

August 2nd, 2011

Colleagues,

On behalf of the PSCFA Executive Committee, I would like to invite you to the Fall 2011 Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Coaches Conference.

This year, we return to the truly wonderful Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa. The conference will be held from September 9-11th, with a similar schedule to past years. The conference will begin on Friday afternoon, with a culminating business meeting on Sunday morning.

The deadline for reserving rooms is August 10th, 2011. Call 1-866-423-1195 and make reference to "PSCFA" to get our discounted rate. The rate is \$144/night, which includes and includes local calls, entrance to fitness center, in-room high-speed internet access, in-room coffee and tea and daily newspaper. Those who have attended before, as well as myself can attest that this is a great deal for the property. You can find out more about the location at <http://www.rancholaspalmas.com/>

The most current schedule is attached. Please contact me with any questions at mmarse@calbaptist.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael Marse
California Baptist University
PSCFA President

2010 PSCFA Coaches Conference:

September 9-11, 2011
Rancho Mirage, California
(All locations are TBA)

Friday, September 9

4:00-6:30

Session I: Topic Review, Research Distribution, Coaching Helps for NFA/LA Debate

Facilitators: Danny Cantrell (Mt. San Antonio College), Michael Marse (California Baptist University)

Description: *This session is designed for those coaches who plan on competing in NFA L/D Debate in the 2011-2012 school year. The year's topic will be discussed, background information on the topic will be shared, starter evidence will be handed out, and best practices for coaching will be presented.*

5:30-6:30

Session II: Tournament Planning

Facilitator: Liana Koeppel-Taylor (Cypress College)

Description: *This sessions is the normal source of business meeting proposals for next year's tournaments. If you have an idea for changing the 4 PSCFA tournaments, or would like to know more about that planning goes on, this is the session for you.*

7:00

Group Dinner (Location to be announced)

Contact Mike early on Friday to reserve space at a local restaurant.

Saturday, September 10

- 9:00 am-10:15 **Opening Business Meeting**
Description: *This meeting is the place to begin networking throughout the day on new proposals on issues beyond tournament planning and administration. The president can use this meeting to officially sponsor new committees to present their findings for a vote on Sunday morning's business meeting.*
- 10:30-12:00 **Session I: Dealing with Problem Students**
Facilitator: Karen Nishie (Vanguard University)
Description: *Coaches deal with many different types of students. Some are self-starters who simply need direction. Karen will lead discussion on those students who are in need of some longer-term care, and/or students whose conduct and behavior might negatively effect those around them.*
- Session II: Options for Trophies/Tournament Budgets in the Current Economy**
Facilitator: Amy Jung (Azusa Pacific University)
Description: *Many coaches are facing smaller budgets, and the current trend seems to be toward more free or less expensive tournaments. Amy will lead discussion on various options we as an association have to help the situation. Topics will include trophies, tournament selection with decreased budgets, paying for tournaments electronically. Ideas in this session will be finalized for voting on Sunday.*
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own, options will be made available)
- 1:30-3:00 **2nd Business Meeting**
Facilitator: Michael Marse (California Baptist University)
- Proposing New Ideas
Facilitator: Liana Koeppel-Taylor, Cypress College
 - Finance and Administration
Facilitator: Stephanie Fleming, Pasadena City College
- Description: *This meeting is our last chance to form research committees and propose new ideas for the Sunday business meeting. In the past, proposals which are brought up for the first time on Sunday are normally tabled for further discussion. This meeting also goes over the Financial status of PSCFA and allows time for questions/proposals related to PSCFA Finance.*
- 3:00-5:15 **Breakout Sessions for New Ideas**
Facilitators: TBD earlier in the day
- Session III: Master's Class: British Parliamentary Debate**
Faciliator: John Meany (Claremont Colleges)
Description: *John will lead conversation on how British Parliamentary Debate works (for those who have no experience), how to coach a successful team (for those who have), and what BP Debate can pedagogically offer a forensics program (for anyone).*
- 5:15-8:00 Dinner Break (on your own, hopefully in collegial groups!)
- 8:00 **Coach's Reception hosted at the hotel.** (Details to be made available)

Sunday, September 11

9:00am-12:00

Voting Business Meeting

Facilitator: Michael Marse (California Baptist University)

Description: *This is the only time in the entire year where we will have a large enough group of coaches to make long-term decisions regarding PSCFA.*

Proposals to be presented at this meeting will be distributed electronically and via hard copy at the conference as soon as they are available. This meeting is not for prolonged discussion of new ideas.