

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ASSOCIATION
BUSINESS MEETING
Friday, March 22, 2013, 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Stockton Hilton – Sacramento Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Called to order at 1933 by Pres. Birkholt
- II. Approval of Minutes (Fall 2012)
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
- 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
 - b. Committees
 - i. Finance Committee
 - ii. Site Committee
 - 1. Vice-President Gantt announced the accepted March 20-23, 2014 bid by Northern Arizona University.
 - 2. Executive Committee with start accepting bids in a month for the 2015 bid. Let Joe Gantt or Mike Middleton know if you are interested.
 - 3. The cmte would like the tournament to move around the country more than it has now.
 - iii. Additional Committees as Needed
 - c. Tournament Director
 - i. Gina reported thanks for getting all of the verification forms in.
 - ii. Confirmation procedures emails went out at approx. 1800
 - iii. Tab room has shrunk to two people as opposed to approx. eight people as usual.
 - 1. If you have questions or concerns, please direct to Gina, Konrad, or Joe
 - 2. Reminder that announcements will be in Grace Covell on Sat/Sun and DUC on Monday.
 - iv. Melissa Franke (Pacific Lutheran Univ.) has agreed to be the Sexual Harassment Officer/Ombudsperson for the tournament.
 - d. Other reports
 - i. Tournament Host: Bates
 - 1. He blathered on for awhile
 - 2. Hopes all have fun and enjoy it.
- IV. Action Items
- V. New Business
 - a. Chuck Walts, Should the funding of the Irish Debates continue?
 - i. Marty mentioned that the NPDA does not pay any money for the event
 - ii. Brent said that the event does not cost funding
 - iii. Chuck said that it does not appear to be geographically fair and balanced
 - 1. States that process does not seem transparent
 - 2. Stated that it seems as if only schools from West Coast

- iv. Tom Schally queried if we should change the process or just remove the event
 - 1. Chuck responded that the event is not worthwhile
 - 2. But, it should be inclusive of all of the schools in the system
 - 3. Could be changed if the selection process were made more transparent
- v. Brent stated that this year there was just a dearth or demand for students to submit or people to be selected
 - 1. Kevin Calderwood was on the selection committee in years past, he is from the MidWest
 - 2. Brent personally emailed people to plea with them to debate
 - 3. Need a bigger pool of applicants
- vi. Chuck has suggested that perhaps it should be up to a community vote and this seems to be slanted toward a geographic area
- vii. Joey Mavity (APU) queried about the selection of the cmte members, could we add Chuck to the cmte
 - 1. Selection of cmte members usually happens after applicants so there is not a conflict of interest
 - 2. Chuck mentioned that his submission of names does not seem to have a process
- viii. Rebecca Seitman (Wheaton College) had a student that she wanted to submit, but it seems as if their location and tournament schedule seems to exclude them
 - 1. Chuck said process should be open so that people are not excluded because they do not know people on the circuit.
- ix. Dale Hardy-Short (NAU)
 - 1. Had a student who wanted to be selected and submitted and she was.
 - 2. Student was ecstatic, student found funding to attend the tournament, her History department gave her funding. Increased her sense of accomplishment and value.
 - 3. Does not believe that if it were published about the number of participants, that this would diminish the accomplishment.
- x. Brent's concern this year was just getting people to fill the stage
- xi. Gary Rybold thanked Brent for doing the entire program
 - 1. Feels like community college students do not have the skills to combat the Irish or the British
 - 2. Gary is really happy that this year was transfer students from Community College
 - 3. Have a bit more transparency, but let's continue this
- xii. Dena Counts (ACU) says the paperwork is a but onerous and involved.
 - 1. Had a student that did not want to do it because he "was not a cool kid"
 - 2. Maybe decrease requirements
- xiii. Kasey Gardner (LMC) asked if there was a dropoff in hosting the Irish debaters. Brent said it was increasing number of BP schools who were volunteering to host.
 - 1. Brent mentioned he needs to be careful to send people to schools

who know how to host

2. *Irish Times* spends a lot of money

- xiv. Brent asked if the community wants it
 - 1. Kasey Gardner asked for a straw poll.
 - 2. Most raised their hand
 - 3. Brent suggested a number of ways for the process to be adapted
 - 4. BP Nationals wants it, but is too late
- xv. Brandan Whearty wants it. It is why Palomar College is here.
 - 1. Says that it is a way for Palomar College to get funding
 - 2. Chuck said that the best of NPDA are not represented on the stage
 - 3. Not an activity that Tyler debaters get access to.
- b. President Birkholt asked for new business again
 - i. Chuck Walts asked to create a committee to review the process of inclusions for the Irish Debate
 - ii. Joe Gantt clarified that Marty could take that as advice to form a committee from interested parties.
 - iii. Motion passed.
 - iv. Committee volunteers were taken

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 2011

Attendance :

Marlin Bates	University of the Pacific
Marty Birkholt	Creighton
Joe Gantt	Lewis & Clark
Gary Rybold	IVC
Bill Neesen	CSU, Long Beach
Joey Mavity	APU
Michael Middleton	Univ of Utah
Geoffrey Brodak-Silva	CSU, LA
Dominic Lopez	UW-Seattle
Jessica Salmen	Bethel
Dayle Hardy-Short	NAU
Rob Layne	Texas Tech
Mat Swanson	SDSU
Tom Schally	Oregon
Brandon Whearty	Palomar
Kasey Gardner	Los Medanos
Tom Miller	UCLA
Jacob Stutzman	OKC Univ