

AFA Business Meeting

2PM Room 345

Baltimore Maryland

11/14/19

Recorded by Danielle Verney O'Gorman

Opening

Call to order 2PM

Motion to approve the agenda and seconded

No additions or revisions

Unanimously approved

Business meeting minutes from last year

Motion to approve the business meeting minutes from last year

Motion to accept the minutes and seconded

No discussion/revisions

1 abstention from, otherwise approved

Heidi Hamilton, President

Kelly Young VP then president

Eric Morris Executive Secretary

Danielle O’Gorman

Dave 2 year rep

John Katsulas is the Treasurer

Shunta Jordan is the High School Rep

Constitution/Bylaws Revision = new full slate of representatives

Included division of Executive Secretary and Treasurer—appointed positions that last for longer terms

Constitution and Bylaws say electronic balloting now

Website Updates:

Online access to Argumentation and Advocacy—nearly ready to go—test runs mostly successful—website lately = can access it but still working out the kinks, in the next week hopefully you'll be able to log in and access A&A thru Taylor and Francis website

Discussion this morning with the officers—updating the website to a new format in the near future (sometime in the next year)

Moving forward and progressing with information available

Officers Reports:

Kelly Young, VP

Program planning—9 slots before the submission deadline—technically one down but petitioned for an additional slot for a tribute for Dr Z—equal to last year

4 business meetings (Wednesday are an additional expense to the org and don't count)—17 total submissions—4 papers, 7 panels, 6 paper sessions—had 5 of those—Healthy and good quality submissions

Encourage people to submit papers or talks about debate or forensics—forensics and debate journals—hurting for submissions—get scholarship out

Eric Morris, Executive Secretary

Constant contact newsletter—last December—sent out from time to time for specific needs for communication purposes

A&A = should have received mail copies

Digital access issues—should work but still working on it working

Still working on perfecting the mailing list—initial information is email address and that doesn't get you a physical copy—mailing addresses might be missing—email ErMo if you want a physical copy

Fill out a google doc that reaffirms mailing addresses

Membership invoices for following year around May 1 (also the next election cycle)

NIET:

No drama

Last year hosted by University of Alabama—391 students (418 years before) 61 vs 68 schools—change in number of slots (down)

April 2020—City of Santa Ana CA, think numbers will be up drastically

Thanks to Alabama for hosting and new tournament director

Won by Western Kentucky and Tyler Jr College (won Jr College award)

13 new members outstanding All-American—outstanding student forensic career, service, and academic standing

2 weeks after national tournament received protest about #2 Duo in the nation—they did violate one of our ethical use of literature codes—full committee = disqualify them and adjustment to individual/team sweepstakes

Outstanding new coach—City Hall and Western Kentucky

National Speech Tournament instead of NIET—committee elected to do that and put it forward for AFA vote

NDT:

73rd national at UMin

University of Kentucky won—Kentucky BT (neg) defeated UGA

74 and 75 in Virginia

Membership = steady, qualifying tournament—stayed the same

NPDA:

Won by Parli Debate at Berkeley and Western Washington—hybrid

2020 at McKendree University—

58 member schools, large community and does parli in different “presentational modes”

Core discussion of practices/goals at NPDA meeting

Healthy ongoing discussion about what we’re doing and why we’re doing it

Top speaker from Texas Tech

Standing Committees:

Finance—Dale Herbeck

Best financial health in history—thanks to John Katsulas

Settled all of our accounts—paid all of our dues—taxes submitted for this year

Income—state of organization last year—10,000 income from dues, 16,000 from journal—8,000 in royalties, 7,500 for editor

Pass through money for affiliates—owe no one money

Proposed budget for next year—conservative from projected revenues—suspect will collect all membership dues + royalties from Taylor and Francis—potential revenue could grow

Increased the bond—we have almost 100K in assets—money well spent, no history of financial misconduct but better safe than sorry

