30 - Business Meeting	

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Reduces the cost to schools. Schools could potentially arrive Tuesday and depart Saturday, which means they'd only have to pay for four nights of hotel stays. This could exponentially increase the number of programs at Phi Rho Pi.

It allows double-entry and thus, allows more entry flexibility for programs that are primarily LP/debate, interp., or PA. Students are still limited to 4 events total.

It does not increase judging obligations or room usage; and in fact, may reduce it.

It gives more time to those competing in I.T. for costume changes, getting their set together, etc. - and could increase numbers in that event.

It should still allow Phi Rho Pi to meet its room night and F & B minimum (if applicable).

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Double-entry in a hotel style tournament requires Phi Rho Pi to adapt to new norms as students may be moving from room to room. (This isn't necessarily a CON but something that would need to be worked out.)

Could potentially conflict with our contractual obligations for St. Charles and Bethesda. (We understand that this schedule may not be able to be adopted until 2024.)

THE COMMITTEE___RECOMMENDS

THE COMMITTEE___DOES NOT RECOMMEND

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*Rules Proposal #2***COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL
FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Rules****DATE SUBMITTED: 4/6/21****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

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Rationale: Pattern restrictions without double entry allowances are detrimental to the educational goals of this activity. They prevent students from pursuing the educational opportunities most interesting to them. Which events are grouped together is ultimately determined by a paternalistic mentality, with coaches deciding which events are in the students' best interest to do in conjunction.

Proposal: V. EVENTS AND CONFLICTS: At the National Tournament the following events will be offered and be conflicted as follows: A. IPDA, Communication Analysis, and Poetry Interpretation. Communication Analysis and Poetry Interpretation shall not conflict with each other. Students may enter IPDA, CA, and POETRY in any combination B. Prose Interpretation, Speech to Entertain, and Extemporaneous Speaking C. Persuasive, Duo Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and NFA-LD D. Program Oral Interpretation, Informative, Dramatic Interpretation and NFA-LD E. Parliamentary Debate and Interpreter's Theatre,

Addition: Student's may select one pattern to be double entered.

THE COMMITTEE _____ RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT

RECOMMEND PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

This will allow students to pursue the events they are most interested in throughout the season, without concerns about not being able to take their best four events to nationals.

This will increase overall entries at Phi Rho Pi.

This will give students agency over their educational path, rather than Phi Rho Pi setting the path for them.

This will encourage more entries all season long as students are not restricted from even trying some events simply because they conflict with an existing event. Teams will pursue the student's interests more fully, without fear of inefficiently using coaching resources.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Minor decrease in educational experience as students will miss a few speeches if double entered.

Include additional rationale on the back

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Rules Proposal #3**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL
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Rationale: In the status quo the decision of how Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations are handled is left up to the tournament director. This process should be formalized. Specifically, if a student requires an accommodation that violates an existing bylaw, such as the black book requirement in interp events, our bylaws should make clear that compliance with ADA supersedes all other bylaws and the student must not be punished for such an accommodation.

Proposal: *Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations must be honored in all events, and communicated to the student's judge prior to each round.*

THE COMMITTEE _____ RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT

RECOMMEND PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

We must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and ensure anyone who wants to compete in any event is able to do so with equal access to the full educational experience.

Increases accessibility and could result in more entries.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Creates a potential loophole surrounding the burden of proof for granting ADA accommodations.

Include additional rationale on the back

Phi Rho Pi National Tournament and Convention

Rules Proposal #4**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL
FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Rules****DATE SUBMITTED: 4/7/11****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

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Rationale:

TLDR: Covid-19 sucks. We have a vaccine. Get vaccine. Yay.

Overview: Covid-19 has killed over 500,000 people. We now have a safe, effective, free, easily-accessible vaccine. Requiring the vaccine ensures that we have a safe tournament. The CDC recommends that those gathering in doors be vaccinated if they are not going to be wearing masks or socially distancing. Additionally, the requiring of vaccines is perfectly legal, and has a long history.

Legal concerns: There is an incredibly small likelihood that any sort of legal action would be pursued, nor would any legal action be successful. *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, 1905 clearly states “A community has the right to protect itself against an epidemic of disease.” Universities like Rutgers, Brown and Cornell are requiring proof of vaccination for students this fall. Any legal consideration should be balanced against the safety of our community. The threat of a law suit shouldn’t prevent our community from doing what it can to protect its members. The only possible legal concern is a state making it illegal to discriminate on the basis of vaccination status; this is unlikely.

