

Minutes of the NFC Coach Meeting

At Gonzaga, Sept. 9, 2000

Coaches attending: Steven Hunt, Lewis & Clark; Ed Inch, PLU; Amanda Feller, PLU; James Banks, Willamette; Peter Mohn, Oregon; Nick Lougee, Oregon; Rick Peacor, Oregon; Glen Frappier, Gonzaga; Marty Most, Boise State; Jeff Stoppenhagen, Boise State; Tiffany Seeley, College of Southern Idaho; Chris Bragg, College of Southern Idaho; Clella Jaffe, George Fox; Gary Gillespie, Northwest College Seattle; Camille DeBlasi, Northwest College Seattle; Sam Mathies, Pacific; Al Golden, Linfield; Jim Hanson, Whitman; Beth Hewes, Lewis-Clark State; Craig Rickett, Spokane Falls; Dennis Waller, Northwest Nazarene; Eric Slusher, Gonzaga; Brent Northup, Carroll.

Election Report:

Officers for 2000-2001 are: Brent Northup, president; Craig Rickett, community college rep; Rick Peacor, at large rep; Glen Frappier, policy rep; Steve Johnson, parli rep; Sam Mathies, NIET rep; CHECK THIS BN

Budget report:

Balance of \$783.28 as of Sept. 9, 2000.

Presidential Mea Culpa:

All Conference team was not completed by NFC secretary because of lost records; this will be completed this semester; **coach awards** not completed at Whitman tournament; this will be completed this semester also.

Designated Tournament Reports:

Lewis & Clark: passed out entry; extra prep time for policy teams; novice can enter one per pattern; junior/senior two per pattern; make hotel reservations early.

U of Oregon: experimental event on "forensics criticism" will be added. Students can enter the experimental event in addition to "two per pattern" in other events; The event is a 10 minute memorized speech offering constructive criticism of some aspect of forensics competition; novice parli will have a topic area to be announced later.

Western Washington not present; sent a one-page summary of their tournament.

Whitman brought a copy of their entry; students who are not competing may be used as judges in emergency situations;

Other tournament reports:

Pi Kap National Tournament at Boise State, March 28 through April 1. Schools welcome to join PKD for \$75 and compete in this tournament. Community colleges are welcome and can become members.

Judge philosophy:

Send to Brent Northup for posting on the NFC web site: { HYPERLINK

<http://www.carroll.edu/forensics/NFC> }www.carroll.edu/forensics/NFC

Policy Discussions (tamest in conferest history...)

Novice and junior eligibility:

A discussion was held without new policies. Some of what was said: novice definitions vary from organization to organization – NDT, NPDA, CEDA; there needs to be a consciousness-raising so that coaches enter students in appropriate divisions;

Division I, Division II, Division III

A proposal from Trischa Knapp was discussed and unanimously tabled. That proposal would have changed the way schools were assigned to divisions.

A new committee was formed to continue studying this issue. The committee is chaired by Al Golden.

A new committee was formed to examine novice, junior, open divisions. This committee is chaired by Jim Hanson with Brent Northup also serving on the committee.

Community College presence in the Designated Tab Rooms.

Craig Rickett, community college representative, reminded coaches of the "aspiration" passed some time ago to include community college coaches in the tab rooms of tournaments. This was another "consciousness-raising" suggestion, without changes in policy.

IE Finals Proposal:

A bylaw change was passed insuring that the number of students in the final round senior division of an individual event is equal to or greater than the number of NIET legs given in the event.

Proxy voting

There was discussion of how to handle proxy voting at NFC meetings. Brent Northup agreed to study the issue and report back with how it is handled in other organizations.

Coaching during prep

A lengthy, cordial discussion was held concerning the practice of "coaching parliamentary debaters during their prep time." Every coach, in turn, expressed their position on this issue. The positions ranged from opposition to any contact to support for actually assisting in preparation for the debate. Informally, there appeared to be a strong majority opposing a ban on contact during prep time, but there were also many coaches who would limit/restrict what could be said in such circumstances (giving directions to buildings is fine; defining FAST TRACK might be OK; writing a case for the team might not be fine; and so forth)

Organizational Reports

CEDA. Jim Hanson.

New Northwest CEDA rep being chosen soon; Whitman has formed a database of all U.S. debate programs for use by high school students and others. It can be accessed from the Whitman web page [whitman/rhetoric/forensics/forensics friends](http://whitman/rhetoric/forensics/forensics%20friends).

NDT. Glen Frappier

NDT/CEDA is now one community with a common topic. "We are excited with the direction of policy debate. We are going in the right direction. We have 31 teams indicating they will attend the fall scrimmage at Gonzaga."

NIET. Sam Mathies

District tournament will be held Sunday, March 4, at Willamette University – following the Hatfield Debates.

Workshops on individual events will be held at the Lewis & Clark Tournament.

Schools are encouraged to join NIET – send \$20 to Sam Mathies before December 1.

CANADA. Brent Northup

Schools are encouraged to attend Canadian tournaments. The University of British Columbia Tournament will be held January 26-28. Saskatchewan is also in January.

PKD. Jeff Stoppenhagen.

PKD officers:

Here are the officers for 2000-2002 for PKD Province of the Great West

Governor Jeff Stoppenhagen, BSU

Lt. Governor Michael Bartanen, PLU

Student Lt. Gov Jennifer Nott, Linfield

Student Sec/Treas. Autumn Brackley, LCSC

All are invited to join PKD for \$75 and attend the national tournament at Boise State March 28-April 1.

DSRTKA. March 17-19 at Colorado College.

Phi Rho Pi.

Nationals in Portland was a success. Next nationals is April 9-15.

Portland Debate League

Successful last year and may be repeated.

World competition

Scotland's Parliamentary World Championships are December 27- January 4.

Academic Search Engine

Rick Peacor is working on a project to create an academic search engine allacademic.com

Prayers

Marilyn Thompson of Nazarene is awaiting a kidney transplant

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.....an all-time record.

Minutes kept by Brent Northup, NFC president