

Northern California Forensics Association
Fall Coaches Conference
August 22-23, 2003
Stockton, CA

Participants on Friday, August 22, 2003:

Butte College: David Payne, Stacey Bartlett, Sandy Linville
Chabot College: Christine Deane
Contra Costa: Connie Anderson, Anna Johnson
CSU Chico: Kristina Schriver
CSU Fresno: Eric Fletcher
CSU Hayward: Deborah Alexander
Diablo Valley College: Marlin Bates
Fresno City: Eric Fletcher
Los Rios: David Fabionar, Torin Dunnivant and Katy Mann, Kim Church
Modesto JC: Charlie Ewing
Ohlone College: Teresa Sutowski
San Francisco State: Shawn Whalen
San Jose State: Genelle Austin-Lett, Alex Kramer
Santa Rosa JC: Mark Nelson
St. Mary's College: John Hanecak
UC Davis: Katie Bryant, Aaron Cohen
UNR: Ronna Liggett
UOP: Shawn Batt, Dean Gundlach, Carol Green

I. Call to Order by President Marlin Bates at 2:20 pm Friday afternoon, August 25, 2003

President Bates looks forward to the upcoming forensics year and addresses the body about how he looks forward to working with the organization and with the coaches

II. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the Spring 2002 NCFE business meetings were presented
- An amendment was made to add St. Mary's College/ John Hamcak to the list of participants of the Spring 2002 meeting
- Changes were made and approved (with one nay by Shawn Batt)

III. Reports:

A. Conference Host: Shawn Batt Welcomes group to UOP and provides information about meetings locations and the dinner reception. The body thanked Shawn Batt for hosting the conference.

B. Former Exec. VP: Ronna Liggett reminded the body that former President Young amended the meeting minutes will now be posted on the website.

New Exec. VP: Teresa Sutowski reminded that body to sign the roster for the meeting

C. Treasurer: Sandy Linville announced that she will be accepting conference due fees until tomorrow afternoon

D. Speaker Workshop: Connie Anderson and Anna Johnson are planning. Additional student speakers are needed for the event. Please contact Connie or Anna if you are aware of any students that may want to participate

E. VP of Association: President Bates reports that Kristina Schriver, unfortunately had to resign from this position. Pres. Indicated that laws needed to be created regarding this situation.

- President Bates appointed Shawn Batt of UOP as VP of Association. Motion was proposed to body and approved by body.
- Shawn Batt from UOP is the new VP of Association

F. Pres. Bates introduced the caucus topics and the afternoon events. President indicated that the caucuses on recent policy changes in AFA/Phi Rho Pi and Debate and Oral Interpretation Trend should be combined into one caucus to gather more input. The meeting will take place in the pine room. The caucus on defining vision of organization will remain in the spruce room. Bates announced that NCFA is well represented by 2-year schools and would like to see more 4yr schools.

IV. Motion was made to adjourn meeting and to attend the caucus sessions. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 3:50

Meeting minutes for August 23, 2003 at 12 noon (general session)

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CSU Fresno: Eric Fletcher
CSU Hayward: Deborah Alexander
Delta College: Sally Salter
Diablo Valley College: Marlin Bates & Ana Petero
Fresno City: Eric Fletcher
Los Rios: David Fabionar, Torin Dunnavant and Katy Mann, Kim Church
Los Positas: Jim Furberdobson & Tim Heisler
Modesto JC: Charlie Ewing
Ohlone College: Teresa Sutowski
San Jose State: Genelle Austin-Lett, Alex Kramer
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I. Call to order by President Marlin Bates at 12:15 to reconvene for general session

II. Reports from caucus:

A. Combined session (Policy changes/ Debate and Oral Interpretation Trend)

1. Discussed Parli LD being experimented at CCCFA state championship tournament in 2004 and is being discussed as an option

at Phi Rho Pi. Caucus discussed the impacts of this type of debate to the organization and concluded that the organization waits and see how the experiment turns out at CCCFA.

2. Charlie Ewing made a motion to discuss canned parli speeches as a body. Another motion was made to limit discussion for 5 min. Motion approved. The body discussed pro and cons of canned speeches

Motion to extend discussion on topic to 10 mintues, proposed, 2nd and accepted. The motioned failed (Y5, N8) however, another motion to extend discussion for 5 minutes passed (Y9, N5). Discussion continued about how each coach needs to regulate canned cases and the practice of it and assist students to beat canned cases.

a. Eric Fletcher made a motion that "all NCFCA Championship tournaments use closed topics". Motion 2nd . Torin D. motioned for a friendly amendment to "limit closed topics to novice only". Fletcher did not accept friendly amendment. Motion to have all "all NCFCA Championship tournament use closed topics" failed.

Continuation of caucus discussion.....

2. Discussed confusion regarding low point wins and disclosures in parli debate. The caucus advised that policies regarding low points win and disclosures should be clear on each tournament invitations.