Logistically: At present, there are no less than 15 companies working on easy verification of vaccination, and each state is required to keep the records of vaccination, along with the CDC vaccination cards that were given to recipients. We already verify students enrollment, and this could easily be added to that same process.

Proposal: Competition Rules: Eligibility

Add: All participants at the 2022 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament must be vaccinated prior to March 20th, 2022 in order to participate. A committee shall be created to determine the best, safest, most fair, and non-invasive way to determine eligibility to participate.

THE COMMITTEE _____ RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT

RECOMMEND PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Include additional rationale on the back

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Rules Proposal #5

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL
FORM**

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Rules

DATE SUBMITTED: 4/7/21

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Students may compete for up to 3 years.

**THE COMMITTEE XXX RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT
RECOMMEND**

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Rationale: Most students take 3 years in community college. We should be reflective of that here. Add to that, this year is not a normal Forensics year. Proposal: Students may compete for up to 3 years.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

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*Rules Proposal #6***COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL
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Rationale:

For years now, the divisions have been unbalanced. This year may be an anomaly, but it is not a new issue and should be addressed.

Proposal:

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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 three types of Sweepstakes awards:

OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES

DEBATE SWEEPSTAKES

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SWEEPSTAKES

These three types of Sweepstakes shall be awarded in the Hindman Division (limited), Wheeler Division (intermediate), and Wyman Division (open)

(1) Hindman Division:

Definition: The Hindman Schools division shall be determined by counting the slots entered by each school in the tournament. All schools with at least one slot and up to ~~15~~ 12 entered shall automatically be placed in this division.

(2) Wheeler Division:

Definition: The Wheeler Schools division will comprise those schools that enter between ~~15.5~~ 12.5 and ~~30~~ 27 slots.

(3) Wyman Division:

Definition: The Wyman Schools division will consist of all the schools that enter ~~30.5~~ 27.5 slots or more.

**THE COMMITTEE _____ RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT
RECOMMEND**

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

- *Unbalanced divisions have been an ongoing issue.
- *Too many schools fall into the small division.
- *Over the years, some divisions have recognized every college entered that year.
- *Would help in balancing the divisions at the national tournament.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

- *Some slots could be left at home in order to fit into slots. However, this could happen with any set number.

Include additional rationale on the back

Phi Rho Pi National Tournament and Convention

Debate Proposal #1**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Debate****DATE SUBMITTED: 4/6/2021****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

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Rationale:

In Parliamentary debate, one of the most common ways competitors resolve disagreements about how a round is conducted is through theory arguments, or other similar arguments, which argue that because their opponent's framework for the round is worse, they should lose. It's important then for us, as tournament

organizers, to take simple opportunities to bring more clarity to debate rounds to avoid teams acting in good faith losing a debate just because our writing wasn't clear to them.

Each Parliamentary round at Phi Rho Pi includes 2 policy resolutions, 2 value resolutions, and 1 metaphor resolution. These resolutions are not labeled, however, to show which topics were intended to be which style of resolution. This leads to disagreement about what sort of round it's supposed to be and teams potentially losing rounds because of a different interpretation, which detracts from the more direct topical education we could be facilitating if we let competitors know what our intentions were as topic writers.

Proposal:

Amend the Parliamentary debate event rules (Section 3, II, A, 3, c) to read:

Five topics will be used in both preliminary and elimination rounds. These resolutions will include 2 policy, 2 value and 1 metaphor per round, **and each resolution will be labeled as such for competitors.** 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.

THE COMMITTEE _____ RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE X DOES NOT RECOMMEND PROPOSAL

RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

This has been the norm for CCCFA's tournament, which also uses the Phi Rho Pi 5 topic model, and it's increased clarity with no complaints (that this author is aware of).

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Include additional rationale on the back

Phi Rho Pi National Tournament and Convention

Debate Proposal #2**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM****NAME OF COMMITTEE: Debate****DATE SUBMITTED: 4/6/2021****COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE:**

Phi Rho Pi coaches and students who wish to propose rule changes, new rules, constitutional changes or additions, etc. **MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM** and present it at the appropriate committee meeting.

All proposals presented at the General Business Meeting must come out of committees. Each proposal presented will be designated as either recommended or not recommended by the committee.

Additional Committee Resolution Proposal Forms may be acquired from the Recording Secretary or the Committee Chair.

