

# PHI RHO PI NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Cleveland, OH

April 9, 2015

8:30 PM

## GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

### Agenda

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| F.   | TOURNAMENT EVALUATION               | BOB BECKER          |     |
| G.   | CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS               |                     |     |
| H.   | INTERPRETATION                      | NATHAN STEELE       |     |
| I.   | PUBLIC SPEAKING                     | ROXANNE TUSCANY     |     |
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| C.   | TOURNAMENT HOST                     | THOMAS BOVINO       |     |
| D.   | JUDGE'S TABLE                       | CYNTHIA DEWAR-KUDSI |     |
| E.   | REGIONAL GOVENORS                   | JOHN SCHULTZ        |     |
| F.   | 2016 HOST                           | EDDIE TOINGSON      |     |
| VI.  | ADJOURNMENT                         |                     |     |

**April 10, 2014  
Denver, CO  
Salon E  
8:30  
Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The president called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. The recording secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school.

**II. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**A. Recording Secretary – John Schultz**

1. Presented the minutes from Woodland Hills 2013 and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**

**B. President – Cynthia Dewar**

1. CD stated that there were 4061 hits to the website. The data helps administrators decide what pages to continue to develop the website more fully.
2. No significant new rules from AFA. Discussed information about community college participation in other national tournaments such as AFA and CEDA.

**C. Vice President of Association – Jeff Przybylo**

1. Report is self-explanatory in attachment #3. Encouraged members to peruse the materials and let him know if there were any questions. Documented as the fastest officer report in the history of the organization. (Broke record for last year)

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

1. Please refer to item 4 for history of enrollment in events at the tournament. Sweeps number breakdown of colleges in each division: 35 Hindman. 15 Wheeler, Wyman 8. No competition rooms will be used Friday or Saturday.

**E. Treasurer – Wade Hescht**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
  - A. Total income of \$52,529.78
  - B. Total expense of \$49,408.19
  - C. Net profit of \$4,125.78
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**

**E. Comptroller – Lisa Benedetti**

1. Submitted report for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
  - A. Beginning balance of \$229,441.52
  - B. Total cash received was \$53,533.97
  - C. Total cash disbursed was \$49,408.19
  - D. Ending balance was \$250,574.85
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CD introduced Jim Wyman who briefly explained protocol of Robert's Rules of Order to ensure that the meeting would run smoothly.

#### A. Nominations – Paul Cummins

1. PC highlighted the procedure for officer elections for President, Secretary, and Comptroller. Jeff Przybylo ran unopposed. Nominees for Comptroller and Secretary were also announced. JP declined commentary. Candidates in the contested positions highlighted their strengths and reasons for aptitude in the various positions. Later in the meeting it was announced that John Nash was elected secretary and Cynthia Dewar was elected comptroller.

#### B. Inter-organization – Jeff Przybylo

1. Inter-organization did not meet at the last NCA convention.

#### C. Site Selection – Jeff Przybylo

1. The bid recommended by the committee was for Washington, DC in April 2017. Rates are \$132.00 inclusive. Please refer to the report provided in the packet. MSP

#### D. Awards – Janice Ralya – No Report

#### E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan – No Report

#### F. Publications – Fred Ebert

1. The website broke the record today with over 6,000 hits. Asked if people have been following notices on twitter and facebook. Encouraged people to check out photos on Facebook.

#### G. Tournament Evaluation – Bob Becker

1. For 2014 nationals, the tournament evaluation will be done on survey monkey. URL and codes will be provided. 5 – 6 pages of questions. Also encouraged input from members. Will funnel information pertinent to specific committees to the appropriate chairs.

#### H. Constitution & By-Laws – Lisa Benedetti

1. Amending the Fellowship Awards to be oriented toward each region. One student from each region shall receive the award. The committee shall review information on coaches and will be selected by the committee. MSP.

#### I. Interpretation – Thomas Bovino - No Report

#### J. Public Speaking – Roxanne Tuscany – No Report

1. Proposal addressed the taping of public speaking and limited preparation events during finals beginning in 2015. At least two events in each round of finals will be taped. The rationale is two-fold. First, the tapes may be used for educational purposes for new programs and coaches. Additionally, it could be used for scholarly research. Concerns from the floor addressed that the cost of the taping would be absorbed by the host school. Other questions centered on students' ability to opt out

of the taping and presenting. A friendly amendment was offered that volunteers from Phi Rho Pi could tape rounds when permitted by the hotel contract. **MSP.**

#### L. Rules – M'Liss Hindman

1. Proposal #1: Strike language in Section 2.A. "A bracket shall be divisible by four." Committee recommends. Comments for and against were fielded from the floor. **Motion Failed.**
2. Proposal #2: Proposal with Multiple Facets: 1. To allow double entry in all patterns except D. Patterns are highlighted in the attached handout. 2. To amend judge requirements. 3. Competition room requirement which would base number of completion rooms on the same formula as judging. Not approved by committee therefore not voted on by the body.

