

Call to Order

Kevin Berlat – President
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John Wolnisty – 1-3 A Conference
Erin Long – 4A Conference
Lauren Colombo – 4A Conference
Lelayna Hunsaker – 4A Conference
Brian Gruman – 5A Conference
Susan Chubrich-Seep – 5A Conference
Cassie Alber – 5A Conference
Matt Guthrie – 1-3A Conference
Meg Howell – NFL Arizona Chair

Call to Order 9:35 a.m.

- I. Minutes – posted on the website. – Approved
- II. Conference Representative Reports
 - a. 5A:
 - i. Paperwork from State is all done!
 - ii. Another kudos to 4A for helping host 5A State!
 - b. 4A:
 - i. State went very well.
 - ii. Paperwork is completed!
 - c. 1-3A
 - i. Paperwork is in, but a few bills still need to be paid.
 - ii. All went well.
 - iii. One potential protest regarding a “double dip” in oratory and expos. A student had a speech that was substantially the same in both events. Language may need to be added within our rules in order to clarify that a student can’t do the same speech/topic in different events.
- III. Organizational Reports
 - a. FLA – discussion later
 - b. NFL
 - i. Nat Quals went well. There were some challenges in facilities, but we were very grateful that GCC was able to host.
 - ii. Trophies were a big hit and Meg has sent her the link to be a vendor at NFL Nationals Expo.
 - iii. Sent out an e-mail requesting a host for National Qualifier 2012.
 - iv. One policy debate drop from Nat Quals (Corona del Sol)
 - v. 1162 members and degrees thus far! We are very close to the bonus for next year! All of the following can count as NFL points:
 1. Graduation Speakers

2. Academic Decathlon
 3. Rotary Club Speech Competition
 4. Optimist Club/Elks Club Oratorical Competitions
 5. American Legion Students
 6. Model UN
 7. Mock Trial
- c. Thespians
 - i. We have dates (will post during calendar discussion).
 - d. NFHS
 - i. Beth Clarke was section award winner for section 7.
 - ii. Federation individual members have access to all the handbooks online for free.
 - iii. Forensic Quarterly is available electronically for an additional fee.
 - iv. Next NFHS meetings will be in September.
- IV. Old Business
- a. 2010-11 Calendar Update
 - i. Great Hearts Junior High Tournament invitation is up
 - b. FLA Website – up and running!
 - i. National Qualifier lists Uploaded
 - ii. Last two years of State Champions are also loaded
 - iii. Requests made for a coach and school information directory
 - iv. Requests made for a possible blog/chat room.
 - c. Rotating Event Proposal – What’s Next Year?
 - i. Tony Rosenberger proposed Commemorative speech
 - ii. Radio Broadcasting still being discussed for two years
 - iii. The initial discussion was to have one rotating event so that students would have 4 different events to use throughout their career. Perhaps Broadcasting should be extended a year as students are just getting the hang of it.
 - iv. Discussion as to whether or not we can add the Rotating Event as a State Event – however that may need to go to AIA Executive Board.
 - v. **Motion: Radio Broadcasting will be the rotating event for next year! Passed!**
 - vi. **Motion: Rotating Event as state event will be proposed at the Fall Convention. Passed!**
 - d. Congressional Debate Tabulation Changes – Small Tweak
 - i. NFL clarified that 8 point max is only for NFL districts. 6 is max for other tournaments.
 - ii. **Motion: Change maximum Congressional Debate speech points possible from 8 to 6. Passed.**
 - e. FLA Public Relations Officer (B. Gruman)
 - i. This position would be the public face of FLA as a new member of the board.
 1. Be community representative
 2. Be judge coordinator

