



## **NCFL Newsletter**

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The Winter Meeting of the NCFL Executive Council was called to order on Friday, January 22, 1999 by President Ron Steinhurst at 10:05am at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Orlando, Florida. All members of the Executive Council were in attendance.

Mr. Gaudette, the Executive Secretary and Treasurer led a review of the Member Dioceses and Quotas for the 1999 Grand National Tournament. The following quotas have been assigned based upon Diocesan League Membership:

Albany	3
Allentown	2
Altoona-Johnstown	5
Arlington	6
Atlanta	5
Baltimore	6
Beaumont	1 Entry
Biloxi	2
Boston	6
Brooklyn	5
Buffalo	4
Camden	2
Cincinnati	2
Chicago	6

Cleveland	2 Entries
Des Moines	1
Detroit	6
Erie	4
Green Bay	4
Harrisburg	3
Houston	2
Indianapolis	6
Jackson	5
Kansas City, KS	3
Kansas City, MO	1
Lacrosse	3
Lafayette	6
Las Vegas	2
Lincoln	3
Los Angeles	1 Entry
Louisville	4
Memphis	2 Entries
Miami	6
Milwaukee	4
Nashville	3 Entries
Newark	4
New Orleans	5
New York	6
Ogdensburg	3
Omaha	4
Orlando	6
Palm Beach	5
Paterson	2

Philadelphia	6
Pittsburgh	4
Portland	2
Providence	4
Richmond	6
Rochester	2
Rockville Centre	5
Salina	6
Salt Lake City	2
Santa Fe	4
Scranton	4
St. Petersburg	6
Syracuse	2
Tulsa	2 Entries
Washington	3
Wheeling Charleston	3
Winona	3
Wichita	3
Worcester	5

Mr. Gaudette then led a review of the fines outstanding from the 1998 NCFL Grand National Tournament. After review of appeals and decisions, the following fines remain outstanding:

Diocese	School	Fine
Arlington	James Madison	\$50.00
Chicago	Glenbrook South	\$50.00
Indianapolis	FW Northrop	\$50.00
Lafayette	Barbe	\$50.00
Orlando	Lake Mary	\$50.00
Palm Beach	Martin Country	\$500.00

St. Petersburg	Hillsborough	\$50.00
Atlanta	Warner Robins HS	\$600.00
Rockville Centre	Hewlett HS	\$50.00
Green Bay	Appleton West	\$50.00
Portland	Brunswick	\$1,600.00
Portland	Cape Elizabeth	\$900.00
Rochester	Fairport	\$50.00
Salt Lake City	Payson	\$50.00
Salt Lake City	Jordan	\$50.00
Kansas/St. Joseph's	Bishop LeBlond	\$1,000.00
Kansas/St. Joseph's	Kansas City Central	\$400.00
Kansas/St. Joseph's	St. Joseph Central	\$500.00

The NCFL By-Laws require that all fines must be paid on or before January 1 of the year following the tournament the fine was incurred in. If fines are not paid by January 1, the school owing the fine cannot participate in the upcoming NCFL Grand National Tournament. Due to inclement weather across much of the nation in late December and January, the deadline was extended to 31 March 1999 for this year only. Mr. Gaudette should receive fine payments on or before 31 March 1999 in order for a school to participate in the 1999 Grand National Tournament. Registrations from schools with outstanding fines will not be accepted.

Mr. Lyness, Grand National Tournament Director, reported that Mr. Colletti, NCFL Nationals 1999 Host, would be mailing a newsletter to all member Diocesan Leagues in February with hotel information for the Palmer House and other tournament information.

Mr. Nailor, First Vice-President, and Ms. Adkins, Second Vice-President, led a discussion of the Extemp Topic Areas for Nationals. The areas proposed to the Diocesan Directors in Mr. Nailor's mailing were accepted without change. Coaches should be reminded that Extemp Questions will be drawn from current events literature from January 1, 1999 through the date of Nationals.

Mr. Nailor led a discussion of possible Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topics including some suggested by coaches and Diocesan Directors. Three candidate topics were chosen for submission to the NCFL's outside consultant for review. The topic will be mailed to Diocesan Directors with their Nationals Registration Materials in March.

Mr. Steinhorst, President, led a review of the Proposals received to host the NCFL Grand National Tournament in 2003. Proposals were received from the Arlington, Virginia Diocese to host the tournament in the Arlington, VA and Washington, DC area and from the Salina, Kansas Diocese to host the tournament in Topeka, Kansas. After discussion of both bids, the Council decided to invite each Diocese to make a 15-minute presentation to the Diocesan Directors at the Spring 1999 Meeting in Chicago, Illinois before a vote by the Directors.

During this review, the Council decided to recommend that the Bid Requirements be modified at the Fall Meeting so that bids are only submitted three years in advance. It was the Council's feeling that Bids received more than four years in advance may not be complete enough.

Mr. Lyness led a discussion of Tab Room Assignments for the National Officers at the 1999 National Tournament.

Mr. Nailor led a discussion of the use of computers in the Tab Room. It was decided to use a computer program in parallel with the usual "cards" in the L-D Debate Tab Room. The computer would only be used as a "check" this year to determine that it can handle the tournament requirements. Use of the computer will be reviewed after the experiences of the 1999 tournament for possible use in Tab Rooms in 2000.

Mr. Lyness asked that the Newsletter reflect that each Diocesan Director should work to ensure that all Interpretation entries from a League satisfy the rules of the event to help avoid challenges at the National Tournament. He also pointed out that a source published solely on the Internet is not acceptable since it is not "commercially published in print form" as the By-Laws require. An "Internet source" as an original source will not be accepted by the Executive Council as a response to a challenge.

Mr. Lyness asked that the Diocesan Directors be reminded to call him or E-Mail him with any registration changes for the National Tournament after they have submitted their official registrations on April 15. He would like the number of changes handled on-site at Nationals reduced to help ease the burden on the Tab Room staffs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm on Saturday, 23 January 1999.

Respectfully submitted,  
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