

NDT Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 19, 2010

Oakland, CA

City Center Marriott

Convention Center 203

1:00-4:00 pm

Present (indicated by bold):

District 1 (Stables)

District 2 (Guevera)

District 3 (Morris)

District 4 (Cram-Helwich)

District 5 (Repko)

District 6 (Hester)

District 7 (Hall)

District 8 (Perkins)

AFA W (Partlow Lefevre)

AFA MW (Hill for Stevenson)

AFA S (Lee)

Tournament Director (Fritch)

AFA E/chair (O'Donnell)

I. Approval of Minutes from the Austin NDT Committee meetings.

The Minutes are attached.

II. Chair's Report – O'Donnell

In conjunction with the Board of Trustees, the next meeting will be in Winston-Salem in November 2010.

III. Board of Trustees – Rowland/Hall

Rowland – Bids are welcome from anyone who wants to offer one – the Board is for all things. There has not been a surplus of bids, and the Board would welcome more. Applauds and recognizes S. Hall's efforts on negotiations with hosts. Please, if you know of a potential host, let the Board know.

IV. Tournament Director – Fritch

We are making a transition to CAT. Brusckke is running a shadow tab this year. The NDT is different than other tournaments.

Preference sheet presentation is unique. John is looking for feedback on the appearance. One of the important things to know is that anything 78 or higher is a strike.

At the Wake Forest meeting we need to talk about the NDT rules – some of them are outdated. Example: District teams cannot hit each other in the first prelim.

DP: Will there be a time when TRPC doesn't exist and CAT is the only way to run debate tournaments.

JF: Rich's program is no longer supported by Microsoft. Rich is working on pairing. Gary is doing judge placement. Jon is doing here's what it looks like when printed out.

V. Host Report – Achten – no report

VI. Future Host Report – Burk – no report

VII. Committee Reports

A. Standing Subcommittee on Tournament Procedures: Bauschard (chair), Brovero, Edwards, Brusckke, Stables, Larson, M. Hall, Repko –

The subcommittee reported that it has no recommendation till a norm develops. Brusckke says support for moving to tenths.

B. Standing Subcommittee on District Bid Allocation: Partlow-Lefevre (Chair), Morris, and Cram-Helwich

Parlow-Lefevre: It went well.

C. Standing Subcommittee on Appeals: Perkins (Chair), Hall, Stables, Morris, Guevera

D. Standing Subcommittee Committee on Media: Perkins, Morris, M. Hall

E Ad Hoc Committee on Tournament Hosts: Perkins, Arnett

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Scouting: Ed Lee, Kevin Hamrick

Hamrick: Replicate last year. Will gather scouts for a brief meeting at the end of the evening. Will attempt to maximize participation.

G. Electronic Bid Coordinator: Brusckhe

H. Topic Selection Representative: Mancuso

I. Rankings Director: Hanson

J. Tournament Archivist: Bellon

K. Web Director: Brusckhe

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Resolution recognizing Steve Mancuso for his years of service as topic rep – passed by unanimous consent.

Fritch proposed the following dates for 2011 NDT. The committee approved unanimously.

Thursday, March 24. Competition 25-28
First Round ALB – submission Thursday, February 10th
Voting 11-13
Announce Monday – February 14

Districts
Intent – Tuesday, February 15th
Announce of allocation – Wednesday, February 16th

Second Rounds, Thursday March 3rd
Voting March 4-6
Announce Monday, March 7

XI. Discussion Items

1. Healthy Debater Initiative – Sherry: Working to coordinate and pool talents and identify best practices and a way forward. Is drawing from a number of alumni.
2. Budget and fees – Sherry: Tournament fee of \$100 per team has been steady and stable and goes to administration. Participants costs cover food and are impacted by contributions. Observer cost should represent the actual food costs for the tournament. If we think that there should be an exemption from every person pays, she is willing to consider it. Asks for feedback from the Districts on proposals to reduce costs if necessary.

XII. Elections

1) Topic Representative:

Heather Walters was elected by acclamation.

2) Committee Chair

Tim O'Donnell was re-elected by acclamation (although he noted that he will be more limited starting in the Fall when he moves to take over the university's reaccreditation through 2013 – hint for others who might be chair to step forward).

Concluding Business

The chair reminded the appeals committee that they were on standby for the rest of the tournament - Perkins (Chair), Hall, Morris, Guevera, Hester.