#### K. Debate – Francesca Bishop

1. Proposal #1: A. Debate, 3. Parliamentary Team Debate. To clarify and codify current practices in parliamentary debate. Teams which are not ready to strike resolutions 15 minutes after the round begins will forfeit the round and those which return from prep more than 2 minutes late may forfeit the round. Friendly amendment that language state "will forfeit". Another friendly amendment to change "15 minutes to 10 minutes". **MSP.**
2. Proposal #2: Would prohibit the note-taking and flowing of rounds by those not participating in the round. This would apply to all events. **MSP.**
3. Proposal #3: To move NFA-LD to Pattern C and D. Add IPDA to Pattern A. Double-entry as follows: IPDA/CA/STE. IPDA would weight at 1.0 entry. Friendly amendment to leave NFA-LD in current Flight A. IPDA would be placed in C & D. **MSP.** Amendment: Move IPDA to pattern A and to limit the number of entries in NFA-LD and IPDA to 6 total. **MSP. Overall motion passes as amended.**
4. Proposal #4: Event Rules, A. Debate, 3. Parliamentary Team Debate. Eliminate Section F (limiting resources to use as reference materials for the debate) and Section H (electronic devices such as cell phones may be used). Then re-letter the remaining sections as needed. **Motion Failed. Division of House. Failed 43/48.**
5. Proposal #5: Section 3. Event Rules Parliamentary Debate. Electronic devices shall be may be used as a timing device. Friendly amendment: That electronic devices such as phones may only be used during the debate. **MSP.**

### V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A. Tournament Director – Duane Fish

1. Report covered earlier in the meeting.

#### B. Tournament Hosts – Jessica Hurless and Jeanie Hunt

1. Make sure to check your departure schedule with the hosts and to confirm via signature. Make sure you bring your arm bands for the spoken word event on Friday night.

#### C. Judges Table – Jolinda Ramsey

1. No report. Final judging assignments posted online.

**D. Regional Governors – Jeff Pryzbylo**

1. Regional Governors will be identified on the website.

**F. 2014 Tournament Host – Thomas Bovino**

1. Next Year's Theme: Rock on!! Come to Cleveland.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: John Schultz, Recording Secretary

**2015  
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROPOSAL FORM**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE: Site**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE: (signed) John Schultz**

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

**Tallahassee Community College, John Schultz, shall be the host of the 2018 Phi Rho Pi Tournament. Hilton Daytona Beach Resort / Ocean Walk - Daytona Beach, FL April 9-14, 2018 (Easter is April 1)**

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**THE COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_ XXXX \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DOES NOT RECOMMEND**

**PROVIDE PROPOSAL RATIONALE:**

**FOR:**

\$16 million meeting space renovation in 2016. Housing renovation completed in 2014.

Jet Blue added as value carrier to the Daytona Airport

Hotel has met all of our concessions

Dozens of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel

10 screen movie theatre adjacent to the hotel

Ocean!

Only group in hotel using convention/meeting spaces

Beach adjacent to the back of the property

OK Food/Bev – PRP has the latitude to create banquet to own specifications

Dates stick with the COFO calendar

Guarantee of all rooms in the South Tower

Free Coffee and pastries for the judge lounge (wed-sat)

23 meeting rooms comp

Rate **\$123.75 inclusive**

Rate includes, free internet in guest rooms, free wireless in all meeting rooms

7 comp deluxe suites, corner suite (regular rate) and 10 rooms at \$60,

1/45 comp rooms

**AGAINST:**

-Full size beds

-Room rate a bit high

-Very limited roll-a-ways

-Limited refrigerators

### **April 2015, VICE PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION - John Schultz**

A 2014 National Communication Association Convention was held in Chicago during the month of November. Phi Rho Pi was pleased to sponsor the CRAFT panel. We had 35 audience members and 9 participants presenting individual CRAFTs.

B. The 2015 NCA Annual Convention (Nov 19 - 22) will be held in Las Vegas. 21 CRAFT submissions have been received (including 3 current PRP members) for the 2015 convention. 1 panel has also been submitted.

Look to the ALL NEW National Communication Association's web page, [www.natcom.org](http://www.natcom.org), for convention information. NCA will announce acceptance of PRP panels in May 2015.

