

NFC Meeting
September 8, 2018

9:05 am Started meeting. Joe Gantt welcomed everyone and explained the absence of President Brent Northup and Rep. Mike Ingram.

1. Introductions of all in attendance. Lauren, the new DOF at Whitman joined the meeting via Google Hangouts

2. Announcement: Pick up forms for the tournaments and documents on the table

3. Reports:

A. No president or rep. report because they were not there to report.

B. Andy Orr reported that he would like to gather more information as the CC rep before he could give a report.

C. AFA-NIET. Host site at U of Alabama has been a controversial host site because CA has passed a travel ban to use funds to travel to the state of Alabama. Decision was made to keep the tournament in Alabama. Perhaps there will be an alternative nationals or schools will attend NFA this year.

D. IPDA. Thank you, Mike, for hosting a great tournament. The Northwest was well represented. Nationals is in Shreveport in 2019.

E. BP. Nationals are at Clemson this year. Northwest will host a tournament to prep for Nationals and PLU will also host a BP tournament.

F. Parliamentary Debate. Nationals is March 16-18 for NPDA; NPT March 20-23

G. Policy. ADA nationals in Georgia March 8-10, Minnesota for NDT nats. CEDA Nats at Long Beach in April.

H. Other reports: Financial report has not been completed but "all is good" according to Brent via Joe. It is roughly the same as the last two years, around \$7500. Could we make the NFC fees \$5 instead of \$4.50? Not a discussion item today but would like to bring it up in the future.

4. Calendar changes and additions. See excel spreadsheet

5. NIET committee meeting there was mention of adding IPDA as an event. Joe would like to know what the NFC thinks about that so he can take our thoughts to the meeting in the November. It is on the agenda.

6. Designated tournaments:

Lewis and Clark added LD to the tournament. The opening LD tournament on the first day is a separate tournament. Lewis and Clark is now a smoke free campus which includes vaping, No DSAs anymore. Everything else is the same.

Linfield: offerings and schedule much the same. It will be on Speechwire. Riley campus center was renovated and now there is more lounge space. The campus will start closing down, however, while we are there because of Thanksgiving break. Schedule is much the same in how IEs will be over on Saturday night but the debate and IEs are intermixed. Change: Two prelims of IEs with 2 judges in some rounds.

Western Washington: Travis (new director) will be hosting and would like to hear feedback if there is anything you would like to share as he develops the schedule.

7. Oregon State Penitentiary tournament; BP Tournament. The purpose of the day is to have the fellowship with the prisoners. If there is a possibility for this to happen later, U of Oregon would love to join. Lewis and Clark may be able to front the entry fee if needed. The entry fees are to help pay memberships for Toastmasters.

8. Jim Hanson, Climb the Mountain online debates. If you are interested, contact Jim.

9. Old business:

a. NFC Website has some updates. Joe showed all the resources online. There is a NFC calendar and has links to other calendars. It does need some updates. For example: Travis has been hired at Western States. Thank you, Brent and Mike for contributing to the website to be a helpful place for us.

b. **Title IX training verification:** we need to finalize form in order to implement the bylaw that was passed in order to receive NFC points. Joe presented a draft to the body. The draft needs to be updated and agreed upon.

Questions and discussion: Who does this apply to? Whoever is paying you to judge, they will be responsible for making you have completed title IX training. Preference would be for the training to take place before the first tournament but would the date be really the last designated because that is when sweeps would be awarded? Who will collect the form? Equity officer? DOF? Tournament directors?

This could be added to the tournament entries. Add the form to online entries. Should we remove the secondary verification? It is the understanding of Jacob and others that we expect the DOFs to verify that everyone on their team has gone through training.

There is supposed to be an application process to be a designated tournament. Part of the conversation was the fact that there are people who come to the tournaments that are not members of the NFC. We do not have enforcement power so sweepstakes is really the only thing that we can do. We would like to do more.

The form was copied from the NPDA organization and was vetted by an attorney. Trond did run the bylaw by legal counsel. Ethics statement is on the minutes only. **We would like the ethics statement separated out.**

If there is a desire of the NFC to have special training opportunities, there is a person who does performance based training called Catharsis Reduction. Lauren has talked to them and if the NFC is interested in that training, that would be great. Lauren is also part of Culture of Respect that is a national organization that could be helpful for us. Trond would like the participants names on the list verifying that all of those names. But why do we need to include the names?

Options for the Form to include:

***DOF statement, no names** (Jacob moved to implement and it was seconded to have this for this year. It passed) **This will be what is used for this year.** Joe will create and have ready at his tournament.

OR DOF Statement with names OR DOF statement with institutional verification
OR Designated tournament collects.

***Plus add: training should be done by first designated you attend OR before you attend any tournaments. and training must be within the past year, second Motion passed to make training done annually. DOF attests at each designated that all**

those attending have received the title IX training or will receive the training as soon as possible after the tournament. Motion passed

Kyle Cheesewright then would like to discuss what accommodations would the NFC offer for concerned students about IX. What are we going to do in the future about complaints made? There are lists of accommodations that other organizations have to address concerns, so what does NFC have? **We need to have an NFC Equity officer put into place to be in compliance with our bylaws.** Tournament directors are often the Equity officer at their own tournament. Most tournament directors will do what they can to make sure people feel safe.

c. Point made in discussion: Kyle Cheesewright stated that our bylaws are a mess and need to be updated and followed or changed if they are really not being followed. Andy stated **a motion to form an adhoc committee to review the bylaws and make recommendations to change at the next fall meeting. Moved by Jacob and seconded by Kyle. Motion passed. Those interested in being on that committee: Kyle, Jacob, JCo, Lauren, Andy**

10. **New Business:**

a. Programs at risk. What can the NFC do? Derek from Puget Sound is happy to write a letter of support.

b. Mock Trial at U. of Oregon. Trond Jacobsen presents about Mock Trial club. 60 students competing now at U of O. This has been a life-saving event for our program. Every type of institution within the country competes. They have a single case they deliberate all year. 50-page packet of information, case law, testimony, etc. Collaborate learning with a larger group of students that is exciting. Fewer tournaments: two tournaments or so in a semester. Spend about 15 hours a week. Student and administrative support is huge. This is training people to be lawyers. Judging pool are local lawyers which make great community connections. Huge character building value. Northwest tournaments: U of Oregon in November. Most are student clubs.

C. Individual Events. Letha wanting awareness. As a critic to show impromptu there seems to be more canned speeches. New description for NIET we should pay attention to: the same speech should not be used but examples are ok. Interpretive events: students saying their coaches are handing them cut pieces with introductions written for them. Communication Analysis: what qualifies as a rhetorical question? Differences in Duo with dramatic duo versus POI Duo. What do I do then as a critic? Am I judging the coaches work and then student delivery? Something to think about

12:47pm meeting adjourned