

**April 13, 2017**  
**Tysons Corner, VA**  
**Fairfax B**  
**8:30 pm**  
**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

**Executive Members in Attendance:** Jeff Przybylo (President), Duane Fish (Vice President of Tournament), Jolinda Ramsey (Vice President of Association), John Nash (Recording Secretary), Wade Hescht (Secretary-Treasurer), Cynthia Dewar (Comptroller).

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The President called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. The Recording Secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school: 52 coaches, 49 students. 52 schools total.

**II. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**A. Recording Secretary – John Nash**

1. Presented the minutes from **Costa Mesa, CA 2016** and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded. **MSP.**
3. Website is being constantly updated. If you want to post any Region information in the website please let John Nash or Dug Hall know.
4. List Serve – please let John Nash know if you would like to on the list serve

**B. President – Jeff Przybylo**

1. Please refer to item A in business packet for full report. Thanked John Nash and Dug Hall for their work on the website. Listed results from other national speech and or debate tournaments. Explained that one of the President's goals is to get members involved. If anyone wants to be on a committee, please let him know.

**C. Vice President of Association – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. Reported on NCA Craft session. Craft session went well – 8 tables of presentations. NCA 2017 Nov 16-19 will be held in Dallas. For full report, please see item B in business packet.

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

1. Please refer to item C in business packet for history of enrollment in events at the tournament.

**E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
  - A. Total income of \$52,960.49.
  - B. Total expense of \$52,236.80
  - C. Net income of \$723.69
  - D. Other Income (Interest Wells Fargo \$2.48 / Contribution from Experient \$2,042.25) Total \$2,044.93
  - E. Net Income \$2,768.62

2. Motion was made to accept the report. Seconded. **MSP.**

#### **E. Comptroller – Cynthia Dewar**

1. The Trust is being terminated. This is a positive outcome and allows us much more freedom in investing the money with the goal of enhancing the school/student experience.
2. Submitted report for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
  - A. Beginning balance of \$278,647.10
  - B. Total cash received was \$55,665.20
  - C. Total cash disbursed was \$52,236.80
  - D. Ending balance was \$282,075.50
3. Motion was made to accept the report. Seconded. **MSP**

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Nominations – Paul Cummins**

1. **Office of President:** The position of President was contested between Jeff Przybylo and John Vitullo. The majority of the membership voted to elect Jeff Przybylo as the President. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.
  - a. Motion: Elect Jeff Przybylo to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.
  - b. Action: Motion, seconded, passed.
2. **Office of Comptroller:** The position of Comptroller was contested between Cynthia Dewar and Bob Becker. A majority of the membership voted to elect Cynthia Dewar as the Comptroller. She will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending in June 30, 2020.
  - a. **a. Motion:** Elect Cynthia Dewar to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending in June 30, 2020.
  - b. Action:** Motion, seconded, passed.
3. **3. Office of Recording Secretary:** The position of Recording Secretary was contested between John Nash and Trent Webb. A majority of the membership voted to elect John Nash. He will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2017 and ending in June 30, 2020.
  - a. Motion:** Elect John Nash to serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending in June 30, 2020.
  - b. Action:** Motion, seconded, passed.

#### **B. Inter-organization – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. Talked about the Inter-Organizational officers.
2. Gave the web address ([www.collegeforensics.org](http://www.collegeforensics.org)) to put your tournament on the COFO calendar

#### **C. Site Selection – Jolinda Ramsey**

1. The bid for Reno was recommended by committee. **MSP**
2. Jolinda Ramsey encouraged people that if you wanted to host to contact Jolinda Ramsey or Jill Kraatz. Information about hosting can be found on the Phi Rho Pi website.

#### **D. Awards – Floyd McDonnell –**

1. Explanation of the Resolution found in packet (page G) was given. Nine awards for the Warren-Dahlin and up to nine awards will be given for the Collie-Taylor will be given and they will be chosen by a Regional student vote. Discussion and questions took place. **MSP**

#### **E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan –**

1. Explanation of the Resolution found in packet (page H) was given. It was recommended that the Code of ethics be directed to the Constitution Committee. No discussion or vote was taken.

#### **F. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker**

1. For 2016 nationals, the tournament evaluation was done on paper and not on a survey monkey due to low participation. Participation was higher with the paper survey. Bob Becker will post some past survey data for members to see on the website.

#### **G. Constitution & By-Laws – Cynthia Dewar –**

1. The committee met and decided that the constitution needs to be revised. If you would like to be on the committee to revise the constitution, please see Jeff Przybylo or Cynthia Dewar

#### **H. Interpretation – John Nash**

1. Committee was formed to look at a possibility of allowing students to compete in 4 interpretation events.

#### **I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – no report**

#### **J. Publications – Dug Hall**

1. Announced we have an Instagram, twitter and Facebook account.
2. Talked about how he created a REMIND text account for PRP. Phone numbers have been added to remind coaches and judges about important information.

#### **L. Rules – M'Liss Hindman**

1. Proposal #1: (Page I of packet) Committee did not recommend this proposal. It dealt with self-plagiarism in Impromptu. Author of proposal asked to amend the proposal with two clarifications 1) add extemporaneous speaking to the proposal and 2) remove the words “practice speeches.” Discussion for and against the proposal took place. Vote took place – Motion did not pass. Proposed that an investigative committee be formed to look into ways to curtail plagiarism in impromptu.
2. Proposal #2 (Page J of packet) Added number of students along with the number of slots to determine sweepstakes divisions. Talked about reasoning for and against the proposal. Recommended by committee. Discussion for and against the proposal took place. Motion did not pass.
3. Proposal #3 (Page K of packet) Dealt with allowing Interpreter’s Theatres with a record of 7-5 to advance on to elimination rounds. Recommended by committee. No discussion. **MPS**
4. Proposal #4 (Page L of packet) Dealt with ending the tournament after the awards ceremony. Recommended by committee. Discussion for and against the proposal took place. Vote to postpone discussion to give the EB time to investigate this more and give report at NCA was not approved. Motion failed.

**K. Debate – Francesca Bishop – no report**

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Mentioned that the packet has entry numbers
2. Thanked judges table for keeping rounds low.
3. Check duty list for judging in the morning. Posted.
4. Announced sleeping rooms still needed.
5. Tournament evaluations – those are not private – if you want to see them talk with Duane Fish
6. IPDA there was a judge error not a tab error and as a result, 4 more student will break in IPDA. 4 due to the need to fill out the bracket.

**B. Tournament Hosts – Nathan Carter**

1. If you want to swap out t-shirts let him know.
2. Mentioned upcoming activities

**C. Judges Table – Cynthia Dewar**

1. No report.

**D. Regional Governors – Jolinda Ramsey –**

1. To be announced at awards

**F. 2017 Tournament Host – John Sullivan – no report**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.