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Minutes of NCFL Spring Meeting

The League Moderators met in Baltimore, Maryland, the site of the 1997 NCFL Grand National Tournament. The meeting was called to order by our President, Sister Maureen Lawrence, I.H.M. at 4.40 p.m. After a brief welcome, Sister Maureen called upon Sister Mary Patricia Plumb to deliver the invocation. Sister Maureen then congratulated Kieran Larkin upon the birth of his new daughter.

Roland Burdett then gave a brief report on our newly opened web site; that address is as follows:

www.ncfl.org

Tom Durkin and several members of the Baltimore League then presented logistical information regarding tournament sites and transportation.

Jim Lyness, Grand Tournament Director, reminded moderators of their responsibility to communicate this information to their respective league coaches.

Kim White, one of the hostesses for the 1998 Grand National Tournament, then presented a report from the Detroit League.

Mike Colletti, host of the 1999 Grand National Tournament, followed with a brief report for the Chicago League.

Sister Maureen Lawrence then reminded moderators that the Fall Meeting will be held in Detroit on September 26-27, 1997. She encouraged all moderator to attend as this will be a wonderful opportunity to view the tournament sites and hotels so that their leagues can receive first hand information regarding next year's tournament. The meeting will be the Detroit Westin.

Finally, tournament bids were entertained for the year 2000. The cities of Austin, Texas, and Rochester, New York presented outstanding proposals. At the conclusion of their presentations, Sister Maureen Lawrence stated that leagues bidding in the future would "need to do their homework" in order to compete with such obviously well-prepared programs. A voice vote of the leagues was called; each league was allowed to cast one vote. By a narrow margin the city of Rochester, New York was selected as the site fo the Grand National Tournament in the year 2000.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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***THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS HAS PLACED THE
NCFL GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ON THE NASSP NATIONAL ADVISORY LIST OF
CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 1997-98.***

We extend a huge thank you to Tom Durkin and the entire Baltimore League for making this Grand National Tournament possible. The amount of planning, effort and follow through on their part was very clear in the quality of the execution of an exemplary tournament. We applaud you!

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