

Minutes NFC Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011
Pacific Lutheran University

1. Thank you to Melissa for hosting.
2. Introductions of all coaches:
Chris Pierini, University of Washington; Steven Woods, Western; Sarah Hamid, University of Oregon; Brad Krupicka, Lewis & Clark; Letha Quinn, Northwest Nazarene; Brooke Adamson, Northwest Nazarene; Malynda Bjerregaard, Snow; Beth Hewes, CSI; Craig Rickett, Spokane Falls; Mike Ingram, Whitworth; Gary Gillespie, Northwest University; Greg Young, Humboldt State; Robert Trapp, Willamette University; Melissa Franke, PLU; Manda Hicks, Boise State; Mark Porrovecchio, Oregon State University; David Maile, Pacific; Dan Broyles, Pacific; Jackson Miller, Linfield; Brent Northup, Carroll.

3. Introduction of officers
President.....Brent Northup, Carroll (expires May 2013)
NFC At-Large Representative.....Jackson Miller, Linfield (ends May 2012)
Community College Rep.....Dave Kosloski, Clark (ends May 2012)
NIET rep.....Mark Porrovecchio, Oregon State (ends May 2012)
CEDA/NDT rep.....Open
Parli Rep:Sarah Hamid of Oregon
IPDA Reps.....Jeff Stoppenhagen, Boise State & Mark Porrovecchio, Oregon State

Web master: Beth Hewes, CSI

4. Budget Report

Cash on hand, Sept 6, 2011: \$4457.19
Cash on Hand, Sept. 6, 2010: \$3734.92
Cash on Hand, Sept. 11, 2009: \$2742.37
Cash on hand, Sept. 3, 2008: \$2507.63
Cash on hand, Sept. 8, 2007: \$3090.68
Cash on hand, Sept. 8, 2006: \$3005.73
Cash on hand, Sept. 9, 2005: \$3417.74
Cash on hand, Sept. 9, 2004: \$1743.44
Cash on hand, August 25, 2003: \$1182.34
Cash on hand, August 31, 2002: \$1221.20
Cash on hand, August 31, 2001: \$1498.55

5. Calendar updates.

Calendar corrections.

Tournament reports:

Designateds:

Linfield, Nov. 11-13. Jackson. Handed out invite. IPDA in pattern B; students can only choose one form of debate; all IEs; Junior divisions of all; Professional division of IPDA; East Texas Baptist coming; character debate.

Lewis & Clark, October 7-9. Brad.

Pacific University, January 27-29. Dan. IE on Friday only; then debate begins.

Other regional tournament announcements

Willamette hosting BP Hatfields, without Parli; Willamette hosting American BP championships; Spokane Falls will be a “themed” tournament, with themes influencing topics in various events; Western Washington National Parli warmup over MLK weekend in January; Western also host NPTE and NPDA nationals

Special Reports:

IDEA no longer housed at Willamette; Robert Trapp planning tournament in Beijing in December, all welcome; NFA at Ohio University, reduced to four days; Western States in New Mexico, Bob Becker of Northwest CC is contact; Jeff Stoppenhagen handed out list of Northwest accomplishments at PKD nationals; this year is the off year in PKD, with tournament in Kansas City. Mark brought information on IPDA nationals, to be held at Sam Houston State, April 13-15.

Policy Proposals considered.

1. IPDA, Northup.

Passed an aspiration: Designated tournaments have, as their first obligation, to offer events valued by NFC members – and by “valued” we mean those types preferred by significant numbers of NFC students and schools. Passed unanimously. (In discussion Lewis & Clark said it would strive to include IPDA in future years.)

2. **Internet and Extemp.** Dave Kosloski.

Passed a new policy: Designated Tournaments explicitly allow the use of Internet during Extemp preparation, but the Designated Tournament is not required to guarantee Internet access on its campus. Passed unanimously.

3. **Jackson Miller proposals. The following passed:**

Passed: “The host agrees to offer at least 4 preliminary rounds of debate and at least 3 elimination rounds.”

Passed: “The host agrees to offer at least two conflict patterns with at least two preliminary rounds of individual events.” Passed 15-2.

Passed: “The host agrees to offer each debate format in at least one of the three divisions (novice, junior, open) noting that class standing is irrelevant to divisions, that teams should enter the division of the most advanced student, and a student may be in different divisions for debate, interpretation and public speaking events.”

Passed: “A debate division may be collapsed at the discretion of the tournament director if there are six or fewer entries in NPDA, IPDA, LD, CEDA/NDT or 12 or fewer entries in BP.”

Passed: “The host agrees to allow pre-round debate instruction in all debate events except where the rules and regulations of national or international organizations prohibit such practices (as is the case with BP).”

Passed: “Hosts are not required to provide Internet access, but when it is available participants can use it during debate preparation time. Access to locally stored electronic files is also permitted during preparation time. The tournament will publicize the availability or un-availability of Internet access at the time their tournament is certified as a Designated, no later than May of the preceding academic year.”

General discussion of issues of high interest to the region

1. Update on Mentoring volunteer list. An updated list of coaches willing to be contacted will be part of the survival guide.

2. The emergence of IPDA as a major form of debate in the NFC
The coaches discussed the broad issue of “what is the purpose of a Designated tournament” as well as the narrower topics of including IPDA in all Designateds. Steve Woods suggested we create incentives to host Designated Tournaments and suggested a pre-conference to address such matters pertaining to hosting Designated Tournaments. Other topics included: Should the Designateds include a banquet? Should they be designed with assessment outcomes in mind? Should there be more Eastside Designateds? Could we reduce the number of rounds to make the Designateds more manageable to host? An aspiration was passed asking all Designated hosts to offer all types of debate “valued by NFC schools.”

3. Sarah Hamid and her “integration strategies” for debate in the Northwest region. Sarah proposed a variety of initiatives to unite the community including: a debate regional textbook, written jointly by NFC schools; a free parli tournament in the spring; Internet WIKI discussions of forensics topics; a clearing house of knowledge for all schools; NEED SARAH DOUBLECHECK
4. Fundraising and financial survival of emerging programs (and all programs). Coaches asked if a pre-conference session on fundraising might be helpful?
5. Craig Ricketts on ballots and electronic visual aids. Craig reminded us that electronic visual aids are increasing and may be the wave of the future – and that judges should accept/welcome such innovations when judging rounds.

6. Brent suggested Online Master Classes as a possible learning tool – speeches submitted online or on DVDs, and coaches critique the performances in such a way that the entire community could view the speech and the critique.
7. Worlds in the Northwest – Robert, Gary and others...US Nats in our region. Gary is interested in “coaching tips for practice debates” . Ran out of time. This topic was not discussed.

FINAL TOPIC:

Next year’s NFC meeting will take place in Oregon. A pre-conference on “Rethinking the Designated Tournament System” of the NFC. That pre-conference will take place on Friday night, Sept. 7 in Oregon. The regular NFC meeting will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the same Oregon location.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Thank you to Melissa Franke for hosting – and feeding us!

Minutes by Brent Northup