

NCFA Business Meeting
Santa Rosa Junior College
February 12, 2011

In attendance:

Kay Harrison	Ohlone College
Hal Sanford	SRJC
Mark Nelson	SRJC
Sue Peterson	CSU Chico
Nathan Steele	CCSF
Suzanne Ruckle	Yuba
Genelle Austin-Lett	San Jose State
Tina Lim	San Jose State
Bettina Brockman	San Jose State
Alexis Litzky	SFSU
Kasey Gardner	Los Medanos
Jason Ames	Chabot
Tim Elizondo	Columbia
Tim Heisler	LPC
Janet Brehe-Johnson	LPC
Neil Glines	Solano
Libby Simas	Solano
Kathleen Bruce	SJ Delta
Marlin Bates	Univ. of Pacific
Todd Guy	Modesto
Charles Mullins	Modesto
*Patrick Moe	DVC
*Kristina Shriver	CCSF
*Marina Whitchurch	SRJC

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm

Welcome by President Patrick Moe. The goal is to end the meeting by the time the parli round ends (or before).

If you haven't paid yet please pay our Treasurer before you leave tonight.

I. Old Business

A. Host/Director for 2011 Coaches Conference

1. Mark Nelson will host in Santa Rosa. Thank you, Mark!! He will try to secure the Round Barn Hilton for the event and send out an email to the list serve with information.

2. The conference will be a Saturday/Sunday weekend in August.

3. There was discussion about having business on one day and fun on the other or business in the morning and fun in the afternoon so that people can have flexibility in scheduling, traveling and finances.

4. Marlin will provide home brew.

B. Host/Director for 2011 Rookie Camp

1. Kasey Gardner will host at Los Medanos in September. Thank you, Kasey!!

2. There was preference from the organization to have this be a one day event so as not to incur cost.

3. There was also discussion of having this event be focused on application and actual debating rather than theory and instruction.

4. Jason Ames expressed interest in offering NFA-LD at the camp separate from parli and that he will work with Kasey to ensure both events are offered at the camp.

5. Kasey also requested volunteers for lectures and running debates. Contact him if you are interested.

C. Host for 2012 NCFA Champs

1. Jason Ames will host at Chabot. Thank you, Jason!!

D. Host for 2012 Spring Fling

1. Kay Harrison will host at Ohlone...again! Thank you, Kay!!

2. The date will be May 5th, 2012. Ole'!

E. Treasure's Report

1. Kristina said we have money. Not a lot, but we have it.

2. There was some discussion about banking fees. Kristina is going to look into using a credit union as opposed to Wells Fargo.

3. Jason Ames expressed concern about the low entry of open persuasion at this tournament in covering the Interstate Oratory costs.

4. There was some discussion about possibly raising fees in the future to cover this.

5. Kristina will send Marlin the report to post online.

F. Election for President of NCFA

1. Kristina nominates Nathan Steele. Marlin seconds.

2. Kathleen Bruce nominates Kasey Gardner.

3. Both nominees speak on their willingness and ability to serve.

4. A vote is taken and Marina counts the votes.

5. Nathan Steele wins. Congratulations, Nathan!

II. New Business

A. Website Update

1. Marina expressed concerns about the NCFA website's content, updated information and overall accuracy.
2. Patrick proposes an ad hoc committee to discuss options for hosting and maintaining the organization's website.
3. This committee will consist of Sue Peterson, Nathan Steele and Marina Whitchurch.
4. We will revisit this issue at the coach's conference in August.

B. NCFA Fellowship Award

1. Christine Warda introduces a motion to offer a fellowship award at next year's NCFA tournament which will be voted on by the students.
2. Much discussion about this being similar to the award given at Phi Rho Pi.
3. Todd Guy seconds this motion.

**There was no discussion on what we would name this award, in what round(s) we would offer ballots and who would be responsible for counting ballots. This should be revisited at the coach's conference in August.*

C. Tenure track opening

1. Suzanne Ruckle announces that Yuba College will be hiring a full time, tenure-track position. For more information, go to the district's website at: <http://www.yccd.edu/main.php> or contact Suzanne directly.

D. Spring Fling announcements

1. Nathan Steele announces that Spring Fling will not offer extemp due to low entry and limited rooms.
2. There will also be an honorary showcase for open competitors for the novice competitors prior to awards. Email Nathan with any nominations.
3. Kay requests that these performances be videotaped for instruction and possibly posted on the website. There was discussion that they will be videotaped but no resolution of posting them on a website.

E. Sue is going to host a nervous novice tournament again. If anyone is interested, email her. There's no fee. It's on April 30th.

F. Mark Nelson

1. Announcement: please attend the business meeting at CCCFA to get LD-Parli back on the list of events.
2. Mark stated some ambivalence to hosting the Santa Rosa tournament in October due to low attendance in the previous years.
3. There was much discussion about tradition, legs for qualification for AFA-NIET, budget concerns and schedule options.
4. Mark may consider a two day schedule (Saturday/Sunday) so that schools only have to pay for 1 night at a hotel or only commute 2 days.

Todd Guy requested a round of applause for our out-going president, Patrick Moe. Thank you, Patrick for your outstanding service!

Jason Ames requested a round of applause for our tournament hosts Mark Nelson, Hal Sanford and Marina Whitchurch.

Patrick adjourns the meeting at 7:28pm and is disappointed he couldn't keep it under an hour.

Minutes taken by
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