April 8, 2021 Online Web-ex 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 Approved

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary - John Nash

- 1. PRP Webpage was cleaned up.
- 2. Past Officers put up on the webpage Past historical documents put on webpage
- 3. Call out for Regional Pages history
- 4. Working on updated list serve.
- 5. Call out for updates on PRP webpage (schools / coaches)
- 6. Certificates emailed out

B. President - Wade Hescht

1. Held elections for President, Comptroller and Recording Secretary

Wade Hescht – President

Paul Cummins – Comptroller

John Nash – Recording Secretary

My 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

Because of all of the transitions in leadership,

I will be presenting both the Treasurer and Presidents report

Nathan and Francesca will be presenting the VP for Association Report

Special thanks to our outgoing President Jeff Przybylo for coordinating that task.

2. The EB held its summer retreat online

PRP continued our affiliation with NCA for 3 more years. Every three years, this we have to reaffiliate.

We began the task of removing outgoing financial officers from the Wells Fargo and Putnam accounts and adding new officers onto the accounts.

Discussed and ultimately decided to not participate in a proposed AFA Debate Watch Initiative.

Assigned John Nash as a committee member to the AFA Judges Certification Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussed creating and distributing a committee interest form.

Discussed creating a Leadership Handbook

Discussed creating a Diversity Committee

The current Ethics Committee will now include Diversity. We discussed that the committee may need a new name.

Discussed the future use of the newly created Host Committee.

The decision was made that PRP will use a Host Committee when it is needed/requested by a Host.

Discussed the possibility redesigning of Regions that could be proposed at the 2021 national tournament.

John Nash created a past officer's page for the website.

John Nash and Lauren Morgan create a Code of Ethics that is now on our website. EB decided to not pursue New Mexico for PRP 2023. Renegotiated the Bethesda contract, we will be going to Bethesda in 2023

3. Began working on regaining PRP's corporation status in Texas – Articles of Incorporation

At some point PRP fell out of good standing with the State of Texas 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 taxexempt 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.

Decision was made to move to an online tournament for 2021.

Will be using forensicstournament.net

Committee Interest Forms were sent out through Google Forms

- 4. Worked with the Regional Governors to appoint members to all standing committees. All committees were officially given their charges.
- 5. Phi Rho Pi's was reinstated as a recognized entity in the state of Texas.
- 6. At the request of a member, I created an ad hoc committee to research the possibility of a condensed tournament schedule. Trent Webb was appointed as chair. The committee meet twice, submitted a report to me and I forwarded the proposal to the rules committee.

C. Vice President of Association – Francesca Bishop

- 1. Panel at NCA went well
- 2. NCA 2021 Seattle WA November 18-21Theme: Renewal and Transformation

D. Vice President of Tournament - Duane Fish

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

E. Treasurer - Nathan Carter MSP

- 1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Please refer to page 4-5 in business packet
 - 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 Total \$3,433.70
 - E. Net Income--\$21,181.42
- **E.** Comptroller Paul Cummins MSP Very difficult year to get everything updated. We are in the process of consolidating accounts
 - 1. Checking: \$31,379.73
 - 2. Savings: \$16,412.92
 - 3. Wells Fargo Investments \$162436.53
 - 4. Putnam Investments \$107679.44
 - 5. Total \$317,908.62

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominations – Robert Hawkins

- a. 3 positions to vote on winners
 - i. Secretary Treasurer: Nathan Carter
 - ii. VP of Organization: Francesca Bishop
 - iii. VP for Tournament: Rolland Petrello
- b. No nominations from the floor.

B. Inter-organization – Francesca Bishop

Did not meet at NCA

Pi Kappa Delta – Trent Webb – call for bids 2022 host – current bid at Central Florida is in question – March – dates flexible.