Increase in funding for ALTA to 2500, increase in funding for NDT and NIET to 3K

Assets: 91,793.16 (42K is DSRTK money)

Lifetime members—about 160 members are lifetime members—financial hardship—life membership account—checking account pretty fat right now so could move into Life Member acct—losing money on journal but now we're making money on the journal (8K)—would be great to have money in the life member reserve—Katsulas doesn't want to move money from checking into Life Member Reserve

What is life member reserve used for? Pay to print journal—should be an income stream off the life members that would allow us to cover expenses + interest income—how much was pulled from the life member reserve? ALL OF IT (16K)

Could we reach out to life members--Pratt Fund—build up life member reserve and honor a longstanding member—Finance Committee might pursue that

OVERALL the health of the organization is very good—could increase even more next year

Motion to accept—seconded

Unanimously approved budget for 2020-2021 and report for 19-20

Professional Development—Randy Cox (UT)

Assessment to assist in Tenure/Promotion

Cleanup—distinguished service award—online listing thru 2013 and 2013 recipient needs to be removed bc rescinded (need to get website updated ASAP)

Recipient for this year: Lonestar College—Wade Hescht—presented at NIET

Rowland/Lain/DCH—subcommittee tasked with assessment—Navigating Opportunities—peer review for debate faculty portfolio system—9 years, no action—report endorsed by AFA, NDT, Western, etc

Mechanism for faculty promotion process—evaluation = more of an issue for debate faculty—beginning of a long process—give us some backing—more to come in the future

Preliminary stages—conference at Minnesota—end of the summer—what is the structure? Jarrod said focus on 1/2/3 tracks of skills useful for directors—expanding skills etc—walk in and out with a plan—not just limited to debate (need more money and staff and working together to get that)—worthy of AFA Endorsement!

Educational development and Practices: Wayne Fish

Forensic is educational and uses good practices

Research Committee: Ben Voth

Roher award—Meredith Neville-Shepard

Ed Hinck—edited work that Ed has produced—doesn't meet the criteria of research monograph—number of debate professionals in it—important forward thinking way of research—endorsing work as a step forward in forensic scholarship

Motion to approve as an honorable mention--unanimous

Dissertation and thesis award available if submissions

Publication committee: Scott Varda

Beth Innocente from Kansas editor of A&A

Term starts in January

Nominations Committee: Brian Lain

No slate right now but a timeline and some interesting leads—dedicated to new slate

Contact Brian with submissions

Ballots end of April/May 1—new officers start July 1

New Business:

NIET Name change

developmental conference July 31-Aug 2

What are individual events? Basically speech—why don't we just call it speech

Last April—NIET committee voted unanimously to change the name of the organization and need to change the name in the constitution thru the AFA—name change in Fall 2020

Has to be sent out to ballot of membership—vote here is to put it on the ballot sent to membership

Motion—seconded

Unanimously approved to go on the ballot

Housekeeping—fix name change in constitution/bylaws question not a constitution question—if it's just bylaws the vote here is sufficient—if it's constitution requires email ballot

Argumentation and Advocacy

66 decisions made—18 essays accepted, 32 revisions offered, 9 major revisions

23% acceptance rate

Average days from submission to decision = 16.8 days

Volume 55 out and finished and Katie is wrapped up

DSRTKA lifetime award

Given to Frank Thompson last year

Joanne Miller—this year's recipient

Forensic Support for new activities

Increasing our support for forensics activities—wholeheartedly behind student participation and research—NPDA wanting to continue the growth of the activity and support of it—outreach and support forensic activities more generally—it's on our minds

AFA is strong—back on track—students competing in a number of activities and being very successful at it—optimism for the future

Good of the Order

Kelly Young—part of Wednesday business meetings—can't be listed in the program because of \$--if there is a situation where ppl need official documentation just contact Kelly and he can write a letter—should be sufficient

SDSU—new

Motion to adjourn 3:04