

NCFA Champs - Spring 2014

In attendance:

Stephen Ban - President

Jason Ames

Nathan Steele

Chaz Kelly

Ryan Guy

Sue Peterson

Jim Dobson

Marie Arcidiacono

Tina Lim

Hal Sanford

Theresa Perry

Kouji Takahashi

Michael Endick

Alexis Litzky

Danieal Lopez

Kasey Gardner

Kathelein Bruce

Tauri Shimp

Phil Sharp

Janeane Winstill

Alex Kramer

Nichole Sandabal

Ana Patero

Daren Fallaon

Tony Bernacchi – Vice President

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Butte Community College

Chabot College

City College of San Francisco

CSU, Chico

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Las Positas College

Los Medanos College

San Jose State University

Santa Rosa Junior College

CSU, Northridge

CSU, Sacramento

Los Rios Community College District

Speech and Debate at Berkley

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San Francisco State University

Modesto Junior College

Los Medanos College

San Juquine Delta College

University of the Pacific

CSU, Chico

Universtiy of Navada, Reno

Salano College

Saint Marries College

Oholnie College

Salano College

Contat Costa College

DVC

Call meeting to order: (Stephen Ban)

9:07PM

Role call: (Stephen Ban)

Role was taken, names of those attending can be found above.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Theresa Perry moves to approve the previous meetings minutes, seconded, all in favor.

Treasure Report: (Kristina Whalen ~ not present)

Nathan Steel gave the report for Kristina, he has a checkbook and there is money in the account.

Website Update: (Ryan Guy)

Some of the Google documents have not been working and other have expressed that the calendar is not function; looking into a new calendar option for the website and will present said

option at the summer meeting. *Ryan Guy* wanted to remind everyone that we have a website and would like to update the contact information on the page. There is a movement to getting more content for the page that includes resources for teaching students about speech and debate. *Ryan Guy* has a call to the community to start working together by building and sharing online resources; please send any teaching tools you have to *Ryan Guy* so he can start building the teaching content portion of the website. We also have a NCFA facebook page and a NCFA coaches page on facebook, both have been well received but also invite more members...find us on facebook. *Kasey Gardner* is still getting a pop-up to like the NCFA facebook page and it stays on the screen for 30 seconds, he would like that not to happen anymore. *Ryan Guy* will address the problem and welcomes any and all feedback.

Election of Vice President: (*Stephen Ban*)

Stephen Ban opens the floor to nominations for a new NCFA Vice President, which is a two year term. *Alexis Litzky* nominates *Tony B*, *Theresa Perry* seconds. *Touri Shrimp* nominates *Ryan Guy*, *Jason Ames* Seconds. Move to a paper ballot, one vote per school. *Tony B* wins the ballot vote. *Tony B* is the new (continuing) NCFA Vice President! ~Congrats~

Election of Treasurer: (*Stephen Ban*)

Stephen Ban opens the floor for nominations for a new NCFA Treasurer, which is a two year term. *Tony B* nominates *Alexis Litzky*, *Theresa Perry* seconds. *Alexis Litzky* excepts the nomination. *Jason Ames* moves the except *Alexis'* nomination by acclamation, *Tony B* seconds, no objections. *Alexis Litzky* is the new NCFA Treasure! ~Congrats~

Tournament Calendar: (*Stephen Ban*) ~Please see calendar on last page of the minutes~

Alexis Litzky SFSU is going to host the opener again but would like to know when NCFA would like that tournament hosted. The last weekend in September is on top on the Long Beach high school tournament so there is less of a draw but our students have more time to prepare for the tournament. The weekend before will have more of an out of area draw but will allow less time for students to prepare. *Katlean Bruce* and *Jason Ames* are interested in the later date. *Tony B* is intresed in the earlier date, he thinks it is more important to have new different judges and when the tournament is in late September is runs into the gonlet that is all the tournaments in October. *Hal Sanford* will support whatever date San Francisco picks but is interested in how this will effect the debate camp, he would like there to be more of a break in the schedule. *Sue Peterson* feels like everything happened in a 5 week period, the earlier weekend will give us a weekend off in-between tournaments. *Michel Indick* as a compactor it is nice to have a weekend off in-between tournaments so we can polish our pieces. *Jason Ames* we should have the conversation about DVC and Santa Rosa first so that we know what October looks like. *Tony B* *Becky O* will not be running the tournament at DVC any longer and DVC cannot host a tournament without her help, power as a doctor and her ability to get hired judges. DVC also feels that their time has come to an end for hosting tournaments, its time to spread the love and have another school host a tournament. *Ana Patro* would like to know if DVC would host at their school if another DOF from their Community College district were willing to be tournament director. *Tony B* would really like to have another school host the tournament. *Stephen Ban* would like to know if any other program would be interested in taking over that weekend. *Nathan Steel* does not think that someone needs to takeover that weekend because the organization might benefit from something later in the season if we are open to it. *Phil Sharp* Reno would like to host a tournament in Nevada and is interested in getting other programs from around the

