

NCFA Business Meeting
Saturday, August 25, 2012
CSU Chico
Chico, CA
Members present:

Nathan Steele (SF City College), Hal Sanford (Santa Rosa JC), Tim Elizondo (Columbia College) Sue Peterson (CSU Chico), Kasey Gardner (Los Medanos), Marie Arcidiacono (Contra Costa), Todd Guy (Modesto), Kathleen Bruce (Delta), Patrick Moe (DVC), Alexis Litzky (CSU SF), Kate Harrison (Ohlone) Tim Heisler (Las Positas), Jim Dobson (Las Positas), Ryan Guy (CSU Chico, Butte), Stephen Ban (Butte College), Marlin Bates, (UOP) Rob Lightfoot (Shasta), Theresa Perry (CSU Chico)

Meeting called to order at 10:15am by President Nathan Steele.
Approval of minutes 2012, available on Norcalforensics.com

- I. Treasure's report delayed.
- II. NCFA has been able to make some money of the Intercollegiate Forensics book.
 - a. Two publishers have contacted Nathan Steele requesting to use it, which was approved. (Made about \$600 last year just off of the textbook.)
- III. Facilities fees for Chabot was about \$2,600, or just slightly more. Jason Ames and Nathan argued that NCFA shouldn't be required to pay that much, and the price was taken down below \$2,000.
- IV. Ryan Guy is going to change the these of norcalforensics website in a month or so.
 - a. Has started an NCFA Facebook page.
 - b. putting together a body of videos from Spring Fling 2012 to upload as samples for classes.
 - c. Nathan has been working on an Oral Interp webinar.
 - d. Sue Peterson willing to use CSU Chico cameras to record final rounds at tournament, but needs permission from DOF/students. (Ryan Guy has permission form.)
- V. Tournament schedule is posted on norcalforensics.com
 - a. COFO.org (Council of Forensics Organizations) is a new location to submit your tournament, as well as view national and regional tournaments.
 - b. NPDA sanctioning requires 30 days prior to the tournament and results must be send to Dr. Bates within 2 weeks of the tournament date.
- VI. Concertizing NCFA Tournament Practices
 - a. (Kasey Gardner) Spring Fling has conflicting events at the end of April and first weekend of May. Kay is open to either weekend. Something will be sent out on the list serve soon with the finalized date.
 - b. (Tim Heisler) Spring Champs tournament date problematic. "Championship" is week 3 of the semester, and NCFA should decide whether or not we should be at the mercy of other tournaments around the state. (Berkeley High School Tournament and WSCA.) (Nathan) Due to all the overlap, it appears we cannot resolve it.

- c. (Theresa Perry) suggests we set the dates and location for NCFA Champs 2014. We will revisit this topic at the Spring 2013 business meeting.
- d. (Theresa Perry) Spring Fling needs mentors to help the new tournament director. (Nathan) We will ask for mentors when we figure out details/host of Spring Fling 2014.
- e. (Jim Dobson) Protocols for collapsing open/JV/ Novice. There shouldn't be a single panel in any division. We should make a protocol for NCFA Champs. (Sue Peterson) This might require a constitutional change because novices should be kept separate unless absolutely necessary. Somebody has to write an amendment to be voted upon. (Sue Peterson) "I will take a close look at the constitution and see what amendments might be possible and will write the amendment.
- f. (Jim Dobson) Protocol for no-shows, what should we do? (Alexis Litzky) Disqualifying would cause problems with paneling and takes away from the educational opportunity for the student. (Patrick Moe seconds that.)
- g. Motion to disqualify student for no show in an event (any round) failed unanimously.
- h. (Steele) NCFA Spring Champs 2013 has be distributed.
- i. (Steele) Frustrated with last minute nominations for End-of-year NCFA Award Winners. Please send nominations in sooner.
- j. (Steele) Nomination & Selection of Tournament Host and Director. (Kristina Whalen) Should we add awards for NFA LD? (Tabled for after the lunch break.)

VII. Guest Speaker (Zach Justus) delivered presentation on "The Great Debate" held in Chico.

- a. First year experience department, city council and students, pair to have a debate. Students are both spectators and speakers.

- b. Video promotion of "Chico State Great Debate" available on YouTube.

VIII. (Todd Guy) Promoted Phi Rho Pi. Spoke on individual basis with DOF's.

IX. (Ryan Guy) Presentation on Extemp tub on Drop Box. Discussion on whether we should create a Extemp Tub for all of NCFA. No resolution; food for thought.

X. Kasey Gardner & Jen (Los Medanos) discussion of collaboration across disciplines/clubs.

- a. Honors programs need faculty that challenge students, help with incidentals (like driving vans), and more.

- b. Collaboration between schools, engaging in activities outside of the classroom will lead to better tournaments

- c. cohort of faculty around campus will help prevent Forensics from being cut

- d. looks great on Vitae

XII. (Theresa Perry) If interested in online resources for debate, make sure she gets your email and she will send them to you.

- a. paperlessdebate.com is a new resource that is helpful for live editing from multiple locations at the same time. electronic templates for debate.

XIII. (Dr. Marlin Bates) Resolution for Golden Gate Opener/ Berkeley Tournament date conflict: NCFA will only go to the Golden Gate Opener; Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. (Sue Peterson) Bylaws state that Novice division will not be collapsed unless it is unavoidable. This will be struck to match the Constitution. She will go review the Constitution for correct wording.

XV. (Nathan Steele) Call for meeting to close at 4:25pm.