AFA – Wade Hescht – Tyler was top CC Saddle back 2nd San Antonio 3rd Congrats NDPA – NPTE – Brittany Hubble – El Camino 3 National Championships CC Sweepstakes -

C. Site Selection – Francesca Bishop

1. Reno for 2024 – same price as 5 years ago. Discussion – committee tries to go to various regions east west mid – MPS

D. Awards - Floyd McDonnell - no report

E. Ethics - Nathan Carter -

Submitted by: Nathan Carter, Northern Virgin

Whereas one of the key purposes of Phi Rho PI is to promote educational services to its membership; and Whereas the Ethics Committee believes that Phi Rho Pi is an organization that should place diversity, equity and inclusion as a paramount priority to its membership and to those in educational community; and Whereas, as of April of 2021, Phi Rho Pi does **not** have a formal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee within its current infrastructure held responsible for serving in an advisory role to the membership for the continued promotion, protection and development of diversity, equity and inclusion goals. Be it hereby resolved That the PRP Ethics Committee met on April 7th, 2021 and at that meeting members agreed and do strongly recommend that the Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee and the Phi Rho Pi President expediently and responsibly prioritize the convening of a task force to take immediate action in creating a proposal to go to the Constitution Committee that establishes a **Diversity**, **Equity**, and **Inclusion Committee** for Phi Rho Pi as a standing committee within the formal and constitutional infrastructure of the organization. The Ethics Committee recommends this task be completed no later than April 2022.

- **F. Tournament Evaluation Bob Becker** no report from last year. Survey Monkey survey coming soon Monday asked that all students and coaches fill it out. Results are sent to the appropriate people.
- G. Constitution & By-Laws Danny Cantrell committee will be trying to be more proactive. They feel we should adapt practices to the constitution not adapt the constitution to the practices. Proposal #1 Cleaning up language in the constitution– no discussion MPS Proposal #2 deadline for committee reports no discussion MPS
- **H.** Interpretation Justin Blacklock In Interp Theatre you may no longer use reading stands, chairs, stools, ladders, platforms or steps. MPS
- I. Public Speaking Roxanne Tuscany –
- J. Publications Dug Hall -

L. Rules - Dug Hall -

Proposal #1 – New schedule / Patterns for Tournament. Discussion for and against – Failed Proposal #2 – Student's may select one pattern to be double entered. Discussion for and against – MSP

Proposal #3 – Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations must be honored in all events and communicated to the student's judge prior to each round. Discussion for and against – Friendly amendment – (prior to the tournament) Accommodations must be registered with the tournaments staff prior to the beginning of the tournament – Add the word "reasonable" – MSP Proposal #4 – Discussion for and against (Covid vaccines) Friendly amendment – All participants over the age of 18 by March 1, 2022, at the 2022 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament that are eligible to get the vaccine must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to March 20th, 2022, in order to participate. Allowances will be made for medical exemptions from vaccines. A committee shall be created to determine the best, safest, most fair, and non-invasive way to determine eligibility to participate. MPS

Proposal #5 – Students may compete for up to 3 years. Discussion for and against – MPS

Proposal #6 – Hindman Division 1-12 entries – Wheeler Division 12.5- 27 entries / Wyman Division 27.5 or more. Discussion for and against – MSP

K. Debate – Brittany Hubble

 $Proposal\ \#1-Proposal\ so\ resolutions\ will\ be\ labeled\ Fact\ /\ Value\ /\ Policy\ for\ competitors.\ \ Not\ recommended$

Proposal #2 - To add "or fact" alongside value resolutions in IPDA and NPDA Debate. MSP

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tournament Director Duane Fish Tournament entries 20%-40% down
- B. Tournament Hosts no report
- C. Regional Governors Francesca Bishop
- D. 2022 Tournament Host St. Louis if interested in co-hosting contact Francesca Bishop.

