

**April 4, 2024
Sierra 5
Sparks - Reno, NV
Time: 8:15 Eastern Time
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

F. Comptroller – Paul Cummins –

G. Roberts Rules of Order:

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 – No Report

J. Publications – Dug Hall – No Report

K. Rules – Dug Hall -

L. Debate – Brittany Hubble

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tournament Director – Rolland Petrello

B. Tournament Hosts – Thuy Pham

C. Regional Governors – Francesca Bishop

D. 2025 Tournament Host

SITE #1

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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

To award the bid to PRP 2027 to Warner Center Marriott, Woodland Hills, CA

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Competitive rate of \$184.67 inclusive.

Fridges in rooms.

Next door to a large mall.

Excellent facilities (hosted PRP in 2004 and 2014)

PRP will not have been in California for more than a decade.

Inclusive of pastries and free suites, saving the organization money.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Parking \$20/day

Date is this week (first week in April)

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

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SITE #2

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Award bid for Phi Rho Pi 2027 to Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Denton, Texas.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Free breakfast and evening reception for all.

All suites with microwaves and fridges.

Food options nearby and free shuttle to downtown Denton.

PRP will not have been to the center of the country since 2021.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Expensive nightly rate of \$204.35 inclusive.

35+ miles away from DFW or Love Field (nearest airports).

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

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RULES #1

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Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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.

The current formula is 10% of the entire field advances to finals.. This proposal would change that to HALF of the Bronze round/Semi-Finals participants.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Currently, in individual events, the top 10% of that events entire field advance into finals. All comes of 7 break into the semi final. In events with fewer entries, there is a much smaller pool of competitors that break out of the Bronze round. For example, this year in CA and Duo the top 10% (rounded up) that can advance into finals is 4. These events will likely have more than 20% of the field advance to the Bronze round.

What the current rule does is make the Bronze round disproportionately more important than any other round, particularly in smaller entry events.

Accepting this proposal will allow for more students to participate in the final round.

Accepting this proposal will allow for more equity in all individual events.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

More judges and rooms may be used if accepted.

More awards would be distributed incurring more cost to the organization for trophies.

From Committee:

Recommended

RULES #2

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Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

It is the right thing to do for the students.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

None at the time

From Committee:

Recommended

RULES #3

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Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

1. Canned Speeches violate the intent of the event.

2. This has been one of the most frequent complaints of students on the tournament surveys for the past several years.

This rule has been used effectively at CCCFA and PSCFA tournaments for several years now.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

None

From Committee:

Recommended

RULES #4

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Rules

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Proposal: Reduce preliminary rounds from 6 to 5

Current Wording

VIII. DEBATE AND INTERPRETERS' THEATRE ELIMINATIONS:

A. 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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Reasoning:

Reduced Fatigue: 6 rounds can be mentally and physically exhausting for debaters. This can lead to decreased performance in later rounds, especially for less experienced teams. With 5 rounds, debaters would have more energy and focus for each round.

Prioritize Quality Over Quantity: More rounds doesn't necessarily translate to better evaluation. 5 high-quality rounds could provide a clearer picture of a team's skill than 6 potentially rushed rounds.

Increased Time: Reducing rounds frees up several hours for debaters across the tournament. A student competing in multiple forms of debate could have more time during the week. This also could allow relaxing of the schedule to give judges more time between rounds.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Potential Counterarguments:

Less Data for Rankings: With fewer rounds, the tournament might have less data to accurately rank teams. Some 3-2 teams in the current system could have won a "break" round to advance into finals.

Practice and education: having more rounds means more chances for everyone to debate and learn.

From Committee:

Abstained - Expressed desire to hear from the body (Not Recommended or Unrecommended)

DEBATE #1

Proposal 1: E-Flowing Enforcement

RECOMMENDED

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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

People are concerned that the transition to allowing digital flowing/prep has increased cheating our extemporaneous debate events, crucially - our bylaws have not been updated to reflect the necessary steps for ensuring the rule that we currently have on the books is enforceable.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

People may think it violates students privacy.

