

**NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ASSOCIATION**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 21**  
**2:00 PM to 3:15 PM**  
**Marriott Wardman Park**  
**Park Tower 8205 - Lobby Level**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order by Pres. Gantt at 1400
- II. Approval of Minutes (Spring 2013) moved: Graham, second many, passed
- III. Reports (See reports online, where applicable. Short reports, as needed, will be presented orally at the meeting. Executive Reports and Committee Reports, **where possible** will be posted on the NPDA website 10 days before the meeting.)
  - a. Executive Council
    - i. Vice President/Nominating Committee
      1. Dena Counts & Geoff Brodak nominees for Exec Sec
      2. Needs people for site committee
    - ii. Exec Secretary
      1. Please submit tournaments for sanctioning
      2. Please submit results
    - iii. Treasurer
      1. Tightening expenses, but we have good savings
      2. Trying to decrease the trophy expenses
      3. Trying to increase teams/income
    - iv. President
      1. Need recommendations/bid for 2015
    - v. Journal Editor – Birkholt (done by Pres Gantt)
      1. Some articles are ready for publication
      2. Has moved to an electronic journal for cost savings
    - vi. Selection for Irish Debaters – Northup
      1. Moving toward a more open process
      2. Last year was not as a result of secrecy but as a result of a dearth of applicants
      3. Believes prep time is valued over participation
  - b. Committees
    - i. Finance Committee
    - ii. Site Committee
    - iii. Additional Committees as Needed
  - c. Tournament Director
    - i. Ginal Lane not able to make it
    - ii. Dates: NAU March 20-23, 2014
      1. Mar 20 = Registration and Irish Debate, Spring Bus mtg
      2. Prelims Mar 21-22, Elims on Mar 23
    - iii. Student Rep has asked for a Diversity Forum meeting time that is outside of the competition schedule
      1. This will be done especially since Quad-Octs is not necessary
      2. Will be dedicated to do this
    - iv. Site visit to Flagstaff is planned by Joe & Mike
      1. Const & Bylaws says invite by early December, might go until mid

Dec

2. Could fly in PHX, Joe notes Las Vegas flight rates are cheaper.
  - v. Hotel visit was good
    1. One picked was very eager to have us there
    2. Sweetened deal by giving free ballroom on last night
      - a. No-Host Bar
      - b. Hotel will supervise it
    3. Little America is a little nicer, but this one is more eager
  - vi. Question from Garner: Will this be communicated? Yes, very specific this time. Brent: "Lock solid court case"
  - d. Other reports
- IV. Action Items
- a. None carried over
  - b. No discussion items
- V. New Business
- a. President Opened the floor to new business for discussion using his President's Report to address some items
    - i. Was requested to be "more active leaders"
      1. So he gathered information from people in NPTE
      2. Gathered information from results submitted for sanctioning/points
      3. Information from Jim Hanson's database of programs
    - ii. Believes that the focus has been on programs that "have left"
      1. So, he will be sending the Championship Invite to all of those programs with a personal invitation to compete at the tournament
      2. Believes there is work that we can do to entice programs to join us
      3. Not sure we will ever (or even want to) get back to the days of 300+ teams at Champs
    - iii. So, here are a list of impediments
      1. Style of debate
      2. Dates of NPDA Champs
        - a. PKD
        - b. Western focus of the organization
      3. Go farther east if possible
        - a. Many circuits we do not see
        - b. Georgia, for example
        - c. Chicago//St. Louis, etc
      4. Get more active with District Chairs
        - a. Partly on National Cmte to do something
        - b. Need to communicate with them
    - iv. Floor opened for discussion
      1. Northrup: Better website is in place
        - a. Tournament information
      2. Univ of Kentucky DoF
        - a. 56 teams at their local tournament
        - b. Says website was difficult to navigate
        - c. Says that National Tournament is difficult to get to and

