

November 19, 2021
Business Meeting
2:00pm Sheraton - Leschi
Seattle, Washington
NCA National Convention
Phi Rho Pi Executive Committee Meeting
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MINTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE 2022 NCA Convention

Executive Members in Attendance: Wade Hescht (President), Rolland Petrello (Vice President of Tournament), Francesca Bishop (Vice President of Association), Nathan Carter (Secretary-Treasurer), Paul Cummins (Comptroller) and John Nash (Recording Secretary). In addition – 9 members were present.

I. Call to Order – Wade Hescht

Call to Order at 2:00pm (PST)

II. Officer Reports

A. Secretary Report – John Nash

1. Presented minutes from Virtual Meeting, November 2020 NCA (Posted online). **MSP with a 6-0 vote.**
2. Minutes from PRP EB virtual meetings have been posted on the website for membership perusal.
3. Updated the PRP Webpage: Older items were removed, and links are more streamlined.
4. New changes and Rules posted
5. Reached out to Governors of each region - asks for new programs / members - got them added to the website. Reached out to Governors and offered to add archives and tournaments to the website

B. President Report – Wade Hescht

April

- Held elections for Vice President for Association, Vice President for Tournament and Secretary-Treasurer
 - Vice President for Association – Francesca Bishop
 - Vice President for Tournament – Rolland Petrello
 - Secretary-Treasurer – Nathan Carter
 - Special thanks to our outgoing Vice President for Tournament, Duane Fish.
- Created an ad hoc committee and charged them with investigating how best to implement the mandatory vaccine requirement passed at the 2021 business meeting for our 2022 national tournament.

- Shaw Davari – Chair
- Rolland Petrello
- Jeff Przybylo
- Tim Anderson
- Thuy Pham
- Darren Elliot
- Bob Becker
- Trent Webb

May

- The Putnam funds were successfully transferred to our Wells Fargo account.
 - Special thanks to Robert Hindman for playing a pivotal role in this transfer.

July

- The EB held its summer retreat at the site of the 2022 national tournament
 - Discussed what elements from the online tournament experiment are we going to retain moving forward.
 - Discussed creating a mentoring program for the tab room.
 - Discussed creating a Leadership Handbook for future officers
 - Discussed the creation of the newly formed Ethics, Diversity & Inclusion Committee
 - Discussed how to increase our membership.
 - Discussed the possibility of a shortened schedule for 2022.
 - Continued the discussion about the redesigning of Regions that could be proposed at the 2022 national tournament.
 - Decision was made that the 2022 national tournament will be held face to face.

September

- Shared this AFA NST proposal with the Phi Rho Pi Officers:

Proposal to Support Travel Bans and Host Schools

Submitted: Nance Riffe, The University of North Carolina Charlotte
Darren Epping, Kansas State University

Rationale: AFANST wishes to align its support with states that declare travel bans to other states for reasons of violations of civil or human rights. AFANST also needs to support schools that volunteer for the very work and planning intensive service of hosting the NST.

Therefore, we need a clearly outlined process for decision making when these two goals conflict.

Proposal: AFANST will not accept NST hosting bids from schools that are listed on state travel bans. The AFANST will honor an already accepted bid if a host school's state is later added to a state travel ban list only under the following conditions:

1. The AFANST is unable to find a new qualified host within a reasonable timeframe.
2. Relocating the NST does not result in excessive cost to the original host school.
3. Relocating the NST does not result in excessive cost to the AFANST.
 - The proposal will be voted on at this NCA Convention.
 - M'Liss Hindman will vote as our Community College Representative.

October

- Phi Rho Pi webpage was updated to include the newly established patterns, updated double-entry rules and newly approved sweepstakes divisions.
- Bi-Law change will be proposed to place new rules on the PRP webpage prior to the PRP invite brochure.

November

- The ad hoc committee on required vaccines meet to discussed implementation.
 - Committee will report at the NCA PRP Business Meeting

C. Treasurer Report – Nathan Carter

Total Income: \$18,980.00. Total Expenses: \$21,020.11 Net Ordinary Income -\$2,040.11. Other income \$1.98. Net Income -\$2,038.13 **MSP with a 6-0 vote.**

D. Comptroller Report – Paul Cummins

1. Putnam investments were transferred to Wells Fargo in April 2021.
2. Taxes for 2020 filed.
3. Past Figures: Wells Fargo Mutual Fund: \$177,458 (November 2020)
Putnam: \$107,679 (June 2019)
4. Current Figures: Consolidated Wells Fargo investments: \$356,495 (Nov 16, 2021)
5. Looking for suggestions on how to use money to benefit the students.
6. **MSP with a 6-0 vote.**

E. Vice President of Association Report – Nathan Carter / Francesca Bishop

1. NCA

The PRP panel, *Training the Next Generation of Community College Directors of Forensics: A Critical Discussion of Renewal, Transformation, and Possibility*, held earlier today went very well. We had a mix of current and hopeful DOFs discuss challenges and opportunities in directing Forensics.

NCA 108th Annual Convention to be held November 17-20, 2022, in New Orleans, Louisiana has the theme of ‘Honoring PLACE: [which stands for] People, Liberation, Advocacy, Community, and Environment.’ PRP will have one slots: one for the business meeting and one for a panel or other scholarship. I invite you to contact me if you have an idea or wish to participate in the second session.

2. NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SITES

We are looking forward to an excellent, in-person tournament in St. Charles, Missouri the week of April 4, 2022. After that we head to Virginia in 2023 and Reno in 2024. I am in provisional talks right now for a 2025 location, hopefully on the east coast or Midwest. I hope to have a couple of bids for the Site Committee’s consideration in St. Charles, with a vote of the membership following at the Business Meeting.

If anyone has an interest in hosting the national tournament, please let me know.

3. REGIONAL GOVERNORS

If anyone has any information about Regional Governor seats that need to be filled, or contacts to be updated, please also let me know. I will be reaching out to the Regional Governors in February with help on topics for the national tournament.

F. Vice President of Tournament – Rolland Petrello

1. Site visit went well. Hotel property is excited to have us.
2. The new brochure will be up soon.

III. Committee Reports

A. AFA NST Rep – M’Liss Hindman

- a. AFA – Proposal to ban tournament cites on the banned California travel list.

B. PKD – University of Central Florida – convention tournament – no out rounds for IEs. Three-day schedule PiKappaDelta.net for information.

IV. Old Business

- A. Vaccine Committee Update –**
- a.** Verification Recommendation – 1) Form sent by school – not recommended. 2) Email Tournament Director verifications – not recommended. 3) Hire outside agency to collect and report vaccination status – recommended.
 - b.** Exemptions – Medical and Religious exemptions
 - i.** 3 justifiable medical exemptions will be accepted
 - ii.** Religious exemptions – preclude vaccinations
 - c.** People with medical exemptions will have to provide a negative test prior to going.
 - d.** Using the outside group to verify vaccinations – MSP
 - e.** People with exemptions will be required to be identified or wear masks while performing. Motion failed.

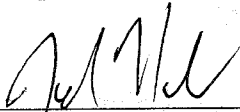
V. New Business

- A.** Tournament Host – 2022 Southeastern Illinois College - “Gateway to Gold” theme

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:55pm

Respectfully submitted:



John Nash, Recording Secretary

Phi Rho Pi November 19, 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes from the NCA Business Meeting