DEBATE #2

Proposal 2: Team IPDA

RECOMMENDED

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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

- Adds an additional team debate event that is a different style from NPDA and offers an additional debate event for students in regions without NFA-LD.
- May attract schools who currently do not attend.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

- Decrease participation in other debate events such as NFA-LD and NPDA.
- Create a strain on the schedule and judges in those patterns. A Team IPDA round would take 1 hour and 10 minutes and there is currently 1 hour and 15 minutes allotted for those schedule blocks. This would likely result in either delays or a need to modify the schedule and lengthen the tournament.
- Prevent students from competing in other speech events as this would be spread across 2 patterns (POI, Info, DI, DUO, Pers, and Imp)
- This event is not commonly offered at regional tournaments many of our students attend.

DEBATE #3

Proposal 3: No E-Flowing

NOT RECOMMENDED

Amend Section 3 Event Rules for Parliamentary Debate

Current Wording:

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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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Inclusion of computer has not significantly improved the quality of debating, delivery, or critical thinking. If anything, it has allowed students to speed read through information, educational intent of parli debate has been significantly watered down.

It removes the burden of detecting or accusing people of copying and pasting information, which is also prohibited. Also checks back for discords, shared google docs and etc...

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

- Removing the ability for anyone to use computers to flow during the round outs students who have ADA accommodations.
- Some people may not technically qualify for ADA but still rely on resources that are often considered accommodations.
- This policy would be a step backwards and is inconsistent with the policy for the governing body, the NPDA.

INTERPRETATION #1

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Constitution and By-laws

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I am...

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Change IT to a 2-person minimum (event description would change "group" to "performers", placing what are now POI duos (Proposal 2 would return duo to single source) into the Interpreter's Theatre event.

Outrounds would be two-tiered, per IIFA model* and POI Duos with best records could go to Open Outrounds, but there would be a separate lane for POI duos to advance to outrounds

Add a minimum time of 15 minutes to event description

*Illinois Inter-Collegiate Forensics Association allows for open and community college finals, with community college competitors able to break to open while a community college final is maintained.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Whereas POI duos lend themselves to argumentation, single script duos have been discriminated against for not advancing an "argument" throughout a performance.

Whereas IT is shrinking, it's time to try innovative approaches.

Whereas the single most compelling argument is exposure, increasing exposure to ensemble work could encourage returning students to try a more expanded version of IT the next year

Whereas POI duos are more subject to shifts in tone/tempo/messaging, this allows this perform creative exploration via set, lighting, etc.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Why not just separate drama/poi duos (response: see Proposal 2)

This will shrink duo (response: it could be a way to encourage more DE's for duo's, which is still not a commonly understood option)

It would force people doing program duos that have been competing all year as duo to add 50% more content to compete at PRP (response: this could be practiced throughout the season and at least regionals can be a pre-nationals opportunity)

IT gets triple points - so would a 2 person IT still get triple points? FTN would not be able to adjust for two different point values in the same event. (response: open outrounds could maintain triple points, is it possible for FTN to allow POI-specific outrounds with points that are the same as regular Duo?)

What if non-POI duos enter IT? (response: FTN could add a verification box that the two-person teams are not single script theatres)

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

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INTERPRETATION #2

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Duo scripts should come from a single-source dramatic script, to be enacted in a one-year trial period.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Whereas judges with paradigms favoring argumentation unfairly penalize single-source scripts for not maintaining an argument throughout a performance, a single-source script would return focus to in-depth, character-driven performances.

Whereas students from regions that favor single-source scripts experience stress from exposure to a completely different way of performing Duo at nationals, the fear of not following the POI Duo model would be alleviated.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Duo numbers are shrinking, this will cause further reductions (response: more can be done to promote awareness that Duo can be double-entered)

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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 source.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Gathering data can guide the committee in grappling with the challenges of variance in performance styles and judging paradigms.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

FTN can be asked for add-ons that become cumbersome or technically challenging

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

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INTERPRETATION #4

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

Interpretation outrounds should be recorded and available to view on PRP and other platforms.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Whereas Interpreter's Theatre is difficult to describe to new students, showing a recording of Phi Rho Pi's best can be a valuable teaching tool.

