

**Business Meeting**  
**National Christian College Forensics Association**  
**Cedarville University**  
**Sunday, March 7, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**I. Opening**

Skip Rutledge opened the annual meeting at 12:34 PM. Michael Marse prayed and then everyone introduced themselves. Attendance and information sheet was passed around. There were 24 institutions represented. Skip Rutledge thanked everyone for being there. He also welcomed the new the new schools to NCCFA: Liberty, Regent, and Covenant.

**II. Reports**

A. President Report

He recognized sponsors for donating gifts and money for the national tournament. Thanks to Regent University, Trinity University, and Bethel University for their generosity.

Skip explained the overall individual award (speech and debate) and individual speech award (speech). There was a desire to recognize people who were involved with multiple speaking events as well as debate. So, these awards were created to recognize the top speaker in novice and senior in speech only and then a separate award for multiple speaking events plus debate.

There was an emergency executive council meeting on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to establish the NCCFA as a business and obtain an employer identification number. In order to do so, we had to amend the constitution to include a description of the executive officers' duties. The members of the executive council voted to approve the amendment. The NCCFA now has a bank account and is now an identified organization.

B. Tournament Director

Konrad Hack is encouraged by the number of schools entered and the number of entries. He then explained tabulation with tie-breaks. We are following the AFA tie-breaking procedures which includes dropping the lowest rank after checking all three ranks and rates.

Instead of handing out hard copies, the 2010 National tournament cums will be posted online by the end of the tournament. They are listed at [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net) and on the NCCFA website.

A question was asked about why only 5 broke to finals in Novice Faith Literature. There were only 10 competitors in the event, so they broke half.

This is Konrad Hack's last year as director.

C. Tournament Host

1. Derrick Green, Cedarville 2010 host thanked everyone for coming. There were more entries and schools than anticipated. There were issues with lunch and banquet catering, because Cedarville was on spring break. Derrick was able to find an outside group to do boxed lunches and cater the banquet on Sunday night. There were also snacks, water, and pizza.

2. Amy Jung – 2011 NCCFA national championship at Azusa Pacific University. Amy handed out a packet of information to every school that included information about Azusa, hotels, airports nearby (Ontario being the closest), and other attractions in the area. The tournament hotel is still pending. NCCFA 2011 is March 11 – 13<sup>th</sup>.

D. Secretary

Brooke Adamson stated that the minutes from the 2009 business meeting at Biola University were posted on the website last spring and have been available to read and review.

The changes to the Constitution explaining the duties of the officers in the emergency executive council meeting yesterday, March 6, 2010 were made and changed in the Constitution document on the website as well. Most of the descriptions of the duties were borrowed from the AFA descriptions.

Minutes from today's meeting will be posted as soon as possible.

E. Treasurer

Reported on the financial health and stability of the organization. There is a desired transparency for all members to know the expenses of the tournament and the organization. We are still working on the transferring of funds from the former account.

Julie Welker then handed out an income expense report, which included the income from tournament fees, tournament expenditures, and pending sponsorships.

All hired judges need to report to Konrad Hack and Julie Welker to sign forms and so we can keep one consistent list.

If you know rich people, tell them to donate to NCCFA!

## II. Elections

- A. President:  
Skip Rutledge from Point Loma University ran and won unopposed to be re-elected as NCCFA President.
- B. Webmaster:  
It was discovered that we have overlooked electing the Webmaster for the NCCFA. Michael Dreher from Bethel University ran and won unopposed for the position of Webmaster.
- C. Tournament Director:  
The position of Tournament Director was a close race with three directors running for the position: Erick Roebuck from John Brown University, Rebecca Sietman from Wheaton College, Jason Stahl from Belmont University, and Michael Dreher from Bethel University. Winning in a run-off election was Rebecca Sietman from Wheaton College.
- D. Eastern District Representative (Bryan Moore's position):  
Bryan Moore from Concordia-Nebraska and Steven Jones from Grove City College ran to represent the Eastern District. Steven Jones won and joins Ann Lawson as an Eastern District Representative.
- E. Western District Representative (Mike Marse's position):  
Mike Marse from California Baptist University was re-elected to represent the Western District. He joins Shannon Scott as a Western District Representative.

## III. Business

- A. Old Business:  
Motion to bring 2009 Business Meeting minutes to a vote. The minutes were voted on and approved.

### Meal Plans: **Allow some schools to not buy meal plans**

Schools attending NCCFI who are located within 100 miles of the host school (Amended to be open to everyone) should have the option to opt-out of the meal plan requirements of NCCFI on a student-by-student basis. Those schools should be required to pay a separate banquet fee for those who opt-out of the meal plan, but should be given the ability to report to the host school the number of students attending the banquet, in order for the host school to properly plan for the banquet. Those reports should be due to the host school no later than the last day of allowed drops according to the invitation for that year.

Reasoning: Schools within this range may have students who drive themselves and/or arrive and leave for their rounds only. Since those students will not be using the meals in any case, this becomes a question of stewardship of Christian resources. Since the banquet funding should not be affected by the location of NCCFI, the banquet fee should remain for all competitors/judges.

Likely impact: When the NCCFI is hosted in Southern California, this will lead to less students utilizing the meal plan. This should also increase the funding for the banquet, and an increase in overall entries in those same instances, hopefully leading to greater competitive excellence. This would also occur in other areas of the country if a large NCCFA school is located close to another. The downside would be less inter-school bonding during meals, and a possible increase in lower-quality entries. (Submitted by Michael Marse)

(Moved to send to a committee last year in the interest of time)

Discussion:

- If budget is stopping people from coming, then food could be done for a discounted price.
- There is a risk of people getting food without paying for it.
- If enough people opt out, we may not meet the minimum to get food for the tournament.
- Seems like most people will not have time to go somewhere else for food during the tournament.

\*Motion does not pass. Nays carry.

B. New Business:

1. Proposal: "Asking that as long as NFA-LD is offered at the Nationals Tournament, a member of the tournament or NCCFA staff arrange an e-mail case list of schools who plan on attending. There should be no requirement to participate and no punishment for not participating. This is only to increase education and transparency between teams and debaters." (Submitted by Michael Marse)

Discussion:

- Would be helpful for people who are just learning NFA-LD to have cases posted.
- Not all would want to post or not have their cases ready in time to post.
- People still might be penalized if they don't post.

\*Motion does not pass. Nays carry.

2. Future Hosts Discussion: Interests have been indicated at times by Kansas-Wesleyan University (Kansas), Wheaton College (Illinois), Regent University (Virginia), California Baptist University (California).

There was some discussion on whether it would be harmful to have the tournament in California two years in a row. Although it was expressed that it was good to alternate years from East to West regions, if California Baptist or another Western school hosted in 2012, it would be okay. There was an interest on getting more specific information on what is needed and expected from institutions to host the NCCFA National Championship. Crafting documents and posting on the website will be done soon.