3. Discussed increase participation of parli debate in HS. Discussed ways to support HS with links on website and mentoring. No action taken

4. Shared information about policy changes at Phi Rho Pi regarding use of unpublished material, however, unclear about published material policies at other national tournaments. Caucus also discussed regional judging biases and how to reduce the problems in various events. Ronna Liggett, AFA liaison also informed body that AFA/NIET will charge all California schools attending AFA/NIET an extra \$200 for hospitality cost this year since the tournament is at CSU Long Beach.

B. Vision Caucus discussed encouraging professional development including training people on tab room software and show of hands indicated that people would be interested. President Bates asked for other suggestions for professional development enhancements. Vision caucus also encourage that organization develop a panel for NCA.

1. The Caucus proposed the following motion #1: purchase digital video camera with accessories, cost not to exceed \$1,500 for use for tournament and website upgrade. Camera may be used by the entire body and will be stored with the NCFCA president. #2) From a discussion lead by David Payne, about issues of familial wellness and childcare in forensics, a motion was proposed to established committee to develop a familial value statement to examine family wellness in forensics

2. Action was taken and motion 1 & 2 was passed by body

C. Technology Caucus: John Hanecak congratulated Christine Deane for an informative presentation. Dave Payne suggested that we look include methods on-line to develop a forum for on-line publication. No motions came out of this caucus

D. Recruitment caucus: Mark Nelson summarized how to recruit including: intramural tournaments, workshop for HS student to learn about forensics, and performing during HS school general assemblies and talk about forensics. The caucus also discussed methods of fund raising, and most of the body philosophically disagreed with funding raising. Some methods of fund raising included: Speech Night showing casing forensics events and have classroom students attend, seeking business endorsement, an alumni list to generate money or taping Speech Night and add it as a text requirement.

a. Committees for 2004-05

- i. Spring Fling Director: David Fabionar
- ii. Handbook Editor: Need volunteers, please see President Bates
- iii. Ombudsman: Mark Nelson
- iv. Affirmative Action Committee: Anna Petero, Tim Hiesler, and ?
- v. Liaisons:

1. NPDA: Charlie Ewing
2. AFA: Ronna Liggett
3. Phi Rho Pi: Sand Linville
4. CEDA/NDT: Kristina Schriver?

B. By-Laws and Constitutional Refurbishing Items

i. Strike and Additions to by-laws

- a. Motion proposed #1) remove event "argument analysis" from (section VI.e.7.d) and "Lincoln/Douglas" from by-laws under (section VI.e.7.e) because events are outdated (#2) Change the wording of "Interpretation Theater" to "Reader's Theater" to be consistent and the rest of the by-law document. #3) Motion to add in (section VI.e.7e) "Team" after "Parliamentary" and add the wording "Ceda" before "Team" to fix language to reflect both types of debates. #4) Friendly was amendment made to fix language (regarding events) through out the by-laws to be consistent with changes made in (section VI.e.A5) #5) Motion proposed to change wording in by-law (section V.D1) to be consistent with wording in constitution (Article VI.A.1a.i), however, fee schedule should remain in by-laws as a suggestion
- b. Motion to accept all strikes, changes and additions to by-law, passed

ii. Resignation Amendment:

- a. President Bates proposed the following additions to the Constitution Article 4 (A4, Officer) "In event of a resignation of an officer, the president has power to appoint an officer for position until end of that term" Addition to the constitution be voted by electronically by the entire body will be posted for 15 days on the website

IV. Action Items

- a. Coaches conference passed to be moved to August 27-28, 2004. It will be two week prior to the meet sanction requirements per by-laws for the Student Speaker Workshop, held September 11, 2004
- b. NCFCA Champs 2004: Motion made to be moved to tournament from current date February 3-5, 2004. Motion passes, NCFCA Championship Tournament will be held February 27-29, 2004
- c. Schedule for AY 2004-2005: #1) no formal bid was placed for the 2004 coaches conference, however, Eric Fletcher is looking into organizing the conference at Bass Lake for August 27-28. He will provide

body with more information later in the year. #2) Student Speaker Workshop will be held at Contra Costa College on September 11, 2004 #3) No formal bid for NCFCA Champs to be held February 25-27, 2005. Possible host include St. Mary's and MJC, depending on room availability and weekend for St. Mary's, MJC agreed to be back up for tournament #4) Spring Fling will be held at St. Mary's College on April 23, 2005

VII. Miscellaneous Items of Discussion

A. Dave Payne suggested we encourage variety in the tab room by introducing new members into the group and increase new member participation.

B. Ombudsman duties not clearly detailed in documents and needs to be re-examined. Executive council will examine the situation and post information to the body.

C. Tim Heisler led a discussion about used of fabricated evidence in extemp. After a discussion of options to reduce the problem, Christine Deane proposed a motion to develop a three-person committee to explore plagiarism in extemp at the discretion of the president. Ronna Liggett suggested including a coach who participated in the activity, such as Torin Dunnavant, to give insight on the issue.

D. The SRJC tournament invite should soon be on the listserv. Mark suggested that coach's book rooms early because it is a busy season.

E. UOP will be hosting tournament British style of December 6, 2003 and will host a debate only tournament on march 26-27 for NPDA(?) warm-up

VIII. Motion to adjourn Meeting which concluded at 2:57pm, Sunday August 23