

TO: Members of the PSCFA

FROM: Cindy N. Phu, Executive Secretary

**RE: Minutes from the Fall Coaches Conference Business Meeting, September 8, 2013**

I. Introductions: The meeting was held at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. PSCFA President Bill Nessen called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

II. The report from the Finance and Administrations Committee:

A. The Spring Meeting minutes were discussed and approved.

B. The Financial Report was presented and approved.

C. The organization is bringing in more money and reducing expenditures, so we are no longer operating at a deficit. Several reasons were discussed. The primary cost for the organizations is trophies. While the cost has decreased over the last 4 years, the organization still pays over \$12,000 annually for the awards. Because the organization used recycled trophies, we were able to save several thousand dollars on trophies. We continue to increase revenue but not as much as the previous year (when we increased feeds for the first time):

a. Increases from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012 was \$5737

b. Increases from 2011-2012 to 2012-2013 was \$2577

Another item of discussion was our organization paid our more for judges, which is roughly \$1,000 more the previous year.

D. Cindy Phu presented two proposals:

1. Allow for the use of plaques with older emblem to be recycled for up to five years. **Passed**

2. We continue to mix old style trophies at all PSCFA tournaments. **Passed**

E. A new roster was created based on the sign-in sheet at the beginning of the meeting and any updates throughout the conference.

F. All members of the organization reviewed tournament schedule/calendar. The changes and updates were made accordingly, and it will be an updated calendar will be posted on the organization's website.

III. Liana Koepfel presented proposals from the New Ideas Committee:

**A. Debate**

i. **Proposal 1:** The novice entry for NFA/LD shall debate a limited topic: "The United States Federal Government should substantially reform elementary and/or secondary education in the United States in one or

more areas: Student evaluations, Teacher evaluations, and Core Standards.” **Passed**

- ii. **Proposal 2:** Novice NFA/LD teams shall be prohibited from running counterplans and/or critique (aka Kritik) arguments. **Did Not Pass**
- iii. **Proposal 3:** When asked to provide evidence used in a round the debater shall provide a legible copy of the evidence on a paper when asked to do so by the other debater or the judge. The evidence must include the entire context of the paragraph(s) without the use of ellipses. The font size of the evidence shall be no smaller than 12pt type or legible hand print. Parts of the evidence that were read must clearly be delineated. The evidence must be returned by the end of round. **Passed**
- iv. **Proposal 4:** Debaters are prohibited from doing on-line research during the round. **Passed**
- v. **Proposal 5:** Adding BP to PSCFA (**Not Recommended by the Committee**)

#### B. Wyman-Howe Process

- i. **Proposal 6:** Amend the constitution to read that the Wyman-Howe committee can award the Wyman/Howe award to a deserving coach that was not nominated through a letter from a member of the body. **Passed.**

#### C. Tournament Administration

- i. **Proposal 7:** Host Duties Clarification: Add trophy setup to host duties in the Bylaws. **Passed.**
- ii. **Proposal 8:** “PSCFA will offer a 3 prelim to finals one-day IE tournament for Fall and Spring Champs. Tournament Director discretion on scheduling special awards.” **Passed.**
  - 1. A possible schedule will mirror the 2013 Spring Champs. This possible schedule will be implemented for this Fall Champs as well as Spring Champs. There was extended discussion about how to balance pedagogy, wellness, and financial cost. By following last year’s proposal, individual events will be \$8 and duo will be \$16. This fee increase will be implemented to Fall Champs.

8:00 Extemp draw

8:30 A1

10:00 B1

11:15 Extemp draw

11:30 A2

1:00 B2

2:15 Extemp draw

2:30 A3

4:00 B3

5:15 Extemp draw  
5:30 A Finals  
6:45 B Finals  
8:30 Awards

**D. Coaches Conference**

- i. **Proposal 9:** Executive Committee and/or their designees will program the events for the PSCFA Coaches Conference. **Passed**

**E. PSCFA Taxes**

- i. **Proposal 10:** PSCFA will hire someone to prepare PSCFA's taxes. **Passed**

**F. Cultural Artifact Scholarship**

- i. **Proposal 11:** PSCFA will reinstate the \$100 scholarship for the Cultural Artifact Scholarship. **(Not Recommended by the Committee)**

**G. New Ideas Meeting Announcement**

- i. Research: Update Grossman Forensics Study for PSCFA (Jules French, Roxanne Tuscany, & Libby Curriel)

IV. Announcements/Discussion

- A. Jared Miller announced that SCC is seeking volunteers to help with the rebuilding of their forensics program.
- B. Gary Rybold encourage the community to sent their novice to enter early for IVC's free tournaments and for the Aztec Invitational tournament.
- C. Skip Rutledge elaborated on the Aztec Invitational. He explained that there will be three rounds of IEs, one large final round, and encourages everyone to bring more judges.
- D. Liana Koeppel announced that she is working on offering a scholarship award at the Aztec Invitational in honor of Paul Gaske. This scholarship will be awarded to the competitor with the most sweepstakes points in both debate and individual events.
- E. Roxanne Tuscany invites the community to attend the Grossmont Tournament in November. The invite is currently online and was presented at the conference. She also reminded the community that Palomar will not have NFA-LD.
- F. Danny Cantrell updated community with changes in NFA-LD rules. The new rule is judges cannot ask to photograph competitor's evidence. However, the competitors are allowed to photograph each other's evidence. He also announced that as PSCFA's webmaster, anyone can email him for any updates or announcements for the organization's website.
- G. Lyndsey Christoffersen announced that Chapman University is hiring a part-time coach. Individuals interested in the position must have a MA degree. Please contact her for more information.

- H. Sharon Taylor announced that there is a Tenure-track position in Rhetoric. The deadline is in October. Please contact her for more information.
- I. Kim Gerhardt announced that Mirar-College has a Non-forensics Full-Time Communication Studies position.