

Minutes of NFC Meeting

At U of Portland

September 11, 1999

Attending:

Steve Hunt, Lewis & Clark; Mike Dugaw, Lower Columbia College; Rick Peacor, Peter Mohn University of Oregon; Ed Inch, Michael Bartanen, PLU; Jil Freeman, Chris Edwards Portland Community College; Al Golden, Brenda DeVore Marshall, Linfield; Lara Meyer, Portland State; Kelly Brennan, Bill Andersen Clackamas; Bohn Lattin, U of Portland; Gary Gillespie, Northwest College; Beth Hewes, Lewis-Clark State College; Kevin Kerwien, Western Washington University; Greg Young, Humboldt State; Brooke Ferdinand, Northwest Nazarene; Jeff Stoppehagen, Barbara Duggan Boise State; Tiffany Seeley-Case, College of Southern Idaho; Melissa Franke, Diarmuid Conway, Jesse Finch Gnehm, Dustin Buehler Willamette; Shawnalee Whitney, Steve Johnson U of Alaska; Shannon Valdivia, Mt. Hood Community College; Dave Kosloski, Clark College; Jim Hanson, Whitman; Clella Jaffe, George Fox U.; Trischa Goodnow, Oregon State University; Nick Lougee, U of Oregon; Darlene Rickett, Spokane Falls; Mack Sermon, Albertson; Brent Northup, Carroll.

Procedurals:

1. Bohn Lattin was applauded for hosting the annual coaches' conference at the University of Portland. Bohn said his president sent his greetings but was unable to attend.
2. All coaches were introduced.
3. Officers for the year were introduced: Brent Northup, Carroll, president until May, 2001; Jim Hanson, Whitman, Policy Rep until May 2000; Craig Rickett, Spokane Falls CC, community college rep until May 2000; Brenda DeVore Marshall, Linfield, NIET rep until May 2000; Steve Johnson, Alaska, parliamentary rep until May 2000.
4. Brent Northup presented a budget report showing a positive balance of \$528. The NFC now has a web page. It's address is www.carroll.edu/forensics/nfc
5. The directory and the calendar were updated. The new 1999-2000 Y2K Survival Guide will be distributed at Lewis & Clark's tournament.
6. The four Designated Tournaments offered their reports:
Lewis & Clark. Steve Hunt reminded coaches that a parking fee will be charged and that hotel rooms should be reserved quickly. Please bring judges. Oregon reported that motel rooms will be at a premium because the tournament is during Homecoming. Call the convention center for rooms if you need help. Western Washington asked people to bring sufficient judges and to reserve rooms in the Best Western Block at the tournament hotel. Whitman briefly considered moving its date, but will remain on the last weekend of February. Coaches' meeting will take place at Whitman.
7. Other tournaments were invited to present reports. Mike Dugaw reported on "The Portland League," a renewal of small regional, mid-week tournaments on Northwest campuses. Jeff Stoppenhagen invited coaches to attend the PiKap regionals at Astoria, Oregon, on March 17 weekend. PiKap Nationals will be

March 28-31. Kelly invited programs to send judges to PhiRhoPi nationals at Clackamas. Designated tournaments are invited to put a special optional fee on tournament entries for "PhiRhoPi Sponsorship Fee." The money will be sent to the conference president and then distributed to Clackamas to support the tournament.

8. Steve Hunt invited everyone to submit judging philosophies to Steve Hunt or to Brent Northup for posting on the NFC web page.

Policy Discussion

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the future of Designated Tournaments in our region. Jim Hanson presented a committee report recommending a system of counting two tournaments to determine conference awards.

A selection of possible proposals for handling Designated tournaments was offered. The original proposals included the committee's "two designated" proposal; a sanctioned/designated combination proposal; a proposal to widen the criteria for selecting Designated tournaments.

Mike Bartanen and Ed Inch of PLU offered an alternative plan to provide "two sweepstakes leagues." One league would be schools who chose to attend all four Designated Tournaments. The other league would be schools who attend fewer than four Designated Tournaments, counting their best two towards awards.

The coaches voted to table the "two designated system" to allow further discussion. After lunch, the discussion continued with the Bartanen/Inch proposal gaining support. Before voting on that proposal, a vote was taken on two variations of the Bartanen/Inch option. Variation 1 would allow schools who attended four tournaments to be eligible for an award in the "two tournament" league, providing they were not recognized in the "four tournament league." Variation 2 was preferred on a non-binding, 14 to 11 vote.

The approved sweepstakes/designated proposal is as follows:

Two sets of sweepstakes leagues are created with separate awards in both leagues.

The awards will be given at the conclusion of each NFC season. The awards will be presented at the final Designated tournament each year.

One league is the "Overall Sweepstakes" league. In the Overall League, NFC Overall Sweepstakes Awards will be presented to the top three schools in Division I, Division II and Division III based on the total sweepstakes awards earned at all four Designated tournaments.

