

April 4, 2024
Sierra 5
Sparks - Reno, NV
Time: 8:30 Eastern Time
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes from PRP Business Meeting 2023 (MPS)

II. OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Recording Secretary – John Nash

1. Website has been updated with business meetings minutes and results from last year. The website has been updated and streamlined. If you find anything that needs to be altered, please let me know. Please check your school information and regional information. Regions moved from 9 to 5.
2. Documents are being stored on a PRP Board Google Drive
3. Region Webpages are a great place to record history – Let John Nash know if you want anything added to your Region page.
4. Some people have reached out sending photos and history that have been updated on the webpage.
5. If you need to add or delete names from the listserv – contact John Nash
6. Membership pins given out this year. We would love your feedback on them. Pins are \$5 if you want to buy more.

B. President – Wade Hescht

1. April - Held elections for President, Recording Secretary and Comptroller.

President – Wade Hescht
 Recording Secretary– John Nash
 Comptroller – Paul Cummins

2. July - The EB held its summer retreat online.

Discussed codifying the findings of the financial task force.

Decided that not until PRP has at least 2 years of not losing revenue from PRP and the bank account is a minimum of \$400,000 – we should not touch the money. Once we have met these base lines, we can revisit how to use the money for membership.

Discussed the need to establish alternative way to build revenue.

Seeking outside donors.

Discussed where to house Phi Rho Pi's archives in the future.

Discussed the need to travel to NCA in the future.

Discussed the need to raise entry fees for the national tournament.

Adding a charge for Square credit card fees at PRP for those school that pay with a credit card. We should get a scanner to make sure we are up to date with the payment process.

Raise t-shirt fees: \$12 (from \$6)

School Membership Fees: \$50 no raise

Facility Fees: Raise to \$60 (from \$45)

Judge Fees: \$125 per uncovered student no raise

New Member Fees: \$10 no raise

Entry Fees: Raise to \$50 (from \$40)

Future: We do need to raise what we pay judges and at the same time raise the cost of uncovered students.

Discussed the possibility of changes to our national trophies.

3. August - Confirmed with the Comptroller that our 990's were submitted for the year. Paul confirmed that they are submitted and complete.

4. September - California travel ban was repealed.

5. January - Worked with regional governors to appoint members to all standing committees.

All committees were officially given their charges.

C. Vice President of Association – Francesca Bishop

1. No longer attending NCA.

D. Vice President of Tournament – Rolland Petrello

1. Larger than last year even with fewer schools
2. Just lists are posted for Friday morning.
3. Competition rooms released for the tournament

E. Treasurer – Nathan Carter

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.
 - a. Total income of **\$82,954.20**
 - b. Total expense of -\$77,407.90
 - c. Net Income \$5,546.30
 - d. See report below for actual details
2. Increase in fees generated over \$12,000 which is step in a good direction.

F. Comptroller – Paul Cummins –

1. Consolidated Wells Fargo investments: \$291,283 (4/2/24)
2. If you want copies of the reports reach out to Paul and he will send them.
3. We are conservatively invested. But we did well last year. If we ever need to pay fees for not making a contract, we could use this money to pay penalties.

G. Roberts Rules of Order: information given by Darren Elliott

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominations – Robert Hawkins

1. Elections held –
2. Nominees for VP of Tournament - Rolland Petrello and Jen Page. Both candidates spoke about their qualifications. Voting occurred. Jen Page withdrew their nomination. VP of Organization and Recording Secretary went unopposed.
3. Vice President of Tournament, Rolland Petrello – elected in 2024 to serve 3 more years.

4. Vice President of Organization, Francesca Bishop – elected in 2024 to serve 3 more years.
5. Recording Treasurer, Nathan Carter – elected in 2024 to serve 3 more years.

B. Inter-organization – Francesca Bishop

1. Announced awards Community Colleges won at other tournaments

C. Site Selection – Francesca Bishop

1. Proposal to go to Woodland Hills, CA for PRP 2027 – not recommended by committee
 - a. Motion to reconsider the proposal (new information: parking lowered to \$15 per day and dates shifted to first or second week in April)
2. Proposal to go to Denton, TX for PRP 2027 – Recommended by committee – explained rationale for and against the proposal.
3. Discussion occurred about the two proposals. Question called. Woodland Hills, CA was chosen.

D. Awards – Dewi Hokett – no report

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

1. The committee would like feedback on how to best research how we are doing in the area of diversity, equity and inclusion and see how best we could conduct a climate study on this issue.

F. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

1. Reminder to fill out survey at the end of the tournament.
2. If you would like to see the quantitative or qualitative results, please reach out to Bob Becker.