### **April 2015, INTERORGANIZATION REPORT – John Schultz**

#### Council of Forensics Organizations Report

A. The COFO Chair is Dave Gaer

B. The latest COFO calendar can be found at [www.collegeforensics.org](http://www.collegeforensics.org). Please submit your tournaments.

C. COFO did not meet at the 2014 NCA convention.

#### Inter-Organizational Officers

Jeannie Hunt – Vice-President for NPDA

Thomas Bovino - NCA Community College Division

M'Liss Hindman - 2-year college representative for AFA-NIET Executive Council

Dave Gaer - Assistant to the tournament director for AFA-NIET

Darren Elliott - 2-year college representative for the AFA Executive Committee

### **April 2015, SITE COMMITTEE – John Schultz**

A. 2018 Tournament: After reviewing 2 bids (Dallas and Daytona Beach), the committee recommended that the 2018 Phi Rho Pi be held at the "Daytona Beach Resort and Boardwalk Hilton" Tallahassee Community College (John Schultz / Eva Nielsen-Parks) will serve as hosts. Special thanks to Jill Kratz (Experient).

B. Working with Experient continues to be effective. We will continue to use their service. They have promised to have a rep on site to help with any hotel issues at PRP. They will also audit the hotel to insure we are properly charged.

C. If member schools are interested in hosting in 2019 please contact the new Vice President of Association (who was/will be chosen at this business meeting) before making official contact with any hotels. That officer will provide you with information and resources.

Thanks to an amazing site committee. They work tirelessly for PRP.

# National Entries

Events	2003 Portland	2004 Woodland Hills	2005 Philadelphia	2006 Kansas City	2007 Houston	2008 St. Charles	2009 Portland	2010 New Orleans	2011 Greenwich	2012 Schramberg	2013 Woodland Hills	2014 Denver	2015 Cleveland
Interpreters Theater	13	18	23	16	20	27	24	19	18	18	14	17	
Communication Analysis	66	53	66	64	64	57	49	50	57	51	50	40	45
Speech To Entertain	110	96	112	99	89	89	80	85	97	75	72	72	77
Prose Interpretation	145	144	150	113	143	136	131	122	125	107	118	93	111
Poetry Interpretation	80	81	87	83	80	96	71	79	74	79	72	70	77
Extemporaneous Speaking	126	106	108	118	96	100	111	90	70	94	99	92	80
Persuasive Speaking	89	85	94	76	91	88	68	72	69	73	66	71	74
Duo Interpretation	72	62	87	64	70	71	56	60	58	57	59	43	57
Impromptu Speaking	152	129	110	120	97	111	122	102	84	104	117	94	86
Program Oral Interpretation	96	84	94	89	85	76	77	65	88	68	81	68	67
Informative Speaking	108	98	113	96	95	104	90	84	79	81	74	69	70
Dramatic Interpretation	89	104	100	95	94	99	79	91	90	87	80	70	83
IPDA													89
Parliamentary Debate	113	97	102	95	95	96	88	70	64	68	89	77	71
NFA LD						49	47	59	40	61	71	80	48
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Total Participants</b>				<b>587</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>524</b>
Team Debate	12	14	9	10	15	5	5	9	8	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Douglas Debate	20	22	8	16	19	0	8	17	14	0	0	0	0



**PHI RHO PI**  
**Profit and Loss**  
**July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**

**ORDINARY INCOME**

Income from Membership			
College Membership		\$ 2,750.00	
Student Membership		<u>\$ 2,240.00</u>	
	Total		\$ 4,990.00
Tournament Fees			
Student Competition Fees		\$13,578.82	
Judging Assistance Fees		\$ 4,450.00	
Facilities Fees		\$19,040.00	
Nuisance Fees		\$ 430.00	
Additional Debate Booklets		\$ 190.00	
Additional Banquet Tickets		\$ 80.00	
T-Shirt Fees		\$ 1,815.00	
Duplicate Trophies		\$ 400.00	
Extra T-Shirt Sales		<u>\$ 60.00</u>	
	Total		\$40,043.82
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$45,033.82</b>

**EXPENSES**

Bank Fees			
		<u>\$ 25.80</u>	
	Total		\$ 25.80
Site Visit 2014			
		<u>\$ 164.00</u>	
	Total		\$ 164.00
Site Visit 2015			
		<u>\$ 2,185.50</u>	
	Total		\$ 2,185.50
NCA – Officers			
Hotel		\$ 2,994.54	
Airfare		\$ 1,750.00	
Food Stipends		<u>\$ 600.00</u>	
	Total		\$ 5,344.54
National Tournament			
Trophies		\$ 6,919.73	
Certificates		\$ 60.00	
Entertainment (DJ)		\$ 0.00	
Gifts		\$ 200.00	
Hired Judges		\$ 4,785.00	
Hotel		\$17,021.94	
Joy of Tournaments		\$ 1,500.00	
Staff Expenses		\$ 100.00	
Judges Reception		\$ 2,500.00	
Duplicate Trophies		\$ 149.99	
Supplies		\$ 152.18	
T-Shirts		<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	
	Total		\$35,488.84
Web Site Hosting Fees			
		<u>\$ 119.88</u>	
	Total		\$ 119.88
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$43,328.56</b>