Completed Committee Resolution Proposal Forms must also include:

1. The correct wording of the proposed resolution
2. Rationale **FOR** the resolution
3. Rationale **AGAINST** the resolution

The deadline for the return of completed *Committee Resolution Proposal Forms* is by 3 pm the day before the Business Meeting. Please submit completed forms to the Recording Secretary.

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To add "or fact" along side value resolutions in IPDA and NPDA Debate.

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Current Wording

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IPDA:

Current Wording:

5.a. Topics will be announced in-round with 5 topics (2 value, 2 policy, 1 metaphor) provided for strikes. Negative strikes first, and then turns are taken until one topic remains to be debated. Debaters should draw on time, should one debater not appear at the scheduled time, a five minute grace period will be started. At the end of the five minutes, the topic list will be given to the debater in attendance who will choose the topic to be debated the round will begin 30 minutes from the time of the topic selection. The absent debater will have only the prep time available that remains.

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THE COMMITTEE X RECOMMENDS

THE COMMITTEE _____ DOES NOT RECOMMEND

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

Both IPDA and NPDA debate formats call for the trichotomy of resolution types (Fact, Value, and Policy). Our current rules for both debate events ask the tournament staff to provide students 2 value, 2 policy, and 1 metaphor resolution each round. The wording of the rules has led to some debaters arguing that fact resolutions are prohibited at this tournament.

Fact resolutions have long been a part of both IPDA and NPDA debate (and argumentation theory in general). Debating factual resolutions is an important skill and opens up topic areas that can be difficult to discuss under value and policy frameworks. This proposal would change the wording of the rules so the tournament staff could choose to include up to two fact resolutions per round in IPDA and NPDA debate. This is accomplished by changing the value category to be the "value or fact" category.

This also brings our rules back inline with practice. Many of the resolutions given to students at this tournament have been resolutions of fact. Some rounds have had two fact resolutions, one fact / one value, or two value. This proposal leaves that flexibility in place.

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

Passing this proposal would limit the ability to use of a "rules" standard when arguing TRICOT to value in a round where the affirmative has argued that the resolution is a "Fact" resolution. There are some who feel that fact resolutions create an unfair barrier for the negative team. This proposal may increase the use of Fact resolutions at our tournament.

Include additional rationale on the back

Committee Meeting Discussion Notes:

Darren: When I received topics for this year, I had to think about if we allowed fact resolutions and figure out which topics were facts. Some of the topics were either metaphors or comparing two values. It is hard to differentiate especially when putting the topics together.

Sasan: The distinction between fact in value in topic writing began to blur. We kind of already have a lot of fact rounds. I would like to see that there are no longer de facto fact rounds and that they just become values. Facts inherently give an advantage to one side. If it is something that is an objective question that is either true or false, then one side will have an inherent advantage.

Harry: I like the idea of formalizing fact rounds because the reality is there are happening. I also disagree that they are not valuable and that there isn't a clear distinction. It is predicated on the topic itself and whether or not is debatable and not a question of it being a fact topic.

Brittany: Fact topics are inevitable. I would rather have theory debates about fairness and education than rules. Fact debates are debatable so long as the topic is written well.

Ryan: Being able to debate and evaluate facts is important to civic education. There are topics that are good topics because we do differ in opinions.

Sasan: Some schools might think they can out theory their way out of it. If we aren't able to write good value rounds that aren't fact now I am skeptical about the ability to write good fact topics. The preponderance of evidence seems unfair because some topics have way more evidence on them. We learn how to evaluate evidence anyways.

Ryan: I am not saying we have to dictate whether its a fact or value.

Harry: We have a mechanism against bad resolutions which is striking them. I rarely see rounds that have a topic with an objective truth.

Brittany: Allowing fact debates could incentivize people to learn how to debate fact debates beyond counting sources.

Nick: Fact debates teach a different way for students to weigh a round because policy and value often come down to impacts.

Darren: There are things to be done to codify the topic process.

Sasan: I would hope that we don't continue breaking this rule if the rule doesn't pass. Aff gets to choose the topic, neg teams will almost always strike the metaphor, and this creates an unfair burden for one team. Fact means everything is predicated on whether or not something is true vs. weighing impacts and fact and value. This is bad when you can't fact check.

Brittany: Verification of facts is not specific to fact. I have seen plenty of people say things that are not true but can't be verified in the round but are in policy and value rounds.

Harry: Strike is still a good skill.

Ryan: There is lit out there about the distinction of topics and we should leave that debate up to the debaters. There are also different perspectives in our discipline.