The second league is the "Sweepstakes" league. In the Sweepstakes League, NFC Sweepstakes Awards will be presented to the top three schools in Division I, Division II and Division III based on the highest two scores earned at the four designated tournaments. Awards in the "Sweepstakes" league will be limited to schools who do not attend four Designated tournaments, or who attend four tournaments, but do not receive awards in the four-tournament division.

In the event that a school is eligible for awards in both "leagues," the school will receive the highest award earned – a first place award in either

league will take precedence over a second or third place in the other league. In the event a school finishes with the same rank in both leagues, they will be given the overall award. The current bylaws will be used to calculate the sweepstakes awards.

All-conference awards will continue to be based on a student's top two Designated tournaments.

The "Ed Inch" amendment to the original committee recommendation was approved 16 to 10.

The "two league" sweepstakes system was approved on a final vote of 19 to 6 with 4 abstaining.

Other policy decisions:

The Brent Northup amendment to the IE tie-breaking system was approved unanimously.

E. Individual Events

7. Determining winners

change to b: if judges' preference cannot be used to break a tie, final round ratings will be used.

The Brent Northup amendment to change the Designated Point total from 500 per tournament to 1000 per tournament passed unanimously.

Change to: "The total points awarded at each Designated shall be adjusted to 1000 points."

The Jim Hanson debate proposal, to change the bylaws to include parliamentary debate, passed unanimously.

Change III C

Change to: accentuate the traditional strength of Northwest debate teams by providing more tournament rounds that are translated into sweepstakes points

Change IV C4

Change to: Designated tournaments will include, at least, CEDA-NDT debate in senior and junior division and parliamentary debate in senior, junior and novice division. In selecting tournaments to be designated, preference will be given to tournaments which offer more than one form of debate.

Change IV D

Change to Debate Requirements

Designated tournaments will include, at least, CEDA-NDT debate in senior and junior division and Parliamentary debate in senior, junior and novice division. In selecting tournaments to be designated, preference will be given to tournaments which offer more than one form of debate. The tournament will assure that debate adheres to the following guidelines:

Change IV D 1

Change to

The host agrees to offer six preliminary rounds using times of at least the following: CEDA-NDT, 8-3-5- with 8 minutes of prep

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Committees:

Two committees were formed to examine significant NFC issues.

The "School Division Committee" will examine the current system of determining school divisions (Division I, Division II and Division III) and recommend changes or improvements, if needed. Trischa Goodnow will chair the committee which includes Al Golden, Jil Freeman, Mack Sermon and Shannon Valdivia.

The "Assessment Committee" will be chaired by Michael Bartanen of PLU. Committee members include Rick Peacor, Trischa Goodnow, Dave Kosloski and Chris Edwards.

Organizational Reports.

CEDA. CEDA Nationals will be 17-20 March at Johnson County Community College. Contact Amy Lee Fugate (913) 469-8500 ext 3502. Jim Hanson spoke of the outreach program and of his website of forensics information on debate programs throughout the country.

NDT. 24-27 March, UMKC. Donn Parson (785) 864-9878. Nine Northwest schools are participating in NDT.

NPDA. Nationals at Creighton University, March 17. Skip Rutledge, 619-849-2391. Steve Johnson summarized policy action at the NPDA business meeting at the 1999 nationals. Schools were encouraged to join NPDA by sending \$30 to Brent Northup, NPDA treasurer.

Public Debate. Not currently being offered in the NFC, but Jim Hanson noted it was great for his squad.

NIET. Six schools have already joined – Carroll, Boise State, Lewis & Clark, UPS, Whitman, Alaska. Others are encouraged to join by December 1 by sending \$20 to Brent Northup, District 2 chair.

PKD. Regionals and Nationals. Brenda DeVore Marshall invited schools to attend. Rules change now allows two-year schools to join. There is now a yearly PKD tournament. Nationals at Webster University on 26-28 February at Webster University. Tom Huebner 601-582-6207.

DSR-TKA National will be held 24-27 March at Texas Tech University. Non members can attend.

Interstate Oratory. Will be held 20-22 April at Tallahassee Community College. Larry Schnoor 507-387-3010.

NW Community College Championships. April 28-29 at Mt. Hood.

PhiRhoPi. Nationals at the Portland Marriott 3-8 April. Amy Lee Fugate 913-469-8500 ext 3502. Or call Kelly Brennan at Clackamas. Support for Clackamas is welcome. Donations possible at Designated Tournament Registration.

Announcements. Steve Johnson spoke about the Great Alaska Shootout, with three Northwest schools. Ed Inch spoke about the NPDA journal which he edits.

Beth Hewes requested that the NFC webpage add a link to their web page. www.lcsc.edu/speech-debate

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes by Brent Northup

NFC president

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