**NET ORDINARY INCOME****\$ 1,705.26****OTHER INCOME**

Interest from Wells Fargo Savings		<u>\$ 2.67</u>	
	Total		\$ 2.67

**NET INCOME****\$ 1,707.93**

<b>Phi Rho Pi</b> <b>Income and Expense Statement</b> <b>July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014</b>
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<b>Balance as of July 1, 2013</b>	<b>\$250,574.85</b>
<b>Cash Received</b>	
Student Membership	\$2,240.00
Chapter (College) Membership	\$2,750.00
Tournament Fees	\$40,043.82
<b>Total Cash Intake</b>	<b>\$45,033.82</b>
<b>Investment Gain</b>	
CDs	\$105.11
Mutal Funds	\$9,978.90
Investments	\$16,779.39
<b>Total Investment Gain</b>	<b>\$26,863.40</b>
<b>Total Cash Received</b>	<b>\$71,897.22</b>
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<b>\$322,472.07</b>
<b>Cash Disbursed</b>	
Tournament Expenses	\$35,488.84
Site Visits	\$2,349.50
NCA Convention (2013)	\$5,344.54
Web Hosting Fees	\$119.88
Bank Fees	\$25.80
<b>Total Cash Disbursed</b>	<b>\$43,328.56</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$279,143.51</b>
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<b>Location of Assets (current)</b>	
Plains Capital Bank (CD)	\$24,313.89
Plains Capital Wealth MGT	\$142,949.40
Putnman Investments	\$79,957.88
Wells Fargo (Savings)	\$8,908.02
Wells Fargo (Checking)	\$23,020.99

**Committee—Rules**

**Proposal—**

To repeal: "Would prohibit the note-taking and flowing of rounds by those not participating in the round. This would apply to all events. "

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

Taking notes is part of the educational experience.

This rule actually could disadvantage small schools.

**Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution**

None

**The Committee recommends the proposal**

**Submitted by the Committee Chair**

**Committee: Rules**

**Proposal—** Move IT from Pattern A to Pattern E opposite Parliamentary Debate

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

1. This would help to even out the patterns. This year the number of judges in pattern E would move from 35 to 51. Pattern A moves from 89 to 69.

2. Only 4 individuals are currently entered in both Parl and IT so the impact to students would be minimal.

3. Both of these are team events and it makes sense to put them in the same pattern.

**Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution**

None

**The Committee recommends the proposal**

**Submitted by the Committee Chair**

**Committee: Rules****Proposal—**

Move NFA LD from Pattern A to Patterns C and D (three rounds in each pattern.)

Allow double entry in C and D with NFA-LD.

If a school brings 9 or more NFA LD and/or IPDA entries, the school will be required to bring an additional judge AND will be required to provide an additional competition room.

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

1. NFA-LD takes only 45 minutes, so double-entering one IE should not delay the tournament.

2. Logistics: It spreads out the judging burden among patterns. Following is a comparison of the judging requirements, not counting standbys, for the current patterns, with IPDA and NFA-LD in A with IT, Ca, and STE (CA and STE being allowed to double enter), and for the proposed change:

This Year Proposed  
 Pattern A 105 81  
 Pattern B 48 no change  
 Pattern C 38 80  
 Pattern D 38 80

3. Parity: It allows a school to enter 6 slots in each event. Currently, IPDA and NFA-LD are the only events where a school may enter 6 slots, split between two events.

4. Pedagogy: If a school brings the maximum 6 debate team, it allows each student to participate in a form of single-competitor debate. Currently, only half of the debaters would get that opportunity.

5. Growth: It accommodates the fastest growing forensics events in the country.

**Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution**

1. It allows double-entry in other events, increasing movement between rooms.

**The Committee recommends the proposal**

**Electronic Signature. Submitted by the Committee Chair**

**Select the Committee: Rules****Proposal—include the correct wording of the proposed resolution**

I propose that Phi Rho Pi change qualification to the bronze round of competition for individual event to a guaranteed cumulative ranking of seven (7) rather than the traditional six (6).

