

NPDA Business Meeting
National Communication Association Convention
Saturday, November 11/19, New Orleans, LA

- I. Call to Order: at 3:30 by Marty Birkholt
 - A. Suspension of the rules (presentation)

Rae Lynn Schwartz-DuPre of the Women's Debate Institute
Forty women from debate community aid the transit from high school to college. Contact her at raelynn.schwartz-dupre@wwu.edu
- II. Approval the minutes m/Matt Swanson s/ Bill Neesen
- III. Reports
 - a. Finance Committee report.
 - i. Report was submitted, attendance at nationals was smaller. Budget may be impacted, will need to look at membership.
 - ii. Comment from Steve Woods: Why no publications and no outreach to IDEA?
 - iii. Only one publication for 2010, Joe Gantt remarked that there have not been a lot of submissions. Brent Northrup: NCA is trying to outreach for forensics assessment.
 - iv. Matt Swanson: will we be adjusting the video budget expense since we went over? Brent: no, that was generally a one-time expense. MS: Are we going to make these free in future years? Marty: need to weigh those costs against the losing national tournament revenue.
 - v. Report approved: passed unanimously
 - b. Site Committee: No report. We have a site for 2012 WWU and 2013 (Pacific), but we will soon need to ask for potential hosts. Dates will be March 22-26 in 2012 and March 22-25 in 2013
 - c. Nominating committee, Marlin Bates at Exec Secretary and Brent Northrup as Treasurer. Approved. Consent ballot will be issued.
 - d. Tournament Directors report, n/a
 - e. Tournament Host: Seattle is the cheapest place to fly into. Drive out. Allegiant Air flies directly into Bellingham. Some tourist places are available nearby and in Canada. There will be significant weekday commute traffic, so try to fly in early. Hotel for tournament is a different atmosphere, so be very careful as to when the deadlines are for the block
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Eligibility amendment: Chuck Walts (author's endorsement) Bill Neesen, Does not match CEDA/NPTE. From the floor: Why are not all of the national tournaments? Jeannie Hunt: so can go to 2 PRP and 4 NPDA? Yes. Dan: Allows for Jr. College transfer eligibility and this is a perfect way to protect against that. Matt Swanson: why should we just not just change it to ten semesters and not five national tournaments? Chuck: just trying to mirror NPTE. Joe Gantt: the reason for NPTE was to try and

get Jr.Co transfers to face the reality of needing to do additional coursework to complete his/her coursework. Mike Middleton: so why not just make this for transfers? Joe Gantt: because there is an increasing need for students to take longer amounts of time to finish their degrees.
Favor 16, Opposed 11

V. New Business

- a. Steve Hunt: Website is a bit old, things need to be posted on time. Website Details/Update status, Mike: Results, need to be updated., Steve Woods, access more easily, Steve Hunt, information up to date. Marty: It will be updated by the national tournament either through volunteer or via pay. Joe Gantt, if you can do it, then we would love to have you in our employ.
- b. Marlin Bates: Judges who judge open should give up eligibility to debate, This will be an action item at Natl Tournament issue.
- c. Impaired Judging (Chuck Walts) Alcohol, drug, substance abuse during the tournament. See the thread at net benefits. Joe Gantt: the damage at Tech nationals was significant we need to respect things. Steve Woods: perhaps we can assign prep rooms at this years tournament? Maybe we can have an appeals process? Marty Birkholt: At TDs discretion. Brent Northup, hotel behavior needs to be regulated on as well. Steve Woods: Police will send a bus to unruly parties and arrest people en masse.

Motion to adjourn: Chuck Walts, Seconded, Matt Swanson Adjourned at 4:24 pm