

TO: Members of the PSCFA

FROM: Cindy N. Phu, Executive Secretary

**RE: Minutes from the Fall Coaches Conference Business Meeting, September 7, 2014**

I. Introductions:

- A. The meeting was held at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. PSCFA President April Griffin called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
- B. A new roster was created based on the sign-in sheet at the beginning of the meeting and any updates throughout the conference.

II. The report from Cindy Phu:

- 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 have continued to not operate at a deficit.
  - a. 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 years.
  - b. Another item of discussion was our organization paid our more for judges, which is roughly \$500 more the previous year and \$1,000 more the two years ago.
  - c. The executive secretary discussed the organization's tax situation with the need for the four finance proposals.

III. 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.

IV. Cindy Phu presented four proposals from the Finance & Administration Committee:

A. **Proposal 1: Jannese Davidson Memorial Proposal (PASSED)**

- i. PSCFA will implement a one time \$10 per school, memorial fee at the 2014 PSCFA Fall Champs, and donate the total amount to the Jannese Davidson Memorial Fund.
- ii. PSCFA will make a donation to the Jannese Davidson Memorial Fund equaling the amount collected from the memorial fee at the 2014 PSCFA Fall Champs.

**B. Judge Certification: Hired Judges Check-In**

- i. **Proposal 2:** “PSCFA will have a sign-in/check-in process at the Judges Table for Judges hired by the tournament director.” **(PASSED)**
- ii. **Proposal 3:** “All Hired Judges & ICC’s (Institutional Contracted Critics) must sign PSCFA Judge Payment Form to receive payment by check.” **(PASSED)**

**C. Awards: Cool Off Trophies (p.16)**

- i. **Proposal 4:** “Students will receive medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and certificates will be awards to all finalists at the PSCFA Cool Off Tournament.” **(PASSED)**

V. Liana Koeppel presented proposals from the New Ideas Committee:

a. **Updates on the PSCFA Constitution/Handbook**

- i. **Proposal 1:** Update language to reflect current practice. The draft was sent out to the body for review before the conference. In addition to the ”draft” changes, add "post extemp and impromptu to results to forensicstournament.net" to Tournament director duties. **(PASSED)**
- ii. **Special thank you to Heidi and Kim for working on the President-elect Handbook.** "President-elect Handbook can be found on PSCFA.org to President elect responsibilities.

b. **Students Eligibility (p.1, B, c & d)**

- i. **Proposal 2: Add to Eligibility:** “Students may only compete at PSCFA tournaments if they represent an officially recognized college or university program/ organization.” **(PASSED)**
- ii. **Proposal 3:** “Judges forfeit any remaining eligibility to compete in a division for which they judged (BP/IPDA exempted).” **(PASSED)**

c. **Debate:**

i. NFA-LD

1. **Proposal 4: Change NFA-LD Evidence rule** about 12 pt font to read "Copies of articles printed in their original size will be exempted.” **(PASSED)**

ii. IPDA

1. **Proposal 5:** “IPDA will replace Parli LD at the Fall and Spring Champs tournaments. IPDA will utilize lay judges whenever possible. \*IPDA student judges should be exempt from judging eligibility constraints or regulations\*” **(PASSED)**

iii. British Parliamentary Debate

1. **Proposal 6:** “Add BP as a new event as written in the proposal. Add British Parliamentary (BP) Debate as an event at PSCFA Fall and Spring Champs” **(PASSED)**
  - a. It is proposed, as an experiment, to offer, BP debate at Fall and Spring Champs on Saturday only. The event would follow BP rules and customs. It would offer **four** rounds of two-person team debate breaking to a final round.

b. The **schedule** would start at 8 am with team and judge check-in and orientation sessions. (Each BP round last **two** hours.) **There will be a separate award ceremony for BP this year.**

Round 1 at 9 am

Round 2 at 11 am

Lunch at 1

Round 3 at 2 pm

Round 4 at 4pm

Awards at 6:30

Finals after awards

c. Students and judges in BP would not be able to do any other events on Saturday. BP would require 4 teams to enter for the division to be held.

d. BP would cover its own **judging requirements**, and would not require the PSCFA to provide judges. Experienced **undergraduates** may judge BP. One judge covers two teams. BP strives to provide 3 judges per panel, a Chair and two wings.

e. Since there are **four teams** in each round, the room requirement to hold BP would not be a strain on the tournament administration.

BP is currently the largest and fastest growing style of debate in the world. There were over 210 teams at BP nationals at Purdue, 2014. 40% were women. It is international in nature.

f. BP offers a balance between style and substance. Students who have completed a beginning argumentation course and that are up on current events can easily participate. It combines elements of the legal and legislative models of communication.

g. Most importantly, BP is a fun, and friendly style of debating that is accessible to the beginner and challenging to the more advanced students.

f. There are numerous videotapes of BP debates available at Vermont Debate website. Sample motions from international and national BP tournaments may be seen at

