

TO: Members of PSCFA

FROM: Stephanie Fleming, Executive Secretary

RE: Minutes from Fall Coaches Conference, September 9-11, 2011.

- I. Introductions: The meeting was held at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. PSCFA President Mike Marse called the meeting to order.
- II. The Financial Report was presented and approved. The organization continues to lose money. Several factors including the increase in pay for hired judges without increases fees and the cost of Scholar's plaques has contributed to a loss of revenue.
- III. Proposals were presented by Stephanie Fleming from the Finance and Administration Committee:
 - A. Change section V, sub point D in special awards.

From: "Awards will be presented at Spring Championships. The cost of the plaque (\$15) shall be included in the fees for the School."

To: "Awards will be presented at Spring Championships. Students may receive a certificate or plaque. The total cost of the plaque shall be included in the fees for the school. The price of the plaque will be announced in the tournament invitation for Spring Champs. If schools do not wish to pay for the plaques, the students from that school may choose to receive certificates at no cost. When nominating students for the award, the school must indicate if their students would like to receive certificates or plaques." **Passed**

- B. Strike "\$600 for Warm-Up" from section VI: Responsibilities of the Tournament Host, sub point E. This change will eliminate wellness for judges and coaches at the Warm Up. **Passed**
- C. Change section II. FEES, sub point A2.

From:

2. Fall/Spring Champs \$10.00 for 1-5 students
(Snacks for students) \$15.00 for 6-10 students
(As of Tuesday, 6 P.M.) \$20.00 for 11+ students

To:

2. Fall/Spring Champs Wellness:
\$10.00 for 1-5 students, \$15.00 for 6-10 students, \$20.00 for 11-15 students,
\$25.00 for 16-20 students, \$30.00 for 21-25 students, \$35.00 for 26-30 students,
\$40.00 for 31-35 students, \$45.00 for 36-40 students, \$50.00 for 41-45 students
\$55.00 for 46-50 students, \$60.00 for 51-55 students, \$65.00 for 56-60 students
\$70.00 for 61-65 students, \$75.00 for 66-70 students, \$80.00 for 71-75 students
\$85.00 for 76-80 students, \$90.00 for 81-85 students, \$95.00 for 86-90 students
\$100.00 for 91-96 students, \$105.00 for 97-100 students **Passed**

D. Change Section II: Fees, sub point A3-8

From:

3. Individual Events \$6.00 per entry slot
4. Duo Interpretation \$12.00 per team
5. LD Debate \$10.00
6. Team Debate \$20.00
7. Readers Theater \$20.00
8. Rookie Debate \$20.00

To:

3. Individual Events \$7.00 per entry slot
4. Duo Interpretation \$14.00 per team
5. LD Debate \$11.00
6. Team Debate \$22.00
7. Readers Theater \$22.00
8. Rookie Debate \$22.00

Passed

E. Change Section II: Fees, sub point C2

From:

2. Student No-Show fees

“\$10 per individual event slot, \$20.00 per debate or Readers Theater entry will be assessed. “

To:

“20 per individual event slot, \$40 per debate or Readers Theater entry will be assessed.”

Passed

F. Eliminate the phrase “The winner of the event will receive a \$100 scholarship at the Fall and Spring Championships (not at the WarmUp or Cool-Off)” from the event description for Cultural Artifact. **Passed**

G. The following proposal with a friendly amendment made by Gary Rybold to eliminate the sentence that is crossed out and a second friendly amendment by Jeff Archibald that is in italics.

Change Section II: Fees, sub point B

From:

B. Judging Fees

1. Individual Events

\$12.00 per uncovered individual event slot.

2. Debate and Readers Theater

There are no judging fees for Readers Theater and Debate. Schools must bring sufficient judges to cover their commitment or they cannot enter. Exception: Each school is responsible for providing at least one judge to cover their first two debate or Readers Theater entries, and may, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, and based on the availability of judges for hire, pay \$75 if approved by the Tournament Director and \$100 if unapproved by the Tournament Director .

To:

B. Judging Fees

1. Individual Events

\$14.00 per uncovered individual event slot.