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nation to attend the tournament; long term planning for this tournament means that the ideal time for hosting would be October (middle of October) or a late February tournament. He is worried about weather and traveling to the tournament but it seems like the better choice would be October. Reno is also planning on putting in a bid to host NCFA Champs in the Spring of 2016. *Jason Ames* would like some clarification: is Reno interested in hosting in October or February? Chabot is already hosting a tournament in late February and would like to make that tournament a staple of the NCFA schedule; they can get rooms easily as long as there is a good turnout. *Stephen Ban* is still looking for someone to host a tournament the weekend that will now be free in October because DVC is no longer hosting. *Sue Peterson* is willing to talk to Chico State about getting rooms. Chico State has started charging for room use but Sue believes that she might be able to get a waiver, she just needs to check to see how much it would cost for Chico to host. Sue also expressed concern about schools being willing to travel up to Chico for a tournament. *Jim Dobson* thinks that we need a December tournament. *Ryan Guy* would like to know if the body is interested in traveling to Chico after thanksgiving. *Tony B* would like to know if anyone is interested in traveling to Reno. *Sue Peterson* is interested. *Tony B* is also interested but thinks that it is hard for Community Colleges to travel out of state. *Kasey Gardner* says that it is not hard for Community Colleges to travel out of State you just have to turn in a form in advance. *Tony B* now thinks that Reno should host the tournament and believes they should host in October. *Theresa Perry* what about the UOP tournament? *Kathlean Bruce* is communicating with Dr. Marlin Bates trying to figure out the specific dates for that tournament. She believes the tournament will be Nov 7-9 but will send out an email when the exact dates are known. *Tony B* would like to know if there are schools that would not attend a tournament at UNR in October. *Theresa Perry* would like to know if UNR be able to host toward the end of October, two weeks before UOP so we can have a weekend off in-between tournaments. *Sue Peterson* points out that we have not determined the weekend for GGO or SRJC. *Stephen Ban* asked Phil Sharp what weekend works for UNR. *Phil Sharp* needs to research each weekend and get back to the body, Reno is a great location as long as there is not a major event-taking place. *Tony B* would like to know if Sue would be willing to host a tournament in December. *Sue Peterson* points out that Chico already hosts a tournament in December but very few schools attend. *Tony B* agrees to attend the tournament in Chico next year. *Sue Peterson* would prefer the Chico tournament to be more like the Talk Hawk, only 2 days because it will be easier to get rooms. *Alexis Litzky* the date for GGO is not any clearer because both weekends would still work in our schedule and Cal usually hosts a tournament in October at some point as well. *Kouji Takahashi* still needs to talk to the debate side of the Cal program but they are still wanting to host a tournament in September. Cal will not pick a date until after GGO picks their dates. Kouji is also wondering if there would be interest from the body to attend an IE only tournament in late November or early December. *Alexis Litzky* would like to know if Cal is going to split the debate and IE tournament. *Kouji Takahashi* says that the feedback from last year's tournament was that it would be best to separate the tournaments. *Michael Endick* says that the debate side is interested in getting a bigger national draw and the IE team is interested in getting more NCFA participants so splitting the tournaments would be best. *Theresa Perry* expressed concern to Cal about hosting in late November or early December if Chico is already going to host. *Sue Peterson* notes that Cal has a better location and that if they are willing to host on the first weekend in December Chico will send students.

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Jason Ames says that *Chabot* will be attending a tournament at either location but would prefer a location in the Bay Area. *Sue Peterson* thinks that if people are willing to go north occasionally *Chico* and *UNR* would switch off every other year. *Phil Sharp* thinks the only downside is that it will be hard to pull a consistent national draw if *UNR* and *Chico* switch off but is willing to move forward with that kind of arrangement. *Stephen Ban* will be in contact with the directors who have said they are willing to host tournaments so that we can produce a more accurate calendar soon. *Jason Ames* says the *Chabot* will be hosting their tournament next year on the same weekend. *Hal Stanford* SRJC's preference is to have a weekend off before and after their tournament. Hal is going to look into what weekend is the wine festival so that we are not on top of that. Hal also informed the body that the hotel rate is going to go up. *Stephen Ban* will be emailing directors soon so that we can get specific dates.

