

**Minutes NFC Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013
Whitworth College
Hosted by Mike Ingram**

1. Thank you to Michael for hosting

2. Introductions of all coaches. Attending:

Dan Broyles (Skype) Pacific; Sarah Partlow (Skype) Idaho State; Manda Hicks, Boise State; Lisa Quinn, Northwest Nazarene; Brooke Adamson, Northwest Nazarene; Denise Vaughan, Bellevue College/UW Bothell; Jackson Miller, Linfield; Mark Porrovecchio, Oregon State; Dave Dickinson, Snow; Malynda Bjerregaard, Snow; Chris Pierini, University of Washington; Mike Ingram, Whitworth; Aaron Donaldson, Clark College; Justin Eckstein, PLU; Joe Gantt, Lewis & Clark; Dan Schabot, Lower Columbia College; Jacob Witt, Northwest University; Steve Woods, Western Washington University; Korry Harvey, Western Washington University; Melissa Franke, Seattle University; Steve Clemmons, U of Oregon; Trond Jacobsen, University of Oregon; Kevin Kuswa, Whitman College; Ben Dodds, University of Oregon; Brent Northup, Carroll College.

3. Introduction of officers

President, Brent Northup, Carroll (expires May 2015)

At Large, Mike Ingram, Whitworth (May 2014)

Community College, Dan Schabot, LCC (May 2014)

NIET: Joe Gantt, L&C

IPDA: Mike Ingram, IPDA.

BP: Jackson Miller, Linfield & Gary Gillespie, NWU

Policy/Parli: Joe Gantt, Steve Woods, WWU

Web site report from Beth Hewes

4. Budget Report

Sept. 2012: \$4904.68

Sept. 2013: \$6046.62

5. Calendar updates.

NFC calendar (contact: bnorthup@carroll.edu)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar68OkAhF7RwdFZLWnMybHh5QWRhblBROEFDaWV1NEE&usp=sharing>

North American World BP Calendar (contact: bnorthup@carroll.edu)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Ar68OkAhF7RwdEFSSDN5Q2xjOGxscEhaWTVUYVNoSkE&usp=sharing>

COFO National Tournament Calendar (contact: mdreher@bethel.edu)

<http://www.collegeforensics.org/tournament-calendar>

6. Tournament reports:

Designateds:

Lewis & Clark, Oct. 11-13: Joe Gantt. Invite available.

Will be huge, with 99 rooms needed; adding NFA-LD; IEs on Friday, debate on Saturday and Sunday; may have a student meeting at hotel Saturday night.

Linfield, Nov. 15-17. Jackson Miller. Invite available.

Impromptu topics from bumper stickers; 4 team character debate; IEs on Friday and Saturday; debate on Saturday and Sunday; Pattern A will have 2 prelims; Pattern B will have three prelims.

Pacific University, January 24-26. Dan Broyles.

IE on Friday, debate on Sat/Sun; will hand out judge assignments at start of tournament; editorial commentary;

7. Other regional tournament announcements

CSI, Beth Hewes Sept. 27,28. Will have IPDA, NPDA, BP.

University of Oregon announces intent to host a tournament in 2014-2015;

Clark tournament will be run by Dave Kosloski;

Lcc on Nov. 1,2. Mike Dugaw will roam halls.

Tournament at Oregon Penitentiary on Oct. 5. BP tournament with 12 college teams and 4 prison teams. Contact Robert Trapp or Jackson Miller. At Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem.

8. Special reports:

IDEA – Jackson. Changes in IDEA administration may affect getting grants;

Grant funding Web sites: IDEA, Open Society Foundation;

CHINA outreach: Jackson (Derek, Melissa, Robert with Rob Margesson and Erik Barnes;

American coaches train Chinese university students in BP and then hold tournaments;

participation reached 2,000 Chinese debaters this year. Contact Robert Trapp. Google:

China Debate Education Network.

CEDA, NDT. CEDA March 21-25 NDT March 27-April 1

BP – Jackson. U.S.U. Nationals at Purdue April 11

NFA – Jackson Miller. April 17-21 Eastern Michigan.

NPDA – Joe Gantt. March 21-23, NAU

NPDA Journal ...Marty Birkholt of Creighton. If you are interested in publishing in a special assessment issue, contact Derek at UPS.