<http://debatemotioncentral.blogspot.com>

d. Schedule (p. 9):

i. **Proposal 7:** Two round schedule vs. three round IE schedule on Sunday for Fall Champs and Spring Champs. **(PASSED)**

ii. **Proposal 8:** Three pattern Sunday IE schedule at TD and Host discretion. (Not discussed based on the passing of Proposal 7)

e. Responsibilities of the Tournament Host

- i. **Proposal 9:** Tournament Host Incentives Options – Motion from the floor to allow the host to choose between Option A and Option B by the Fall Coaches Conference Meeting. **(PASSED)**
  1. Option A:
    - a. Monetary Compensation: A facilities fee of \$35 will be added to the fee sheets at Fall Champs, Spring Champs, and Cool Off. All facilities fees collected will be given to the host school. The host school can choose to have a check cut directly to the school or to keep the money on account with PSCFA.
    - b. There is no direct fiscal impact to the organization, but it could impact specific forensic programs. With a minimum of 20 schools at the tournament, schools who host would have the earning potential of \$700 or more for each tournament hosted (depending on the number of schools in attendance)
  2. Option B: Altering Hosting Duties
    - a. Move the following responsibilities from the host school to the executive committee:
    - b. C. Equipment and supplies
      - i. 1. The host should make available necessary quantities of supplies including: pencils, paper, paper clips, rubber bands, computer paper, tap (scotch and marking), large felt tip markers, stapler and staples, white business envelopes, computer printer ribbons/cartridges, ballot envelopes, scissors, cume or recording sheets etc.
      - ii. 2. The host should make available necessary equipment including extension cords, power strips, etc.
    - c. **The host will still be responsible for computers, printers, and Xerox machines**
      - i. E. Food for judges and the tab room
    - d. The tournament host will provide vegetarian-friendly meals for judges and the tab room. PSCFA will reimburse a maximum of \$1200 for Fall and Spring Championship Tournaments; \$600 for Warm Up and \$800 for Cool Off Tournament. Host school will provide receipts for these expenses. Tournament hosts for Fall and Spring Champs will be allocated \$500 plus wellness fees to provide snacks (e. g. fruit bagels, water, etc...) for students. The Host will provide food at a time and distributed in a manner which best ensures all coaches and judges are given the opportunity to receive the food (as close to a time between rounds as possible). The Executive Secretary is authorized to provide an extra \$200, if there are extenuating

circumstances. Hosts will (when possible) provide multiple wellness locations

## VI. New Business

A. Executive Secretary Nomination: April Griffin was nominated and elected as the new executive secretary starting May 2015. This year, April will train and shadow as executive secretary-elect.

B. Rio Hondo submitted a proposal from the floor. The proposal was regarding judge qualification. She proposed to create committee to explore student-judging panel in debate and individual events. **(FAILED)**

## VII. Announcements/Discussion

### A. The AFA Update Panel:

- a. Committee came up with new ideas to improve District 1. For more information regarding the new ideas, please email Robert Cannon at [robert@cannonballofdeath.com](mailto:robert@cannonballofdeath.com).
- b. Karen Nishie will host a seminar on “How to Coach AFA Events” at Vanguard University. She is recruiting and seeking volunteer coaches to help. If you are interested, please contact her at [knishie@vanguard.edu](mailto:knishie@vanguard.edu).

### B. Ballot Writing Panel:

- a. Supplemental forms will be attached to ballots to help improve educational value of ballots. This will be adapted at PCC’s Watson-Lancer tournament in October.
- b. Please email suggestions for guidelines/directions/questions to Josh Fleming for Individual Events at [JRFLEMING@pasadena.edu](mailto:JRFLEMING@pasadena.edu) and Shawn O’Rourke for Debate Events at [spo1981@gmail.com](mailto:spo1981@gmail.com).

### C. Social Media Panel:

- a. Discussion the importance of responsibilities and liabilities of posting information/photos on social media websites. Danny will post documents on [www.PSCFA.org](http://www.PSCFA.org).

### D. Jobs:

- a. Lyndsey Christoffersen announced that Chapman University is hiring a part-time coach. Individuals interested in the position must have a BA degree. Please contact her for more information at [lyndsey.christoffersen@gmail.com](mailto:lyndsey.christoffersen@gmail.com).
- b. Kevin Briancesco announced that LA Valley College will be looking for coaches next year. He is looking for two additional coaches: One platform coach and a general coach. The salary is about \$7000-\$8000/year with the potential of teaching two additional adjunct courses.

- c. Jared Miller announced that SCC is seeking adjuncts to help with the rebuilding of their forensics program. He will be able to offer adjunct classes. For more information, please email him at: [miller\\_jared@scccollege.edu](mailto:miller_jared@scccollege.edu).
- E. Tournaments:
- a. Chris Desurra encourages everyone to attend the “Close to the Coast” tournament in Costa Mesa. There will be FREE parking. This tournament will host IEs on Saturday and Sunday. There will be Parli one day, NFA-LD & IPDA on another day. Larry elaborates that this tournament will help students prepare for AFA.
  - b. The Aztec tournament will include BP, NFA-LD, Parli, and IEs. The invite is posted online.
- F. Scholarship:
- a. Liana Koepfel 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. Donations are also welcomed by SDSU for this scholarship.
- G. Retirement:
- a. This will be Josh Fleming’s last year in forensics.
  - b. This will be Larry Radden’s last year in forensics. Lucas Ochoa announced that the “Larry is Retiring” gathering is at the 2015 CCCFA State Championship.
- H. New Coaches:
- a. Mt. Sac welcomes Roxan Arntson as their new individual event coach.
  - b. Concordia University welcomes Yaw Kyeremateng as their new coach.
  - c. The community welcomes Danny Iberri-Shea back to PSCFA.
  - d. Shae has started a new team at LA City!
  - e. Tenisha Baca is the new DOF at Glendale AZ. She introduced her coaching staff: Lewis Robinson, Loren Schwarzwalter, and Terri Trent.