



NCFL Winter Meeting, January 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Lynda Luce on Friday, January 24th at 10:07 a.m. In attendance were Richard Gaudette, Roland Burdett, Kieran Larkin, Catherine Luhr and Greg Cunningham.

1. Quotas for the upcoming year are as follows:

<u>League</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Entries</u>
Albany	9	2
Allentown	11	3
Altoona-Johnstown	25	5
Arlington	38	6
Atlanta	26	6
Baltimore	42	6
Beaumont	6	2
Biloxi	26	6
Boston	26	6
Brooklyn	26	6
Buffalo	11	3
Camden	6	2
Charlotte	17	4
Chicago	26	6
Cleveland	18	4
Detroit	14	3
Erie	13	3
Green Bay	21	5
Harrisburg	7	2
Houston-Galveston	27	6
Indianapolis	26	6
Jackson	28	6
Kansas City, KS	21	5
Kansas City/St, Joseph's	16	4
LaCrosse	11	3
Lafayette	27	6
Lincoln, NE	6	2
Louisville	21	5
Miami	37	6
Milwaukee	21	5
New Orleans	17	4
New York	26	6
Newark	26	6
Ogdensburg	7	2
Omaha	17	4
Orlando	26	6

Palm Beach	26	6
Paterson	8	2
Philadelphia	27	6
Pittsburgh	16	4
Portland	10	2
Raleigh	11	3
Richmond	16	4
Rochester	7	2
Rockville Centre	21	5
Sacramento	16	4
Salina	26	6
Salt Lake City	11	3
San Jose	26	6
Santa Fe	4	5 entries
Scranton	18	4
Seattle	6	2
St. Augustine	10	2
St. Petersburg	28	6
Washington	16	4
Wheeling-Charleston	3	4 entries
Wichita	13	3
Winona	22	5
Worcester	21	5

2. No bids were submitted for the 2011 nationals. New York City had hoped to submit a bid, but has been having difficulty lining up hotels. They continue to explore their options. In the meantime, Roland will be reaching out to a few league directors to see if there is interest and movement for hosting.

3. E-mailing only of the fall minutes seemed to work well with the exception of those addresses that bounced back and were not listed correctly on the website. Moderators are reminded to keep the links current for active email addresses and update them when they change.

4. Lyn provided information updates for Appleton Nationals. Awards assembly has been moved to a site right across from the Radisson. Coaches are asked to make reservations for hotels as early as possible and only reserve what they will really need. Early reservations are necessary as Appleton is hosting another convention during the same weekend.

Tournament sites are as follows: Policy Debate will be at Appleton North. Congress at the Radisson. LD will be at Fox Valley and PFD at Appleton West. Hortonville will host Original Oratory, Declamation and Extemp. Fox Valley Duo, Oral Interpretation and Dramatic Performance. Protest Tab Committee goes to Fox Valley. On Sunday, all speech events will be at Fox Valley, all debate events will be at Appleton West, and Congress will be at the Radisson.

Schools flying into Appleton and have not made previous arrangements for transport to hotels (bus, car rental, etc.) should call a local cab company before boarding the commuter plane for Appleton with expected arrival time. (Phone numbers will be posted on website). This will help expedite transport to hotels. Kobusson has buses available rental from area cities.

There is more information available on the website, including transportation availability from each hotel, and updates on times and locations. This information will be continually updated prior to nationals, and coaches should check frequently for new information. Coaches should check at: <http://www.ncfl.org/gnt/2008appleton/2008appleton.html> or follow the link at www.ncfl.org.

5. Updated Fine list (as of February 25th, 2008) is as follows:

League	School	Name	Type	Reason	Amount
Albany	Niskayuna	Krobetsky	L/D	No show	600
Albany	Niskayuna	Michael Welch	L/D	No show	600
Atlanta	Hillcrest HS	Bill Evan	Speech	No show	600
Chicago	New Trier Township HS	Robbie Quinn	Policy	Quarters	50
Chicago	New Trier Township HS	Jamie Hartmaann	Policy	Quarters	50
Erie	Cathedral Prep	Ken Ogden	L/D	Rd. 1 & 5	100
Kansas City, KS	St. Thomas Aquinas	Harrison	Speech	Octos	50
Orlando	Celebration HS	Laura Montalvo	Policy	Rd. 1	50
Providence	Classical HS	Catherine Marks	Policy	Rd. 3	50
Providence	Classical HS	DeBoo/Marks	L/D	No show	600
Richmond	Blacksburg HS	Paula Wilder	Speech	Rd. 2	50
Richmond	Governor's School/gifted	Matt Kiehl	L/D	Octos	50
Richmond	Governor's School/gifted	Ashish Sehai	Policy	Semis	50
Richmond	Fork Union Military	Ginger Welch	PFD	Doub/octos	50
Richmond	Bishop Sullivan HS	Vinod Kondragunta	Policy	Octos	50
St. Petersburg	Hillsborough HS	Matras	Speech	Quarters	50
St. Petersburg	Berkeley Prep	Mary Speer	Policy	Rd. 5	50
St. Petersburg	Berkeley Prep	Mike Speer	Policy	Quarters	50
Washington	The Heights	Scott Phillips	Policy	No show	600
Washington	The Heights	Alex Foster	Policy	No show	600
Winona	Rosemount HS	Cort Sylvester	Policy	Semis	50

6. Katrina Relief Congress will be happening in April in New Orleans. The NCFL fully endorsed and encouraged schools to participate and the officers hope for a completely successful tournament.

7. Extemp topic areas have been broken down into three subtopic areas: A: US Presidential Politics, US Constitution Law and Justice, US Mass Media; B: Europe, Asia,

Southern Hemisphere; and C: Religion and Morality, Business and Finance and Health and Medicine.

8. Thank you to the numerous moderators who suggested PFD and LD Topics for the National Tournament. Each topic was discussed; the final topic for LD will be released approximately March 24th and for PFD on approximately April 21st.

9. The Extemp committee will be asked to present a preliminary report to the president by the national tournament, with the final report with by-law changes by August.

10. Those schools who attended the Harvard Tournament in February are aware of the tragic and untimely death of Yuriy Tutko, a student at Holy Ghost Preparatory in Philadelphia. The membership of the National Catholic Forensic League wishes to offer our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family of Yuriy Tutko and to the community of Holy Ghost Preparatory. Yuriy was a shining example of the values and qualities that the NCFL holds dear, and he will be missed and mourned by his friends and competitors whose lives he touched so deeply through his forensic endeavors.

For any team that would like to make a donation to assist the family, checks may be made payable to Holy Ghost Preparatory, addressed to :

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