

Meeting minutes January 20-21, 2016, Sacramento, CA

Executive Board Meeting

From Mike Colletti:

- New membership forms MUST be used for next year.
- Filed our tax forms for the year.
- Review of League entries and quotas.
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Open items from Fall Meeting:

- Disqualification processing and workflow discussion
 - Challenge goes to Protest Committee first
 - Once investigated, Protest Committee goes to Diocesan Director to get in touch with coach.
 - Once coach discusses aspects of challenge with Protest Committee, the decision is made,
 - If the student is then disqualified, the coach should inform the student.
 - There is no way to even out a room if a disqualified student is still competing because Protest Committee cannot get in touch with coach to inform student of disqualification.
 - Diocesan Directors need to tell their coaches to make sure to return calls or messages from them in case of issues like this.

The Executive Board discussed the use of computer software for tabbing Nationals, and reviewed the Tab Assignments and Tab Chairs for 2016.

The Executive Board reviewed the preparation of Registration Packet and Preparation for Registration in Sacramento

Louisville 2017

- Still trying to get all debates to one of the universities
- Everything else looks good

DC 2018

- Hotels are all locked in
- Will work with convention center after we review lessons learned from 2016

Milwaukee 2019

- Got hotels
- Working competition sites

Chicago 2020

- Got hotels
- Working competition sites

Upcoming bids: No bids were received for 2021.

Election Committee

- Catherine Luhr is chairperson, 5-person committee including Chairperson
- Each diocese director has a committee member he/she supposed to report to
- Each diocese has two weeks to report the vote back to committee member

Dick Gaudette Nominees:

- Nominations were accepted and committee being formed

Extemp topic areas were discussed and determined. They will be posted to the NCFL.org website not later than Feb 1. Specific questions should be sent through the end of April to extemp@ncfl.org.

The Board reviewed the plans and status for NCFL 2016 - Sacramento.
Sacramento 2016

- Event locations:
 - McClatchy – Dec and OO on Saturday; Sunday at Convention Center
 - Sacramento State – Ext, OI, DUO, DP on Saturday; Sunday at Convention Center
 - Speech Tab on Sunday at Convention Center
 - Congress – Hyatt and Convention Center (all at Hyatt on Sunday)
 - Policy, LD, PF – Convention Center Saturday and Dbl Octos and Octos on Sunday; Quarters, Semis, and Finals at Sheraton. Tab Rooms at Convention Center on Saturday and at Sheraton on Sunday.
- Hotel blocks are open for reservations
 - Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza is now considered a Natomas hotel block because it is not within walking distance.
 - All other hotel information on the PowerPoint on the Sacramento Nationals website is accurate.
- Busing:
 - Debate buses: 6 a.m. departure from Natomas and Point West hotel blocks
 - Speech buses: 7 a.m. departure from Convention Center, Natomas, and Point West hotel blocks
 - One set of buses will go to Sacramento State for EXT, OI, DUO, DP
 - One set of buses will go to McClatchy for OO and DEC
 - Buses will start looping back to hotels when Postings are up. Last bus leaves for hotels at midnight following Posting Party.
 - Buses will loop all day Sunday to pick up judges and participants.
 - Awards at Memorial Hall and bus transportation will be provided to and from. Pick up and drop off area downtown is at the Convention Center.
- Awards:
 - Will be at the Memorial Auditorium.

- Parking:
 - NOT complimentary ANYWHERE except for certain areas at McClatchy
 - CVB is putting together a list of parking options for downtown

- Convention Center
 - CVB will staff an info booth inside the door; inside on the exhibit floor, that will have people from local league to help with specifics of tournament

The Board discussed the use of an APP for the tournament and approved using one. This year it will be a supplement to the Tournament Program Booklet. We'll discuss further at the Fall Meeting.

Congress

- Bills due to Mike Vigars by April 4
- Released to directors on April 25

LD:

- Topic released on or about March 25

PF:

- Topic released on or about April 15