

## Minutes of the March 21, 1997 NPDA Business Meeting at the NPDA Championships at The Colorado College

President Trapp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Mike Ingram gave the Executive Secretary's report.

a. 197 schools from 25 states and British Columbia participated in 82 tournaments this season. 59 of those schools were community colleges.

b. The Executive Committee decided to sanction all tournaments that had six teams from three different schools. For the 1997-98 year all tournaments will have to be sanctioned by sending forms to the Executive Secretary.

c. Ingram asked for colleagues to report their tournaments in a more timely fashion. Several tournaments took over three months to submit their results.

d. Ingram thanked Brian Shipley of Willamette for his work on the spreadsheet for the standings, and officially announced that Robert Trapp will serve as president of NPDA for another two year term. Ingram thanked Al Johnson for his service as treasurer and announced that Brent Northup of Carroll College will serve a two year term as treasurer.

2. Al Johnson gave the Treasurer's report. There were 103 members of NPDA as of registration. NPDA has about \$4000 in reserves and should break even on the tournament.

3. Robert Trapp called for nominations for the 1998-2000 Executive Secretary position. Nominations are due to Trapp before the November Speech Communication Association meeting in Chicago.

4. Robert Trapp seeks nominations for colleagues to serve as regional representatives on the Executive Committee. One representative from each of the following regions is sought: California, Rocky Mountain, Midwest, and South/East. A representative from the Pacific Northwest is not sought this year given that all three officers next year will hail from that region. Colleagues should submit names to Trapp.

5. Dave Williams of Texas Tech reported on site preparations for coming to Lubbock "its just like Dallas" Texas next year. The final date of the tournament has not yet been set. Trapp hopes to conflict with the weekend of CEDA/NDT tournaments in the future instead of Pi Kappa Delta. A motion to advise the Executive Committee to consider the ***March 20-21, 1998 date was passed unanimously.***

6. Renea Gernant reported on the work of the Sexual Harassment committee. The written policy will suggest conflict resolution ideas and not just punitive or vindictive actions. The document is modeled after CEDA policies and EEOC regulations. Gernant reported that sexual harassment has been reported at NPDA tournaments and spoke of the need for the organization to have a written policy in place. The document will be voted on in November at the SCA meeting.

7. John Meany of the Claremont Colleges has a list of international contacts for debating abroad. He has some ideas about obtaining cheap airline tickets.

8. Trapp moderated a discussion of whether NPDA should continue its affiliation with the Irish Series. Trapp will contact the Irish Times to continue the discussion.

9. Bylaw amendments 1 + 2 passed unanimously. Extensive discussion of amend 3 followed and that motion failed:

Amendment 1- to By-law IV: The NPDA shall be responsible for holding a National Parliamentary Debate Tournament/Convention in March or April of each year. These tournaments should have 8 preliminary rounds and offer elimination for **all teams with 5-3 record or better up to a maximum of 64 teams.**

Amendment 2- to By-law VIII, Section 1: unless hosted by a national or regional organization whose rules specify invitation of members only, the tournament shall be open to all members of NPDA and **must be included-in the NPDA calendar. The NPDA calendar will be prepared no later than June 1 by the Executive Secretary based on applications submitted from tournament hosts. The Executive Secretary may prepare addenda to the NPDA calendar later in the debate season.**

Amendment 3- to Section IV of the by-laws to add the following as section a: **Each NPDA member school is allowed to enter one team at the Championship tournament. In addition to this team, member schools are allowed to enter additional teams provided that prior to the deadline for entry to the NPDA Championship Tournament, both members of each additional team have qualified for elimination rounds in senior or open divisions of three NPDA sanctioned tournaments.**

10. Trapp moderated a discussion of high school outreach. A committee was approved to investigate what role parliamentary debate plays or could play in high school debate. John Meany of Claremont and Dave Williams of Texas Tech agreed to serve.

11. Trapp moderated a discussion of Steve Johnson's ideas on topic areas. Members should expect a formal proposal from Steve at the November SCA meeting. Some arguments for topic area include better research will lead to better argumentation and better debates, and research happens now among the stronger students. Some arguments against the topic include a fear of "canned cases," and concern of NPDA debate ending up like CEDA/NDT. All members are invited to send ideas to Steve Johnson and to be prepared for another discussion at SCA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by Mike Ingram, Executive Secretary.

Schools present: Bethany Lutheran, Bethel College (KS), Black Hills State University, Carroll College, Claremont Colleges, Colorado College, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado State University, Concordia College, Creighton University, Fresno City College, Fresno State University, Humboldt State University, Lincoln University (MO), Macalester College, McKendree College, Metro State University (CO), Modesto Junior College, Northwest College (WA), Point Loma Nazarene College, Portland Comm College, Red Rocks Comm College, Rice University, San Joaquin Delta College, Texas Tech, University of Alaska-Anchorage, University of British Columbia, University of Denver, University of Florida, University of Nevada-Reno, University of Southern Colorado, Washburn University, Whitworth College, Willamette University, William & Mary.