NIET qualifier, at Mt. Hood on Friday, Feb. 21; Nationals at Arizona State, April 4-7

PKD – March 8-9 CSI will be hosting PKD regionals. NCT is March 14-16 in

Indianapolis;

Western States Conference & Tournament –Contact Nick Russell Cal State Long Beach..

[Robert.Becker@northwestcollege.edu]

Interstate Oratory – April 25-26

Phi Rho Pi – April 7-12 Denver

NPTE – At Northern Arizona about March 14.

Seattle Urban Debate League, Michael Sanders, U of Washington; Dec. 14,15 Bellevue;

Portland Debate League. Dan Schabot, LCC, on Thursday afternoons. Oct. 3, Nov. 7.

IFA: Paris! March 15-22...American schools, with French emphasis in topics;

Western Washington invites people to NPDA, BP summer camp.

Novice Nationals March 14-16 Northern Illinois, will have NFA LD
IPDA: April 10-13 Middle Tennessee State

OLD BUSINESS

BN Reported on Designated Tournament Surveys from last year & offered to assess any tournament this year using this handy tool. Copies of last year's evaluations were distributed; Brent will send digital links to all three evaluations. Brent offers to assess any tournament with the Survey Monkey instrument; just let Brent know.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion topics

I. ...with a little help from our friends...

Program support and stability – who needs our help; how can we help.

Discussion of how to support programs.

1. The mentor list will be expanded and distributed, with coaches offering to help in their areas of expertise.
2. A survey monkey survey will be distributed to collect basic data on programs such as number of students, events, how long has program existed, general size of travel budget; number of tournaments; presence of scholarships, size of scholarships? (See appendix at end of minutes).
3. A Google docs page will be established for collecting helpful assessment data and strategies.
4. A committee was formed to write support letters to programs needing such support: Malynda of Snow; Joe of Lewis & Clark; Brent of Carroll. Contact Brent and one of us will write to help you.
5. Formation of list of directors willing to visit other schools as speakers or mentors. Funding sources for such visits include George Soros, and Rosencranz Foundation. Also Oregon Humanities Conversations.

II. ...topics of concern

Skyping the NFC meeting. NFC will Skype next year's meeting from Seattle University.

NFA-LD at Designateds. NFA-LD growing in Northwest and will be offered at L&C and Linfield Designateds in the debate division.

Holding a Designated on East side? Boise willing but not for three years. Will discuss at future NFC meeting.

Host more regular tournaments in the spring? College of Idaho may offer spring tournament in 2014. Whitworth may offer one in 2015

Gender equity in forensics

A wide-ranging discussion of gender equity in forensics that expanded to include race, class and other variables as well. Coaches discussed possible gender issues in the judge pool, in mutually preferred judging, in team gender make up; in debate participation; in

disrespectful humor; sexual harassment was discussed on many levels – in competition speeches, in treatment of people on teams and at tournaments. Discussion was held on how to foster such respect on ballots, in training of our teams and at tournaments.

The NFC agreed to start a concerted effort to increase respect on the forensics circuit on many levels including race, class and gender. We are dedicated to “soliciting input towards an ongoing commitment to establishing ethical norms and values in our region.”

A committee was formed to hold listening sessions at regional tournaments, to help draft a document addressing these issues; and to try to update the NFC ethics statement, written in 1985. The co-chairs will be Denise Vaughan of Bellevue and Korry Harvey of Western Washington University; other members include Malynda Bjerregaard of Snow; Melissa Franke of Seattle U, Kevin Kuswa of Whitman and Brent Northup of Carroll.

An NFC pre-conference dedicated to raising awareness of issues of respect (race, class, gender and other similar issues) will be held at Seattle University on Friday, Sept. 5 beginning at 2 p.m. The regular NFC meeting will take place at Seattle U on Saturday, Sept. 6 beginning at 9 a.m.

Meeting dismissed at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at Whitworth.
Minutes taken by Brent Northup, Carroll College

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Appendix:

Tentative topics for a basic survey of program parameters:

School

How many years has school supported a program.

Are there scholarships? What size?

General budget size.

Do students pay for entry or travel or lodging?

Source of funding? Student fees? Departmental budget?

Number of coaches?

Any release from courses for coaching?

Number of students in various events

What nationals attended

Number of tournaments attended

All coaches encouraged to suggest additions to this list.