NCFA Champs Schedule: (Theresa Perry)

Theresa Perry would like to form a committee to look into changing the NCFA Champs Schedule. With the growth of LD, the desire to have parli take place over two days, the need for a real lunch break a schedule change is inevitable. The goal is to have a few versions of the schedule created by the time of the coaches conference so we can pick one, it also might be a good idea to have a few versions of an approved schedule so directors and hosts can pick one that works best for the host school. Committee members will be: *Theresa Perry, Tony B, Nathan Steel, Jason Ames, Phil Sharp, Ryan Guy, Daniel Lopez* and *Ana Patero*.

Coaches Conference - 2014 bids (Stephen Ban)

Stephen Ban opens the floor for bids. *Phil Sharp* puts in a bid for *UNR*, *Sue Peterson* seconds. *Theresa Perry*, speaking on behalf of *Los Rios*, says that *Los Rios* will not be able to attend a coach's conference that is not in California. *Kasey Gardner* points out that traveling out of state for a community college is just a matter of submitting a forum to the board of Directors. *Phil Sharp* will be willing to host whenever in August but thanks that the weekend of the 22nd works best. Discussion ends and no one opposes *Reno's* bid; the 2014 NCFA coaches' conference will be held in *Reno* the weekend of August 22nd.

NCFA Debate Camp - 2014 bids (Stephen Ban)

Stephen Ban opens the floor for bids. *Kasey Gardner* says that for three years they have hosted this event. The event has been successful but there have been some community buy-in issues where they have had to fill in at the last minute and they always rely on policy to run their own part of the weekend; *Kasey* would like a different school to host the event. *Kasey Gardner* wants to know if there is any other school that is interested in hosting this event. *Kathleen Bruce* states that *UOP* is going to run a debate camp again this coming summer and there is a novice division at the camp. The camp will be July 31st - August 4th. *Theresa Perry* points out that this camp will not address the need to have new students (students who start in the Fall of 2014) go to debate camp. *Hal Stanford* has talked to the rooms people at his school about the weekends of September 13th and 20th and is willing to do it but does not want to run into the same problems that *Los Modanos* has faced. *Nathan Steel* points out that Hal seems to be willing to host if someone else is willing to direct. *Hal Stanford* is willing to do that. *Ryan Guy* is willing to direct for Hal host. *Hal Stanford* is looking for volunteers. *Nathan Steel* thinks that the camps should make part of the entry fee based on the schools that are attending sending people to help at the camp. *Marie AAAAA* thinks that it is great to have a Hal host and have *Ryan* direct but it is a really hard event to host and direct. Some programs send students to the camp but do

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not offer any help or back out at the last minute. We have to make sure that we have volunteers. *Ryan Guy* is willing to make this camp bigger than just a novice camp, he would like the camp to have a benefit to returning students and he would like to also help new judges make the transition from debater to judge. *Theresa Perry* asks for volunteers for the NCFA debate camp. Volunteers are *Jeff Tony* (if he is free), *Stephen Ban*, *Alexis Litzky*, *Kouji Takahashi*, *Sue Peterson*, *Tauri Shrimp*, *Nathan Steel*, and *Daren Fallon*. *Ryan Guy* notes that last year we combined LD and policy and that seemed to work but wants to know if that is something that we should keep doing. *Alexis Litzky* says that it worked fine, the only reason to split the two is if they are too big to combined but we will not know that until we see the entry. *Phil Sharp* points out that this conversation should go beyond the coaches; new coaches and judges are a great resource and even experienced debaters.

NCFA Champs - 2015 bids (Stephen Ban)

Stephen Ban opens the floor for bids. *Nathan Steel* puts in a bid for February 6th - 8th, but he notes that because of what is going on with City College we should have a backup. *Alexis Litzky* is not interested in hosting but is willing to be an emergency backup. No other bids were put in. City College of San Francisco will be the host of the 2015 NCFA Champs tournament February 6th - 8th.

End of Meeting

Theresa Perry motions to end the business meeting, motion is seconded, no objections.
Meeting ended at 10:14PM

Tentative 2014-2015 NCFA tournament calendar

August	
15-17	<i>NCFA Coaches Conference at UNR</i>
22-24	Reno prefers the later date but needs to check availability, specific date to come soon.
September	
12-14	<i>NCFA debate camp at SRJC</i>
19-21	Santa Rosa will set their date based on where the GGO puts their tournament, specific date to come soon.
19-21	<i>Golden Gate Opener</i>
26-28	San Francisco will be setting their specific date soon.
October	
10-11	<i>Santa Rosa</i>
17-19	<i>University of Nevada, Reno OR Chico State</i>
24-26	Availability needs to be checked; leaning toward the later date but specific date and location to come soon.
November	
7-9	<i>University of the Pacific, Paul Winters Invitational</i>
December	
5-7	<i>Speech and Debate at Berkley</i>
January	
31	<i>Talk Hawk</i>
February	
6-8	<i>NCFA Champs at San Francisco City College</i>
21-22	<i>Chabot</i>