

**April 12, 2018  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Coquina Ballroom E  
8:30**

**Phi Rho Pi General Business Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The president called the meeting to order at 8:33 p.m. The recording secretary called roll for coach and student of each member school.

**II. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**A. Recording Secretary – John Nash**

1. Presented the minutes from **Tysons Corner, VA 2017** and asked for corrections.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes. **MSP.**
3. Website is being constantly updated. If you want to post any Region information in the website please let John Nash or Dug Hall know.
4. List Serve – please let John Nash know if you would like to on the list serve

**B. President – Jeff Przybylo**

1. There is swag being given out (pens / stickers). Hope you enjoy them.
2. There is a retreat being planned for this summer. We will be discussing several items such as committees, tournament length, fees, etc. If there is anything you feel we need to discuss, please let Jeff Przybylo know.
3. Explained that one of the President's goals is to get members involved. If anyone wants to be on a committee, please let him know.

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

1. Reported on NCA Craft session. Craft session went well. NCA 2018 Nov 8-11 will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. For full report, please see item B in business packet. The theme is communication at play.

**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 – Wade Hescht**

1. Submitted financial report for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Please refer to item D in business packet
  - A. Total income of **\$48,865.57**
  - B. Total expense of **\$34,698.37**
  - C. Ordinary Net income of **\$14,167.20**
  - D. Other Income (Interest Wells Fargo 2.80 / Contribution from Experient \$2,026.05 / Contribution from Hilton \$2,500.00) Total \$ **4,528.85**
  - E. Net Income **\$18,696.05**
2. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP.**
3. Explained that we reduced fees for the tournament this year. Due to extra income from last year. We may go in the red this year, but that was planned due to the reduces fees.

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

1. Reported that our current bank no longer wants to hold our account. The Trust is being terminated. This is a good outcome. We hired a lawyer to help us terminate the original trust. Half the funds were moved into a trust we cannot touch. The other half went into a trust that will earn money for the organization. We should earn between \$5,000 and \$10,000 each year for membership. We also need to hire another lawyer to help us with the new trust.

2. Submitted report for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.
  - A. Balance will be given once trust issues are completed hopefully during the summer or at NCA.
3. Motion was made to accept the report. **MSP**

#### **F. Rules of Order were explained by Jim Wyman**

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Duane Fish

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

1. **Vice President for Tournament** – each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak
  - a. Rolland Petrello
  - b. Duane Fish - winner
2. **Vice President for Association** – each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak
  - a. Jolinda Ramsey
  - b. Nathan Carter - winner
3. **Secretary / Treasurer** – Wade Hescht – unopposed - winner

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

1. Talked about the Inter-Organizational officers.
  - a. Jeannie Hunt spoke about Parliamentary debate – spoke about how well community colleges are doing.
  - b. M'Liss Hindman spoke about AFA-NIET elected its first community college officer. AFA is also considering bringing IPDA as an event. AFA is talking about labeling 'trigger' topics. AFA is also talking about adding a sexual harassment committee and a diversity committee. POI has moved flights at AFA. AFA will continue to let University of Alabama still host AFA.
  - c. Pi Kappa Delta report by Trent Webb – talked about how the tournament has grown and how it has become a good tournament.

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

1. Proposal #1 (Page 6 of packet) The bid for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament to be held in Albuquerque, NM at the Crowne Plaza for April 6-11, 2020 was recommended by committee. Hosted by Region IV. **MSP**
2. Proposal #2 (Page 7 of packet) The committee accepts the bid for the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament to be held in Minneapolis, MN at the Hyatt Regency for April 5-10, 2021 pending site visit and contract review. No host has been identified yet. Motion to postpone this proposal to a later date once we have a contract and cite visit. Most likely next Phi Rho Pi business meeting.

#### **D. Awards – Floyd McDonnell – no report**

#### **E. Ethics – Lauren Morgan**

1. We are not federally funded so we do not have to have a Title IX policy. However, we would still like to work toward getting a policy in place to help maintain our ethics. The committee will pass on to the executive board their findings.

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

1. For the 2017 nationals – the feedback was low. Hoping to improve that this year.

#### **G. Constitution & By-Laws – Nathan Steele**

1. The committee met and decided that the constitution needs revision. Some of the constitution is outdated and has some language that is not gender neutral.

#### **H. Interpretation – Kevin Briancesco**

1. Proposal #1: (Page 8 of packet) Committee did not recommend this proposal. It dealt with the idea of eliminating Prose and Drama and replacing it with “single-voice interpretation” and “multi-voice interpretation.”
2. Proposal #2 (Page 9 of packet) Proposal for a 1 year trial in Dramatic Interpretation where the use of a manuscript during performance will be optional. Discussion began both for and against the proposal. **MSP**
3. Proposal #3 (Page 10 of packet) Proposal for a 1 year trial basis to move Poetry Interpretation from Pattern B to Pattern A and move Communication Analysis from A to Pattern B. Discussion began both for and against the proposal. This proposal was pushed to the rules committee for next year.
4. Proposal #4 (Page 11 of packet) Change Section 3 – II – B – 4 – h – ii from “Contestants may not change the text’s narrative point of view or sex of a character.” to “Contestants may not change the text’s narrative point of view.” Discussion began both for and against the proposal. **MSP** – committee will continue the discussion to help clear up language.

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

#### **J. Publications – Dug Hall - no report**

#### **L. Rules – Nathan Carter**

1. Proposal #1: (Page 12 of packet) Proposal for a two-year trial period at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament (2019-2020) to move NFA-LD from Pattern A (NFA-LD / IPDA / CA / STE) to Pattern C (Pers / Duo / Imp) and D (POI / DI / INF). Discussion for and against the proposal began. **MSP**
2. Proposal #2 (Page 13 of packet) Proposal for only schools with entries in both debate and individual events shall be eligible for Overall Sweepstakes. The committee does **not** recommend the proposal.

#### **K. Debate – Francesca Bishop**

1. Proposal #1 (Page 14 of packet) Proposal to change the wording of II. EVENT RULES, A Debate, 3. Parliamentary Team Debate, d. to read “each team shall be allowed twenty (20) minutes of total preparation time...” instead of the current time of

- 15 minutes. Friendly amendment to add the idea of a forfeit rule be changed from 10 minutes to 5 minutes. **MSP**
2. Proposal #2 (Page 15 of packet) Proposal to add flex time to Parliamentary debate. Discussion both for and against the proposal began. **MSP**
  3. Proposal #3 (Page 16 of packet) Proposal to add school name of competitors on postings for NFA – LD. The information is already available on the Joy of Tournaments webpage. **MSP**

## **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Letter to AFA** – California schools announced that they would like Phi Rho Pi members to send letters to AFA voicing a concern that AFA did not move the tournament from Alabama.

**B. Tournament Director – Duane Fish**

1. Announced sleeping rooms still needed.

**C. Tournament Hosts – John Schultz**

1. Commented about the Dance on Saturday
2. Mentioned upcoming activities and surprises

**D. Judges Table – Cynthia Dewar**

1. Mentioned that judges being used for Friday have been posted

**E. Regional Governors – Jolinda Ramsey – no report**

**F. 2018 Tournament Host – no report**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



John Nash, Recording Secretary