2. Debate and Readers Theater

\$ 25.00 for NFA-LD and \$75.00 for Readers Theater and Debate. Schools may only have uncovered NFA-LD, Readers Theater or Debate entries with Tournament Director Approval. ~~If unapproved by the Tournament Director, the fee for NFA LD will be \$50.00 and the \$100.00 for Readers Theater and Debate.~~ *If a team or NFA LD speaker becomes uncovered after the Wednesday deadline, it becomes the Tournament Director's discretion to either drop the team or charge a fee of \$50 for NFA LD and \$100 for Reader's Theater and Debate.* **Passed**

- H. The creation of a committee, with volunteer members appointed by the president that will explore the financial options of donations and sponsorship for PSCFA. **Passed**
Danny Cantrell volunteered to chair the committee.

IV. Proposals were presented by Liana Koepfel from the New Ideas Committee:

- A. The first proposal had not been recommended by committee because the committee ran out of time and did not discuss the issue. The proposal's author, Gary Rybold, was given the opportunity to make the motion from the floor. The discussion on the proposal, to add Parli LD to Fall and Spring Champs, was suspended until after the proposed schedule change was discussed.
"PSCFA will adopt Parli LD as an experimental event for one year. Parli LD will only be offered after all sweepstakes eligible events have been assigned the available rooms. If necessary, the Tournament Director will follow waitlist and limited entry procedures. Event will not count toward sweepstakes as mandated by PSCFA policy regarding experimental events." **Passed**
- B. In the PSCFA By-Laws, Section 9, Fall Meetings, the words from "The schedule would be as follows" - through the entire schedule ending with "Voting Business Meeting" should be struck. As a replacement, the By-Laws should include:
"The Vice-President shall solicit bids for the annual coaches conference, which would include the length, schedule, and general structure of the conference. Those bids shall be presented at the spring coach's meeting, and one will be selected by the coaches present by a vote." **Failed**
- C. To change the schedule for the 2012 Coaches Conference from 3 days to 1 day. **Failed**
- D. Presidents shall be able to make time adjustments within each day as deemed necessary. **Passed**

- E. Add the following to the list of Host Responsibilities:
“The Tournament Host of any league tournament should keep all unclaimed ballots for two weeks after the end of the tournament, in order that the school that did not pick up their ballots can make arrangements at their own expense to collect the ballots.” **Passed**
- F. The schedule for Fall and Spring Champs will change from:
- Friday:
- 12:00 – 2:15 Debate Registration
 - 2:15 Topic Announce for Rounds 1 & 2
 - 3:00 – 3:45 NPDA Rd 1
 - 4:00 – 4:45 NPDA Rd 2
 - 4:55 Topic Announce for Rd 3
 - 5:15 – 6:00 NPDA Rd 3
 - 6:10 Topic Announce for Rd 4
 - 6:30 – 7:15 NPDA Rd 4
 - 7:30 Rookie Awards
- Saturday
- 8:00 – 8:45 NFA LD Rd 1
 - 9:00 - 9:45 NFA LD Rd 2
 - 10:00 – 10:45 NFA LD Rd 3
 - 11:00 Topic Announce for Rd 5
 - 11:20 – 12:05 NPDA Rd 5
 - 12:20 – 1:05 NFA LD Rd 4
 - 1:20 Topic Announce for Round 6
 - 1:40 – 2:25 NPDA Round 6
 - 2:45 – 3:30 NFA LD Bronze Round
 - 3:45 Topic Announce for Elim 1
 - 4:05 – 4:50 NPDA Elim 1
 - 5:05 – 5:50 NFA LD Final Rd
 - 6:00 Topic Announce for Elim 2
 - 6:20 – 7:05 NPDA Elim 2
 - 7:15 Debate Awards
- Sunday
- TBA NPDA Elim 3 (Senior Division only)
 - TBA NPDA Elim 4 (Senior Division Only)
 - 8:00 – 8:45 IE Drop Period
 - 8:45 Extemp Draw
 - 9:00 – 10:15 Pattern A Rd 1 □ 11 □
 - 10:30 – 11:45 Pattern B Rd 1
 - 11:45 Extemp Draw
 - 12:00 – 1:15 Pattern A Rd 2
 - 1:15 – 2:30 Pattern B Rd 2
 - 2:30 Extemp Draw
 - 2:45 – 4:15 Pattern A Finals
 - 4:15 – 5:45 Pattern B Finals
 - 6:15 (or ASAP) Awards

