

**National Christian College Forensics Association**  
**Annual Coaches Meeting 2016**  
**Point Loma Nazarene University**

I. Started the meeting at 12:49pm

Introductions

II. Reports

Skip: Keep the prep rooms clean all day

Reports: Jay: Came in December to do a site visit

Julie: \$22000 collected in fees

Michael: Thanks for going above commitment in judging.

Tournament expenses: \$28, 000

Gifts and food were more expensive this year

III. Approval of the minutes from 2015: All approved of the minutes from 2015 meeting.

IV. Bid for 2017 from Barry from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ.

Proposed Date: March 24 – 26, 2017. President and Campus hotel on board with hosting the tournament. Shuttles will be running to and from hotel in the day. Hotel costs \$79 a night.

It was moved and accepted for Grand Canyon to host.

V. Elections:

President, Jay Bourne was nominated, voted and accepted by the body.

Western Representative, Mike Ingram was nominated, voted, and accepted by the Western body.

Eastern Representative, Jon Loging, was nominated, voted, and accepted by the Eastern body.

VI. Proposals:

1. Adding IPDA to the constitution when it talks about debate. This is making the constitution changes to match the current practice. Moved to adopt the cleaning up of the document to add IPDA. Voted on and accepted.

2. Adding three divisions of both IEs and Debate. Moved to adopt this proposal to change to the practice. Accepted.

3. A. Add IPDA to awards given and coding how we give out awards to clarify speaker awards. Moved and accepted.

B.Keep Parliamentary debate speaker awards at 10 or top 50% and add IPDA and LD speaker awards to give the top 5 speakers in open and 3 in novice or top 20%.  
Proposal accepted by the body.

4. Proposed changed on eligibility from four to five years of competing at our national tournament. Moved and accepted.

5. Discussion on needing a requirement for schools to be able to cover at least half of their entry. There seems to be a lack of judges. Skip said there are many judges Point Loma has brought in, but it has not been enough to cover all the schools' entries. It is particularly rough for those rounds that are flighted.

Could we do a block schedule instead so that judges can commit to a block of time instead of all day or weekend. NFA is looking at restructuring the schedule. They are focused on the sustainability of the tournament. That is an important factor for us as well. It is not just about judging but also who can host. One idea is that you can require a certain percentage of covering your competitors and then schools can appeal to the President and/or TD. Judges need to be able to watch varied forms of debate. Discounts could be offered if judges will judge beyond their commitment.

We used to recognize this as a national tournament and therefore entries should be done way in advance so we know where we stand in terms of judges, etc. An email could be sent a month or so in advance to make arrangements and know team numbers.

Sent to exec. committee to draft wording and do an email vote of what we should do for the next tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.