G. Constitution & By-Laws – Danny Cantrell – no report

H. Interpretation – Bonnie Gabel –

1. Proposal #1 - Change IT to a 2-person minimum – Not recommended by Committee.
2. Proposal #2 - Duo scripts should come from a single-source dramatic script, to be enacted in a one-year trial period. Not recommended by Committee.
3. Proposal #3 - Whereas data needs to be gathered on the trends for POI v. single source Duo scripts, FTN should provide a box for coaches to check when entering duos that can indicate if the script is single-source or multiple sources. Recommended by Committee. Friendly amendment to strike the FTN component and allow the tournament director to decide how to collect the data. Friendly amendment was accepted. New friendly amendment reads: Strike existing replace with "The Phi Rho Pi Tournament staff will collect data on the type of duos that are submitted to the national tournament (POI vs Single Script)." Question called. (MSP)
4. Proposal #4 - Interpretation out rounds should be recorded and available to view on PRP and other platforms. Recommended by Committee. Discussion for and against occurred. Was mentioned that students could opt out of being recorded. (Motion failed)
5. Proposal #5 - Every third year, starting in 2027, IT's will be limited to literature from one single source, with the caveat that up to 10% of the script can come from other sources. The IT may also have multiple sections of platform speaking. Recommended by Committee. (Motioned tabled)

I. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – No Report

J. Publications – Dug Hall – No Report

K. Rules – Dug Hall -

1. Proposal #1 - In Individual Events: For determining who breaks into the final rounds, the same type of formula will be used until HALF of the semi-final (Bronze round) is represented.

Recommended by committee. (MSP)

2. Proposal #2 - A student delaying competition due to an acknowledged ADA related condition should not automatically be disqualified from the round and if reasonable the student should be allowed to complete the round by the start of the next scheduled round. Recommended by committee. (MSP)

3. Proposal #3 - Impromptu - Phi Rho Pi expects the prompt to be the inspiration of a speech, not for pre-planned support to be manipulated to fit the prompt. Previously used portions of speeches may not be used in subsequent speeches (within the National Tournament). This includes, but is not limited to, explanation and application of examples. In the event a competitor is accused of violating this rule, the Ombuds will consult with all of the critics who judged the competitor in impromptu during the tournament to determine if a violation of the rule has occurred.

Recommended by committee. (MSP)

4. Proposal #4 - Debate Eliminations: All teams with a 4-2 record in Debate will be guaranteed advancement to an elimination round. The next highest ranking Debate team(s) may be added to fill out a bracket, as long as no more than half the field advances to elimination rounds. No more than three teams may be added to fill out a bracket.

Proposed Wording

VIII. DEBATE AND INTERPRETERS' THEATRE ELIMINATIONS:

A. Debate Eliminations: All teams with a 3-2 record in Debate will be guaranteed advancement to an elimination round. The next highest ranking Debate team(s) may be added to fill out a bracket, as long as no more than half the field advances to elimination rounds. No more than three teams may be added to fill out a bracket.

The committee did not recommend or not recommend. Discussion for and against this proposal occurred. (MSP)

L. Debate – Brittany Hubble

1. Proposal #1 - Amend Section 3 Event Rules for Parliamentary Debate and IPDA

Current wording for Parliamentary Team Debate - f:

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.

Current wording for IPDA - b:

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.

Proposed addition for both events:

Students who chose to use electronic/digital flowing and/or to prepare their case/notes electronically/digitally may only do so using Google Docs and or Google Sheets. In the instance of a protest brought forward by a judge or coach after the round regarding whether or not students have violated electronic flowing rules, students will be required to provide full Editor access to all documents and/spreadsheets they used to the protest committee/tab room. Recommended by Committee. Discussion occurred. (MSP)

2. Proposal #2 - Amend Section 2 Competition Rules V Events Offered and Section 3 Event Rules to include Team IPDA as a debate event offered in the same patterns as NFA-LD, Patterns C and D. Recommended by Committee. (Motion tabled).
3. Proposal #3 - Amend Section 3 Event Rules for Parliamentary Debate

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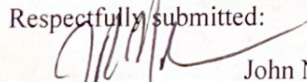
Proposed Wording: Debaters will not be allowed to consult any other person during prep time. During Parliamentary Debate prep, debaters will be allowed paper, dictionaries, almanacs and/or electronic research material, including internet. During the debate, debaters will be limited to using any notes they have hand-written during prep time. No computer access during the round. Not recommended by Committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tournament Director – Rolland Petrello - no additional announcements
- B. Tournament Hosts – Thuy Pham – if you need additional t-shirts – let them know
- C. Regional Governors – Francesca Bishop

D. 2025 Tournament Host - Region IV will host.

Respectfully submitted:


John Nash, Recording Secretary

Phi Rho Pi April 5, 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes from the Phi Rho Pi Business Meeting