

1. Officer's Reports and Announcement

- a. President's Report: Skip Rutledge started the meeting at 8:21. Thanks to all for allowing "me"/Skip to serve in this capacity. Congratulations to Tom Kuster, the new president beginning after this tournament. We are working on finding a host for next year. Several possibilities are in the works. The schedule this year is to allow this tournament to run on schedule. There are no announcements of decisions in round. Current rules currently disallow that.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Brent Northup reported that we have about \$13,000 in the bank and we are healthy.
- c. Executive Secretary's Report: Renea Gernant thanked everyone for getting stuff in and asked that they get any final stuff to Renea tomorrow morning at the latest. Keep asking people to get stuff in promptly.
- d. Webmaster's Report: Michael Dreher said we are working on new innovations like tournament results on-line and the judge strikes this year were a new addition.
- e. Journal Editor's Report: Ed Inch was thanked. The journal is out although late. He needs someone to transcribe the final round for this and last year, so if you are interested, please call him ASAP. He has some papers from last time that will be included in the next issue.
- f. Student Representative's Report: Jason Anderson reported that a student moderated list serve came out. It has been really cool. Thanks to Jason Steck for setting this up.
- g. Host Announcements/report: Scott Gratson noted that the headquarters of tournament is Tivoli. Parking at Tivoli is expensive. If you park across the street it is less and tell them it will be less. District meetings are tomorrow at 5:00. Also check out welcome packets.
- h. Announcements about the meeting and procedures. One vote per school. Don't repeat comments. Meeting ends at 9:45. Limit debate on issues to 10 minutes per issue. You can extend if needed. Proxies must be in writing to Renea now and will be limited to items that were published. Also, if you have an amendment bring it up to Renea after it is seconded. Constitutional changes go to a mail vote of the body and we will implement other changes only as practical.

2. Old Business

3. New Business

- a. Housekeeping amendments to the by-laws of the NPDA Constitution (change has been made and will be posted to www.parlidebate.org documents)
--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University
Rationale and discussion: At NCA there was a committee appointed to clean up the constitution. We do not believe that most of these are substantive changes.
Action: It was moved by the committee. Seconded. Discussion included a friendly amendment. On page 5/30, number 2, letter c and on page 6/30 we under e, keep language that has been struck. We need to include that language so that it is parallel with AFA and NIET language. Amended version passed.
- b. Housekeeping amendments to the NPDA Constitution (proposed change will be posted to www.parlidebate.org and mailed for vote)
--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University
Rationale and discussion: Trapp moved with a few editorial changes.
Action: Moved, seconded and passed.
- c. Amendment to add a Vice-President (proposed change will be posted to www.parlidebate.org and mailed for vote)
--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University
Discussion: We were small and we aren't. We elect someone and then they have to run a tournament. This proposal is like the NCA and this will provide continuity.
Action: Moved, seconded and passed.
- d. Amendment to add a National Tournament Director (proposed change will be posted to www.parlidebate.org and mailed for vote)
--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University
Discussion: It gives more power to president to do this.
Action: Moved, seconded and passed.
- e. Amendment to add standing committees: finance, elections, publication and tournament site (proposed change will be posted to www.parlidebate.org and mailed for vote)
--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University
Discussion: It is a way to protect the treasurer and make sure all is well. It helps officers get someone to pay for things that may benefit the officers. Changed wording under elections, the past presidents should be asked to serve. Debate was ended by vote.
Action: Moved, seconded and passed with minor wording amendments.

f. Amendment to the by-laws to eliminate speaker ranks as a tie-breaker for power matching and speaker awards (change has been made and will be posted to www.parlidebate.org)

Amend By-Law XII [XI] by deleting the following sections and renumbering the remaining: F3d6, F3e6, and I2d.