Whereas Interpreter's Theatre entries have been decreasing, any increase in exposure to this art form can be beneficial.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

This would present a violation of copyright laws (response: as long as video examples are replaced within three years, it falls under Educational Fair Use.

This would be expensive or complicated to arrange (response: committee members are willing to do the recording)

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INTERPRETATION #5

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Proposal--Include the correct wording of the proposed resolution

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.

Provide rationale FOR the resolution

Whereas participation in Interpreter's Theatre has been decreasing, a 3rd year Festival format can encourage more participation in Interpreters Theater. California tried something similar to this in 2024 and it's gone great according to the directors.

Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution

Keeping track of which year is which can get confusing (response: the PRP website can maintain a list of the upcoming festival years in a 9 year format)

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

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PHI RHO PI COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

NATIONALS RENO 2024

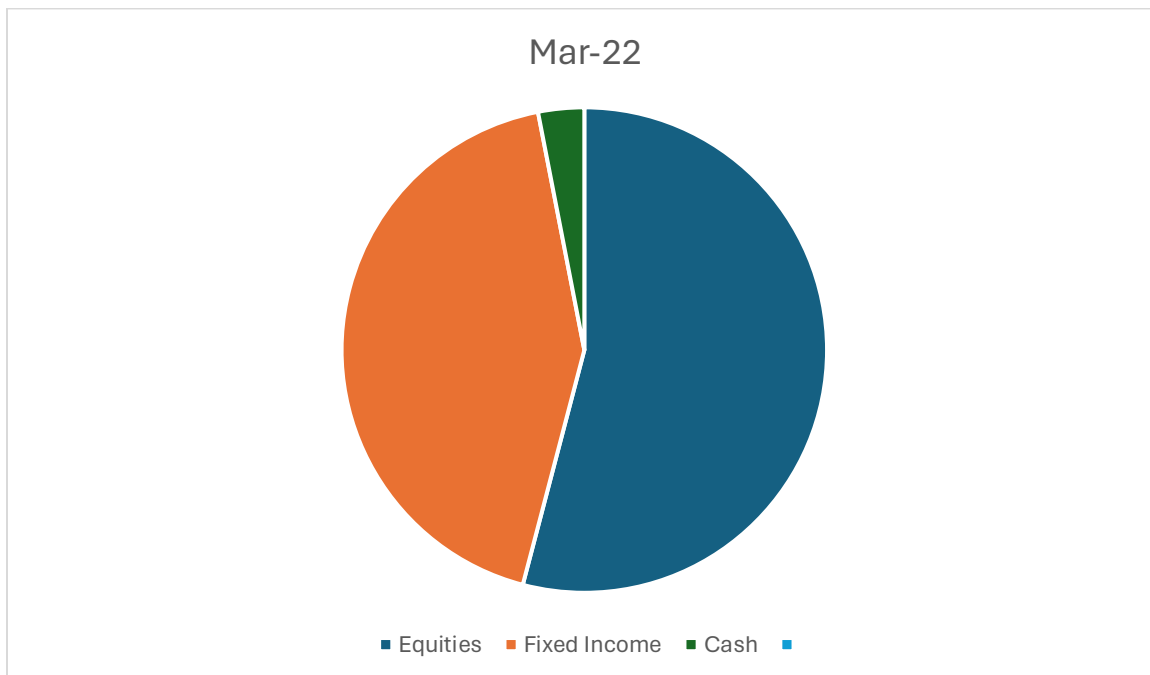
- Taxes for 2022 in process.

Past Figures

- \$272,181 (4/04/23)

Current

Wells Fargo investments: \$291,283 (4/02/24)



Equities: 58%, Fixed Income: 40%, Cash Alternatives: 2%

*Statements available by request

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