Adjourned at 8mm

John Nash Phi Rho Pi Recording Secretary

PHI RHO PI

Profit and Loss

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

ORDINARY INCOME

	Income from Members	ship				
		College Membership		\$0.00		
		Student Membership		\$0.00		
			Total		\$0.00	
	National Tournament					
		Student Competition Fees		\$0.00		
		Judging Assistance Fees		\$0.00		
		Facilities Fees		\$0.00		
		Nuisance Fees		\$0.00		
		Additional Banquet Tickets		\$0.00		
		T-Shirt Fees		\$0.00		
		Duplicate Trophies		\$0.00		
		Square Fees		<u>\$0.00</u>		
			Total		\$0.00	
	TOTAL INCOME					\$0.00
EXPE						
	Officer's Retreat 2020					
		Airfare/Mileage		\$2,361.30		
		Car Rental		\$122.29		
		Staff Expenses		<u>\$211.94</u>		
			Total		\$2,695.53	
	Computer Software (Qu	licken)		<u>\$37.18</u>		
			Total	4	\$37.18	
	Insurance			<u>\$0.00</u>		
	NCA – Officers		Total		\$0.00	
	NCA - Officers	Hotel		ć2 0C2 74		
		Airfare/Mileage		\$3,963.74 \$1,600.00		
		Food Stipends		\$500.00		
		rood stiperius	Total	<u> 3300.00</u>	\$6,063.74	
	National Tournament		iotai	4	50,003.74	
	, and a second second	Banners		\$900.00		
		Promotional Items		\$3,038.18		
		Shipping		\$539.20	•	
		Supplies		\$1,105.51		
		T-Shirts		\$2,919.50		
		Trophies		\$5,053.23		
		JOY		\$2,000.00		

•	Total		\$15,555.62	
Web Site Hosting Fees		<u>\$263.05</u>		
	Total		<u>\$263.05</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES				<u>\$24,615.12</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME				-\$24,615.12
OTHER INCOME				
Interest from Wells Fargo Savings		\$17.12		
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NET INCOME				-\$21,181.42

Investment Impacts from COVID-19: Last Quarter of 2020

Investment Location	End of Second Quarter 2019 (June)	Start of First Quarter 2020 (January)
Putnam Investments	\$109,813.04	\$122,516.71

Investment Location	30-Jun-19	Feb-20
Wells Fargo Investments	\$161,059.64	\$162,919.09

Banking Locations	Jun-19	Jun-20
Wells Fargo Checking	\$11,523.09	\$31,379.73
Wells Fargo Savings	\$57,450.97	\$16,412.92

End of First Quarter	End of Second
2020 (March)	Quarter 2020 (June)
\$91,664.53	\$107,679.44

-2133.6

Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	30-Jun-20
\$145,996.69	\$154,146.87	\$159,578.15	\$162,436.53

\$1,376.89

Current: \$168,296

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.

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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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NAME OF COMMITTEE: Constitution and By-Laws

DATE SUBMITTED: 3/11/21

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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 unieweled 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

Awarded each year to the Phi Rho Pi chapter that has made an outstanding contribution in the area of community service.
 Entries will be judges on assessment of community need, uniqueness and overall effectiveness of their program.
 To be considered for this award, interested chapters will be asked to submit an essay explaining the accomplishments in the area of service.

 Essay not to exceed 350 words.
 Additional materials that help explain the service project can be submitted to the selection committee.

 The Awards Committee will be responsible for:

 Selecting a sinner.
 Setting the deadline for the entries to be due. (The due date can be before the tournament.
 Coordinating the logistics for the presentation of the award.

Winning entry will be recognized at the opening banquet and will receive a plaque

THE COMMITTEE XXX RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND

PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

of recognition.

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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By-Laws

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

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- 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.

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PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

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

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

None

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

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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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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 Flighting IPDA in Prelims Patterns

DE Allowed	DE Allowed	DE Allowed	
A	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
IPDA	NF	A LD	Parli
Info	STE	Pers	IT
Drama	Ext	CA	·
	Pro	Imp	
	Poe	POI	
		Duo	
<u>Day 1</u>	Day 2	<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 Finailsts
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			v .
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		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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM

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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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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.

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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.

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 M	farch 2	0^{th} ,
2022 i	in order to participate. A committee shall be created to determine the best, safest, most fair,	and no	n-
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PROPOSAL RATIONALE FOR THE RESOLUTION

PROPOSAL RATIONALE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION

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.

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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

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.

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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

Proposal 2: Fact Debates

Proposed by: Ryan Guy, Modesto Junior College

Proposal:

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

NPDA:

Current Wording

3.a. Five topics will be used in both preliminary and elimination rounds. These resolutions will include 2 policy, 2 value and 1 metaphor per round. 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.

Proposed 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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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.

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.

Bob: Motion Darren: Second

Votes against: 0 Votes for: 5

Proposal moves forward recommended.

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