



NCFL Newsletter

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All officers were present.

The following topics were discussed:

(1) Diocesan Registration Quotas

Based on the NCFL Data Cards filed with Dick Gaudette by the diocesan directors, the diocesan registration quotas for 2003 are as follows:

Diocese	Quota	Diocese	Quota
Albany	3	Milwaukee	4
Allentown	3	Nashville	2 ent
Altoona-Johnstown	5	Newark	6
Arlington	6	New Orleans	5
Atlanta	2	New York	6
Baltimore	6	Ogdensburg	2
Beaumont	2 ent	Omaha	4
Biloxi	6	Orlando	6
Boise		Palm Beach	5
Boston	6	Paterson	2
Brooklyn	6	Philadelphia	6
Buffalo	3	Phoenix	1
Camden	2	Pittsburgh	4
Cincinnati		Portland	2
Chicago	6	Providence	4
Cleveland	2	Richmond	6
Dallas	1 ent	Rochester	3
Detroit	4	Rockville Centre	5
Erie	5	Sacramento	2
Green Bay	4	Salina	5
Harrisburg	3	Salt Lake City	3
Houston-Galveston	4	San Antonio	1 ent
Indianapolis	6	San Diego	1 ent

Jackson	6	Santa Fe	3
Kansas City, KS	5	Scranton	5
Kansas/St Joseph	3	Seattle	3 ent
LaCrosse	2	St Petersburg	6
Lafayette	6	Syracuse	2
Lincoln	2	Washington	4
Louisville	4	Wheeling-Charleston	2
Memphis		Wichita	3
Miami	6	Winona	5
		Worcester	5

(2) Outstanding fines

A number of schools have not yet paid their outstanding fines from last year's Grand National Tournament in Pittsburgh, nor have they sent a letter requesting a waiver of the fine (with accompanying explanation) to Dick Gaudette. Due to the late mailing of the fall newsletter, an extension shall be granted for the payment of these fines. Payment, to be submitted to Dick Gaudette, must be postmarked by March 31, 2003 or the unresponsive schools will forfeit the right to compete at this year's Grand National Tournament in Arlington. A complete listing of outstanding fines is published below:

Diocese	School	Amount of Fine
Albany	Albany HS	\$ 100
Brooklyn	HS for Enterprise, Business & Tech	\$ 400
		\$ 400
	School for Legal Studies	\$ 400
	Bishop Kearney HS	\$ 50
	Brooklyn Technical HS	
Detroit	_____ (LeeAnn Schmidt)	\$ 50
Galveston-Houston	Strake Jesuit HS	\$ 50
	_____ (Beth Strausser)	\$ 50
	Bellaire HS	\$ 400
	Sharptown HS	\$ 50
Kansas City, KS	Atchison HS	\$ 500
Lafayette	Westgate HS	\$ 500
Ogdensburg	Sackets Harbor HS	\$ 50
Palm Beach	Palm Beach Lakes HS	\$ 50
	Dreyfoos HS	\$ 50
Philadelphia	Pennsbury HS	\$ 50
Portland	_____ (Mrs Falender)	\$ 400
	Brunswick HS	\$ 100
Salt Lake City	Lone Peak HS	\$ 400
Santa Fe	Piedra Vista HS	\$1300

Scranton	Scranton Prep	\$ 400
St Petersburg	Riverview HS	\$ 400
	Niceville HS	\$ 50
Washington	Walt Whitman HS	\$ 50

(3) Deadline for Submission of Data Cards

At present, each diocesan director is required to submit diocesan Data Cards by December 1st, but may submit them as late as January 1st (with penalty exacted). To make it easier for diocesan directors to secure last-minute Data Cards over the Christmas vacation and still submit them before the final deadline, next year (2003-04) Data Cards will be accepted as late as January 10th (rather than January 1st), with penalty fees attached.

(4) Discussion of Individual Penalties in Speech Events

As requested by the diocesan directors at our fall meeting, we discussed at length the penalties invoked against speakers in individual events, for the purpose of standardizing and updating them. Bro George Zehnle of Rockville Centre submitted a detailed letter of possible changes and clarifications, which proved very comprehensive and helpful. It seems quite likely that updating and standardizing these penalties will require changes in the wording and scope of our by-laws, so it will be necessary to discuss possible changes at next fall's meeting of diocesan directors, when by-laws changes can be ratified as necessary.

(5) Original Source Materials

As ratified at our diocesan directors' meeting on September 27-28, 2002 and highlighted in the last Newsletter (item #4 on page 1), effective at this year's Grand National Tournament, in declamation, dramatic performance, oral interpretation and duo interpretation, students must now bring xeroxed copies of all unaltered original sources, including ISBN numbers, and coaches must bring original source materials. A reminder to this effect will be placed in each diocesan director's registration packet as well.

(6) Revisions in Rules Governing Duo Interpretation

Modifications were made in the Duo Interp ballot to reflect the diocesan directors' decision to prohibit the use of scripts in favor of memorization of material. These changes are designed only to address memorization and not to impose additional unauthorized modifications re bodily movements. Newly revised Duo Interp ballots will be included in the next Newsletter and placed on the NCFL website.

(7) GNT Registration Information

Grand National Tournament registration packets to diocesan directors will no longer require the writing out of registration cards (as were used in the past), but will necessitate sending in two (2) copies of the registration sheets - 1 as certified mail to Dick Gaudette and 1 as regular mail to Roland Burdett. Envelopes for each will be put in the tournament registration packet. Diocesan directors will be saved a great deal of time in the preparation of paperwork, but must be sure to follow the written instructions provided in their packets. In addition to the usual registration materials, this year's packets will also include:

(1) forms to be signed by diocesan directors stating that they have informed all coaches with

qualifying students in DEC, DP, OI and DUO that they and their students must conform to all NCFL rules, and have been told where to find these rules.

(2) an additional sheet highlighting the decisions made at the diocesan directors' meeting of September 2002.

(3) another copy of the revised DUO critique sheet.

(8) Extemp Topic Areas

The annual topic areas for extemp have remained the same for the past decade. This year, to reflect a changing world with changing areas of concern, the extemp topic areas shall be:

US Political Issues

US Social /Cultural Issues

US Economic Issues

Business & Finance

Science & Technology

Religion & Philosophy

International Affairs

Terrorism & Peacekeeping

Human Rights

(9) LD Resolution

Possible resolutions for use in Lincoln-Douglas debate at the GNT were discussed, and the topics will be sent to an independent consultant before one is chosen. The selected resolution, as always, will be included in each diocesan director's registration packet.

Respectfully Submitted,

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