- afford. PKD is cheaper usually
3. Derek Buescher: NPDA/NPTE work together a lot for tournaments
    - a. Perhaps we could work with PKD instead?
    - b. Todd Graham agrees with this and thinks it is positive
    - c. Pres. Gantt is inclined to agree as well
  4. Duane Fish
    - a. What about more than one division at Champs?
    - b. Might send more than one team if Junior division were present
    - c. NOT suggesting a format division, just experience
    - d. Lots of national tournaments have this
    - e. Jeannie Hunt states that the combination with NPTE works against this
  5. Derek B:
    - a. Connect it with CEDA
    - b. Brent: How many programs with no Parli?
      - i. Most
      - ii. Very few with both
    - c. Joe: CEDA covers the traditional non-NPDA area and vice-versa
  6. Jim Hanson
    - a. Smaller programs feel excluded competitively and socially
    - b. Cool kids vs the small programs
      - i. Talk to coaches and students
      - ii. Desperate to get the days done and non-socializing
    - c. Pres. Gantt: Prep room culture seems to be killing this//enhancing the division
  7. Kevin Garner:
    - a. Should ask folks//programs about the culture status of the activity they want
    - b. May disagree with styles, but could still make them feel part of the community
  8. Jeannie Hunt
    - a. Coaches that are not part of the in-crowd feel like they are excluded
    - b. A Coaches Reception? After the business meeting?
  9. Marlin Bates
    - a. Bring back the banquet?
    - b. Bob Becker says it might be a good idea
    - c. Brent says NIET cancelled theirs
    - d. Ramsey: Should do this at more tournaments as well, not just the national champs
      - i. Swings also are killing the time
      - ii. Rounds and time
    - e. Dena Counts: agrees need to start before
      - i. Perhaps the Student Rep could interface
      - ii. Might be able to move this
    - f. Jim Hanson
      - i. Too many people, no function other than social

- ii. Prefer smaller gatherings, maybe time between rounds are assigned for discussion
- iii. Could be coaches/students
- iv. WSCA has a coaches dinner
  - 1. Brent moved Bob Trapp take the tournament out to dinner
- v. Bill Sheffield: Something before the tournament would be better because it is outside of the competitive moment
  - 1. Josh Ramsey: This is true for students
  - 2. Brent: Start before Champs at all

10. Kevin Garner

- a. Comes down to conscious effort on the part of coaches/students to being more inclusive and changing the culture
- b. Bates: Perhaps we should realize we are all nerds after all and stop recreating the caste system we did not want to be a part of.

11. Pres. Gantt

- a. Should have a better//stronger vision statement as to what our activity is
- b. What it cultivates and how it is pedagogically supported
- c. Place this on the website
- d. Constitution should be adapted to reflect the nature of NPDA as it stands now, not as it was in 1995 when it was created.

12. Ad Hoc Committee

- a. Kevin Garner
- b. Dena Counts
- c. Bob Becker
- d. Michael Eaves
- e. Anticipate putting it out AFTER Thanksgiving

13. Need to record//activate District Chairs

- a. IT would help if Districts would tell Executive Board **WHO** was elected and how to communicate with them
- b. Need small connection areas//District Meetings are a good place to do this.

VI. Adjournment at 1452

VII. Attendance

- a. Marlin Bates Pacific
- b. Mike Middleton Univ of Utah
- c. Michael Eaves Valdosta State
- d. Kevin Garner William Jewell College
- e. Brent Northup Caroll College
- f. Derek Buescher U of Puget Sound
- g. Bob Becker Northwest College
- h. Josh Ramsey Pacific
- i. Amorette Hindbraker TCU
- j. Timothy Bill Univ of Kentucky

- k. Todd Graham Southern Illinois University
- l. Kevin Claderwood Concordia University, Irvine
- m. Jeannie Hunt Northwest College
- n. David Worth Rice University
- o. Bill Sheffield Barton CC
- p. Joe Gantt Lewis & Clark College