

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ASSOCIATION
BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, November 17 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
Northern Hemisphere Salon E2 - Fifth Level, Dolphin

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - a. President Birkholt called at 1537
- II. Approval of Minutes (Spring 2012)
 - a. Approved unanimously
- 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. Pres. Birkholt
 1. Status of the journal is that there is that Dave Williams has an issue ready to go
 2. EBSCO host has an option to publish it electronically for free. Marty plans on pursuing that option. This will not technically “save” us money, but it will allow us to continue forward and not spend money.
 - a. Dave Williams is stepping down, so send journal issues to Marty for now.
 - b. A special issue is being planned. Which is putting us in the position of publishing two issues per year
 3. Webmaster discussion
 - a. Need someone new, again
 - b. Am open to suggestions
 - c. There are options on the table
 - b. Committees
 - i. Finance Committee
 1. Brent reported the budget.
 2. We appear to be stabilizing at lower membership and smaller national tournaments
 3. Also flying in a great number of executive council for the NPDA tournament that were not on their own team travel.
 4. We have savings, but it is going down on a continuing basis.
 - ii. Site Committee
 1. Joe not at the meeting
 2. NAU bid is here. Utah is “permanently in reserve” according to M. Middleton.
 - iii. Additional Committees as Needed
 1. Nominating Committee
 - a. Joe is not here.
 - b. Committee has nominated Michael Middleton (Utah) and Jacob Stutzman (Oklahoma City) for Vice-President (2013-2015)
 - c. No nominations from the floor.

- c. Tournament Director
 - a. Glenn is not here
 - b. Seems to be everything in order
 - c. Invitation needs to come out earlier
- d. Other reports
 - i. Tournament Host: Bates
 - 1. Reminder that in order for Pacific to host the 2013 NPDA, there had to be some stipulations. There are included here as a reminder.
 - a. All competitors will wear clearly identifying name badges/lanyards so that they may be easily identified.
 - b. All buildings will be supervised by staff paid for and trained by the tournament staff. They will be assigned a liaison with Pacific as well.
 - c. All preparation rooms will be assigned to individual teams. A contract will be signed by each school's Director of Forensics (or the proper legal designee). This contract will stipulate that the competitors from the assigned school must keep the room clean and that the school will be billed for any damages done to the room.
 - d. A Code of Conduct will be distributed and signed by each competitor. Any competitor that causes damages or is otherwise excessively disruptive will be disciplined, up to and including expulsion from the tournament.
 - e. We will have paid and trained staff to be roving monitors during the execution of the tournament. This will be in addition to the building management staff.
 - 2. Everything is ready and awaiting teams

IV. Action Items

- a. Bound over from the Spring Meeting
 - i. Student Eligibility Change
 - 1. Amendment made for Novice Nationals
 - 2. Amendment made for intercollegiate
 - 3. Main Motion passed unanimously
 - ii. Drug Free Policy Amendment
 - 1. Discussion ensued
 - a. Discussion was that people need to be regulated
 - b. Some discussion about how this also includes use of alcohol and that this would be problematic
 - c. Discussion on the behavior of students and judges
 - d. How would the host institution rules function?
 - e. Discussion about cooperation with local authorities should happen
 - f. Also, it is concerned that we do need to do something to protect NPDA
 - g. Amendment to the motion regarding alcohol use in proper place was passed
 - h. Discussion concerning enforcement

- i. Specifically, the president deciding additional sanctions
- ii. Discussion sending letters to offenders admin
- i. Amendment as to the additional sanctions was made.
 - i. President was changed to Executive Council
 - ii. Amendment was passed.
- j. Amendment that shifted determination of violation of the rules to campus authorities/law enforcement
 - i. Passed unanimously
- k. Amendment on striking Section C of the penalty section
 - i. Discussion on the fact that this needed to be there
 - ii. Discussion on the fact that this could lead to programs being cut and that
 - iii. Discussion about controlling students as “adults.”
 - iv. Amendment failed

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- b. Amendment to student division guidelines- Marlin Bates (Univ. of the Pacific)
 - i. Amendment to change junior to four
 - ii. Amendment passed
 - iii. Main motion passed
 - c. Amendment to student eligibility guidelines
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 1637
 - b. Attendees
 - i. Ben Reid McKendree
 - ii. Jacob Stutzman Oklahoma City Univ.
 - iii. Dan Schabot Lower Columbia
 - iv. Terry Rogers Casper College
 - v. Aaron Donaldson University of Denver
 - vi. Rebecca Sietman Wheaton College
 - vii. Mike Middleton Utah
 - viii. Matthew Swanson San Diego State
 - ix. Bob Becker Northwest College
 - x. Marlin Bates University of the Pacific
 - xi. Brent Northup Carroll College

ACTION ITEMS

*NOTA BENE: Items below are written **AS PASSED**, please see agenda for original form.*

Amendment to NPDA Bylaws regarding student eligibility.

Section VI. D. 1. b. & c. as well as 2. a-c.

- D. For tournament directors who desire definitions of novice and junior, the NPDA suggests the following guidelines:
 1. To be classified as a novice:
 - a. The student should have no high school debate experience.
 - b. The student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate. This means competing at one or more tournaments during two semesters.
 - c. Once the student has advanced to elimination rounds 3 times, the student should be advanced to the junior or open division.
 2. To be classified as junior varsity:
 - a. The student should be in the first four semesters of intercollegiate debate. This means competing at one or more tournaments during four semesters.
 - b. The student should not have advanced to elimination rounds more than 3 times in junior or open division.
 - c. Once the student has advanced to three elimination rounds, the student should be advanced to open.

Action Items from Spring 2012 Meeting

1. Amendment to NPDA Bylaws regarding student eligibility.

Add the following to Section VI., A.

6. A current or former competitor who judges any OPEN/Senior division form of intercollegiate debate shall forfeit any remaining eligibility to participate in NPDA tournaments and NPDA National Championships. Judging at the Novice National Tournament is considered a novice level debate.

2. Amendment regarding drug policy

IX. Drug Free Statement

A. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance as defined by the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 while on property owned and/or operated by the host institution for the NPDA national tournament is prohibited.

B. The distribution, possession, or use of alcohol in violation of a host institution's policies or procedures while on property operated and/or owned by the host institution is prohibited.

C. Upon determination by campus authorities and/or law enforcement that these rules have been violated, the following penalties will be assessed:

1. The first offense will result in the disqualification of the competitor from the current tournament and prohibited entry into the subsequent national tournament. In the case of a judge, the individual will be removed from the current tournament and prohibited from judging the subsequent national tournament. In the case of an observer, the individual will be removed from the current tournament.

2. On the second offense, the competitor will be disqualified from the current tournament and prohibited entry into all subsequent national tournaments. In the case of a judge, the individual will be removed from the current tournament and prohibited from judging in all subsequent national tournaments. In the case of an observer, the individual will be removed from the current tournament and prohibited from attending all subsequent national tournaments.

3. Depending on the nature of the incident, the Executive Council may issue a written reprimand to be sent to the Director, Dean and/or Provost of the associated institution, the removal of NPDA points, or the suspension of a program from membership in NPDA.