Current language: "All entrants who attain a preliminary round cumulative ranking of six (6) or better, are guaranteed advancement into the semi-final (Bronze Award) round. If this does not represent 20% of the original field, (those who actually competed in Round 1), all cumulatives of seven (7) shall be advanced. This process shall be continued with the additions of cumulatives of eight (8), nine (9) and higher until the semi-final field is equal to at least 20% of the original field."

Proposed new language: "All entrants who attain a preliminary round cumulative ranking of seven (7) or better, are guaranteed advancement into the semi-final (Bronze Award) round. If this does not represent 20% of the original field, (those who actually competed in Round 1), all cumulatives of eight (8) shall be advanced. This process shall be continued with the additions of cumulatives of nine (9) and higher until the semi-final field is equal to at least 20% of the original field."

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

Having served on the Individual Events table the past few years, I have witnessed and performed the "cut" in I.E. events for the bronze round and felt a real disservice to students who randomly do not receive the same acknowledgement as other students with identical ranks solely dependent on what event goes to a seven (7) come or stays at a six (6).

In the past six (6) years, no event has advanced to a bronze round with preliminary ranks above a seven (7). The additional language of eight (8) or nine (9) cumulative scores are included to handle a near impossibility.

In 2013, five (5) events took a seven (7) to advance to the bronze round because we did not reach 20% with a cumulative rank of six (6). Those events were: Poetry, Persuasion, Duo, Imp, and DI. In 2014, eight (8) events took a seven (7) to advance: CA, STE, Prose, Persuasion, Duo, Imp, Int DI. Only three (3) events broke to semi-finals in 2014 with a score of six (6) advancing: Poetry, Ext, POI.

Last year, a student who received preliminary ranks of 1, 2, 4 in Extemp did not receive at least a bronze award while a student in STE who earned preliminary ranks of 1, 2, 4 received at minimum a bronze award. While we can explain this disparity to the student in Extemp mathematically, it is hard to fit that justification in the spirit of a student focused Phi Rho Pi and the activity overall.

In the past few years, the number of competitors in individual events have declined dramatically resulting in smaller and very unpredictable "out rounds." Adopting this proposal would provide equity to our students.

**Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution**

1. Concern for judging commitment in out rounds. Will we have enough?

**The Committee recommends the proposal**

**Select the Committee: Debate****Proposal—**

1—Eliminate Section f. "Only a dictionary and one almanac (including the CIA World Fact Book) are allowed during the preparation period in Parliamentary Debate."

2—Eliminate Section g. "Electronic retrieval devices, such as cell phones, cannot be used for any purpose once preparation time has begun, with the exception that cell phones may be used as timing devices during the debate."

3—Replace Section f. with "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. Except for notes that the debaters themselves have prepared during preparation time, no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources may be used during the debate."

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

1. A large number of students every year include on the tournament survey remarks that indicate the PRP National Tournament is so different from their regional, state, and invitational tournaments that they attend all year that prep becomes confusing.

2. It will increase the quality of the debates for both debaters and judges.

3. Will more closely mimic the preparation our students will encounter once they transfer to 4-year schools.

4. Pedagogy. As educators, we should not deny to our students the ability to educate themselves on a topic in the 15 minutes they have to do so.

5. It will level the playing field between schools who prep this way all year and thus have memorized much of the material, and the schools who have not had access to prep materials during the year.

**Rationale AGAINST the resolution**

1. There will be a learning curve for students from regions that do not allow access to prep materials during the year.

2. Larger schools could have larger files. Schools might have a heavy reliance on stock cases.

3. It might appear too similar to other debate formats.

**The Committee recommends the proposal**

**Select the Committee—Debate****Proposal—**

Section 3. Event Rules

A. Debate

3. Parliamentary Team Debate

c. Three topics will be used in both preliminary and elimination rounds. These resolutions will vary between policy, value and metaphor. During preliminary rounds, topics will be given in a manner so that odd and even rounds, in back to back succession, are assigned the same type of resolution. For example, if Round 1 is Value, Round 2 will also be Value. For topic selection, the judge will have a list of the three topic choices.

The judge will first give the list to the Opposition who will then have one minute to read and strike one of the three topics. Immediately following, the judge will give the list to the Government who will then have one minute to read and strike one of the two remaining topics. 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.

**CHANGE TO:**

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

The judge will first give the list to the Opposition who will 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.

**Provide rationale FOR the resolution**

Changes the current format of forced choice of only one type of resolution per debate.

Creates options for teams.

Allows more choices than the current three topics.

**Provide rationale AGAINST the resolution**

Concern it would lead to all one type of resolution being chosen. (IPDA numbers this year however seem to disprove this concern so far)

**The Committee recommends the proposal**