3. Be primary communicator especially to community to promote news and perhaps fund raising.
 - ii. Concern is that this position may be too difficult/time consuming for a full time teacher.
 - iii. We don't want to make this position a second class position and having them a full member of the FLA/AIA board might be the best way.
 - iv. **Motion: Move to forward this proposal to the convention. Detailed Proposals are due September 1st. Passed.**
- f. Creating a Crisis Plan for Tournaments (K. Berlat)
- i. We have paperwork and action steps as to what is a crisis, definitions, and action plan. Will be posted on the website and will be distributed to tournament directors.
 - ii. More codes needed for all coaches in case of an emergency that every coach and every host must follow. Same terminology is the best contingency plan.
- g. Computer use in all debate events (Review)
- i. 4A and 5A – students were using computers in all debate events.
 1. Issues with some students playing games.
 2. Issues with “prep” time or extra computer time after prep time has ended. In other words – after a competitor has stopped prep there is more time needed to work through passing of the files.
 - ii. 1-3A Did not choose to use the rule this year.
- h. AIA Divisional Alignments starting in 2012-2013
- i. AIA has created a sport/activity specific divisional breakdown. Thus, each committee can choose their process. There are various proposals on the table for speech and debate.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Lower Division feelings – some want the recognition of a state championships – if going to two even one division it might lessen that particular publicity.
 2. **Motion to postpone discussion until after calendar.**
 3. **Motion to develop detailed proposals, give a lot of time for schools to become informed, there will be a great debate, discussion, and vote at convention.**
- i. Hall of Fame Election
- i. Wording is being perfected, it should be sent out soon.
- j. FLA Treasury
- i. Getting a list together of those who have paid and not paid.
 - ii. Grand Totals:
 1. 1440 Dues
 2. 1300 in convention
 3. 1350 FLA Welcome Tournament
 4. 6925 Winter Trophy
 5. Total that has been PAID IN: 6240
 6. A lot is owed and those notices will be sent out to the various schools.

- V. New Business
 - a. 2011-2012 AIA Speech, Debate, and Theatre Calendar
 - i. ASU
 - 1. They are asking to run “exhibition rounds” on Sunday.
 - a. Many schools would not be okay with that structure because of transportation.
 - 2. Friday and Saturday tournament is okay, NO Sunday rounds.
 - ii. **Motion: accept the calendar.**
 - b. State Tournament Reports
 - c. Spring Semester Protest Reports
 - i. 4A: Thunderbird debate team protest - (misconstrued evidence) – protest was thrown out.
 - ii. National Qualifier
 - 1. River Valley hit Mt. View in two consecutive rounds of Public Forum
 - 2. Protest was filed against River Valley for falsification and distortion of evidence. Ethics committee found that there was not falsified or distorted evidence, but that evidence was not cited the expected way. River Valley was verbally instructed to cite correctly.
 - iii. 5A: Reversal of a decision of a Public Forum round between Mt. View and Dobson because the judge was asking questions of the debaters and made her decision based on the discussion after the debate. The decision was to re run the round.
 - iv. 5A:Dobson protesting DV in policy debate for using a computer to play a video as part of a case. Ethics Committee ruled that it was a violation of the rules to display the video and the penalty was forfeiture of the round.
 - v. 5A: At a previous tournament Dobson vs. Brophy, Dobson downloaded Brophy’s file, and later printed it. The backpack was then found with a Brophy file – it was assumed to be Brophy’s but it was actually Dobson. Brophy protested against use of computers, code of ethics, AIA Code of Ethics – don’t deceive, cheat, or steal. Committee found in favor of the protest. Violation did not impact the competitive outcome of the tournament and the committee forwarded.
 - vi. **Motion: The Dobson policy debaters found with the evidence will be banned from attending and judging tournaments for the next three years. 7-0-3. Passed.**
 - 1. **Time can be shorted (there will be a one year minimum) with letters of apology and responsibility to AIA committee and Brophy College Prep. Revision: 8-0-2**
 - vii. **Motion: Letter explaining sanction and asking Dobson to drop their teams from nationals. 7-0-2**
 - d. Protest Procedure Reform
 - i. INSERT HERE

- ii. Proposed addition:
 - 1. Ethics Committee – should be outside members.
 - 2. Ballot is attached
 - 3. Co-signer
 - 4. Opportunity for written response
 - iii. **Move:**
 - 1. **Protest may not be acted upon until ballot is received.**
 - 2. **Protest must be co-signed by another head coach or certified coach.**
 - 3. **Language change language to 5, or 3 when 5 are not available.**
 - 4. **The coach of the protested school will provide a written response to the protest with a reasonable time.**
- PASSED**
- e. 2011 FLA Convention – Combined with Welcome Tournament
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 - g. Tournament Host Rotation Proposal
 - 1. Community or Hosting
 - ii. **Motion: Forward to convention.**
 - h. Items from the Floor
 - i. **Motion: Students competing in two platform events should have two independently developed original speeches. Passed!** This will eliminate the possibility of the student double dipping.

Adjournment