

April 1, 2021

Friends and Colleagues of Phi Rho Pi,

During these unprecedented times, I appreciate you for taking the time to read my letter of intent to run for the position of Vice President of Tournament of Phi Rho Pi. I am running for office because I am confident that I can continue to contribute to both the Executive Board and to Phi Rho Pi in a positive and meaningful manner.

As a current Executive Board Member, I feel my contributions have been numerous. In addition to my assigned duties outlined by the Constitution, I am maintaining the Phi Rho Pi Webpage and updating the Phi Rho Pi listserv. I have taken on the duties of revising the National Tournament Brochure, creating the student membership certifications, and communicating with the membership on behalf of the Executive Board.

In addition to my current Recording Secretary responsibilities, I feel I am also active and knowledgeable about Phi Rho Pi matters. I have been a member of the Tab Room Staff providing service on the Judges Table, Debate Table and Communications Table. I have served on several committees. I have also served as a tournament host for 2012 Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament in Schaumburg, IL.

At this point in history, I do feel as if I am the best choice for Vice President of Tournament. I foresee many obstacles for both Phi Rho Pi as well as the activity of forensics that we will need to overcome. Of the six Executive Board members, the majority are new to their current position and I feel that I provide a stable account of past information and knowledge that is needed to help our organization navigate the future. Since 2017, I have been traveling to site visits, shadowing Duane Fish, the current Vice President for Tournament. I have worked closely with Duane Fish learning how the position operates. I have worked in three different areas in the Tab Room and have a solid understanding of what needs to be done to run an effective tournament. This school year alone, I have run 8 tournaments as the Region IV RAFL Tournament Director, and I am at one with tabulation software.

If elected, I will do my best to keep our organization student-centered, structured and current. I will challenge group think to do what is truly best for the organization. I will be fair and honest. I hope you see that I provide value to Phi Rho Pi. With this, I ask for your vote. If you would like to speak with me about any Phi Rho Pi related concerns, please reach out.

Thank you for your consideration,

John