--Robert Trapp, Willamette University and Brian Shipley, Georgetown University

Action: Moved, seconded, and passed.

g. Amendment to constitution regarding the webmaster and journal editor (proposed change will be posted to www.parlidebate.org and mailed for vote)

Add Section 7 to Article V as follows (this assumes the renumbering from the VP position). In addition to the duties subsequently described under the Publications Committee (Article VI, Section 4), the Webmaster and Editor of Parliamentary Debate shall serve as voting members of the Executive Council.

--Robert Trapp, Willamette University

Action: Moved, seconded and passed.

h. Amendment to constitution regarding Student Representation

Add Article VI, Section 7 of the NPDA Constitution as follows:

The National Student Representative and each Regional Student Representative will be entitled to a vote on all motions to amend the NPDA Tournament Rules (Bylaw XIII). The National Student Representative only may vote as proxies the votes of Regional Student Representatives not present. The vote of the National Student Representative may only be proxied to a regional student representative.

--Jason Steck, sponsored by Metro State College

Action: Moved, seconded.

Motion to suspend discussion and to move to item l. Moved and passed.

Discussion begun on item l.

A constitutional amendment to change voting procedure.

Amend Article VI: Annual Business Meeting of the Association, Section 3.

Current text: Each member institution may be represented by one voting representative (who need not be the Director of Forensics but may be a substitute from the same school or a proxy given to the representative of another school) at a Business Meeting.

Proposed change: Each member institution may be represented by two voting representatives—a designated program director and a student-participant from the same school. (The designated voters may assign their vote to a substitute from the same school or a proxy representative of another school). The student-participant must meet the student eligibility criteria established for participation in the national championship tournament. The organization recommends that the student voter be selected by other student-participants in the school's debate program. (Friendly amendment was proposed.) Student votes shall not be proxied to a non-student.

Justification: Increase student voice and activism in the design and execution of the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

--John Meany, Claremont Colleges

Action: Moved, seconded. Discussion centered on whether or not this was needed. Trapp proposed to drop the friendly amendment. Question called and passed. Friendly amendment was then dropped. Motion was called and house divided. Subsequently motion failed: Nine for and thirty against.

Motion to suspend and move to item w and x. Moved, second and failed.

Return to item h.

Action: Motion voted on and failed.

i. Immediate Implementation of Student Representation

A motion to suspend the rules and allow any and all Student Representatives present to vote on any rule changes that may be considered hereafter at this Business Meeting.

--Jason Steck, sponsored by Metro State College

Action: Declared mute.

j. Copies of Rules Allowed in Rounds (change was made and will be posted to www.parlidebate.org documents)

Change Rule 4A of the NPDA Tournament Rules (Bylaw XIII) to read as follows:

4A. Any published information (dictionaries, magazines, etc) which may have been consulted before the debate cannot be brought into the debating chambers for use during the debate. Except for notes made during preparation time and a copy of the NPDA "Rules for Debating and Judging", no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources for the debater's use in the debate may be brought into the debating chambers.

--Jason Steck, sponsored by Creighton University

Action: Moved, seconded. Question called and passed. Vote divided. Motion called: Thirty for and eleven against. Motion passed.

Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes. The motion was passed, seconded and failed.

k. "Warm Room" Disclosure

Amend sections 5B and 5C of the NPDA Tournament Rules (Bylaw XIII) to read as follows:

5B. If facilities are available, a running update of all teams' records will be publicly posted in a "warm room" or common area accessible to all tournament participants. After returning the ballot, the judge may, at his or her discretion, give brief constructive comments to the debaters. Such conversations should, if possible, take place in

the established "warm room" area. No one may be required to enter the "warm room" or participate in discussions. Judges should refrain from checking the records of teams they are about to judge.

5C. Debaters or coaches will refrain from arguing with judges' decisions or comments. Debaters or coaches who harass judges may be withdrawn from the tournament on a two-thirds vote of the Tournament Committee.

--Jason Steck, sponsored by Metro State College

Action: Moved and seconded. An amendment was introduced to code the warm room. Seconded. The amendment failed. A friendly amendment was made to strike "if facilities are available." Motion passed: Twenty-nine for and thirteen in favor.

Time ran out for the meeting.