To:

Friday:

1:00 NFA-LD Round I

Rookie Parli Round I

2:00 NFA-LD Round II

Rookie Parli Round II

3:00 NFA-LD Round III

Rookie Parli Round III

4:00 NFA-LD Round IV

Rookie Parli Round IV

5:30 NFA-LD Bronze Round

6:30 NFA-LD Gold Round

Note: Rounds 3 & 4 will be lag power matched.

Saturday:

8:15am - Check-in

8:30am - Topic Announce for Rounds 1 & 2

9:15am – NPDA Round 1

10:30am – NPDA Round 2

12:00pm – NPDA Round 3

1:30pm – NPDA Round 4

3:30pm – NPDA Bronze Round for Nov. & Jr., Octos for Sr.

5:00pm - NPDA Gold/Silver Round for Nov. & Jr., Quarters for Sr.

6:30pm – Awards & NPDA Semis for Sr.

8:00pm – NPDA Finals for Senior

Sunday:

8:00 – 8:45 IE Drop Period

8:45 Extemp Draw

9:00 – 10:15 Pattern A Rd 1 □ 11 □

10:30 – 11:45 Pattern B Rd 1

11:45 Extemp Draw

12:00 – 1:15 Pattern A Rd 2

1:15 – 2:30 Pattern B Rd 2

2:30 Extemp Draw

2:45 – 4:15 Pattern A Finals

4:15 – 5:45 Pattern B Finals

6:15 (or ASAP) Awards

** Rank to 4 in IE's

There was discussion concerning NPTE points. **Passed**

- G. A proposal presented at the committee meeting was not recommended but did lead to the a proposal from the floor to add language to FRED.

Original proposal:

As the coaches of PSCFA, we would like to discourage the use of the word "kid" or "kids" when referring to the students on our teams. While there is no specific item in the handbook of PSCFA referring to this issue, we believe that as a "best practice" this particular rhetorical term should not be used in that context.

- H. Proposal for wording to be added to FRED:
Judges are encouraged to utilize respectful language when referring to students on ballots. **Passed**

V. Announcements/Discussion

- A. Karen Nishie presented a report from the discussion panel that addressed how to deal with problematic student behavior. Several suggestions were listed and Karen will email the list of suggestions to the community.
- B. Amy Jung presented a list of ideas from the discussion panel that addressed less expensive alternatives for trophies. She listed several alternatives, including certificates, and explained that we should discuss the use of these alternatives with our students.
- C. Matt Grisat gave an update about the uploading of PSCFA videos on vimeo and the website. He explained that the videos are available on vimeo or that you can email him at mattgrisat@yahoo.com for links.

A discussion developed addressing concerns over copyright law and posting oral interpretation performances. Specifically, a concern that AFA and NFA do not videotape interp events. Matt explained that the law allows for the use of videos for educational purposes.

A proposal was made to "Remove all interpretation event performances from the PSCFA website and vimeo until a committee created by the President can make a recommendation at the 2012 PSCFA Coaches Conference." **Passed**

Karen Nishie suggested that we should express our gratitude for the work done by Matt Grisat.

- D. Danny Cantrell made a proposal from the floor:
To strike the sentence "All individual event ballots come in three colors: White=Senior Division, Pink=Junior Division, and Blue= Novice and Rookie Division. Appropriate Debate and Readers Theater ballots that have been approved by PSCFA shall be used." **Passed**
- E. An announcement was made that the tournament calendar is available on the website. Any changes or corrections should be emailed to the Executive Secretary immediately. Gary Rybold announced that the November 11 IVC tournament has been cancelled.

- F. An announcement was made that officer contact info is available on the PSCFA website. If members want a message sent to the PSCFA community, they can send the email to the Executive Secretary and the Secretary will forward the email.
- G. Jim Wyman was thanked for hosting the Conference. Mike Marse was thanked for organizing the Conference.

Meeting was adjourned.