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The Fall Meeting of the Executive Committee of the NCFL was called to order on September 27, 1996 at 7:05 p.m. by President, Sister Maureen Lawrence, I.H.M. at the Baltimore Hyatt in Baltimore, Maryland. After the invocation, delivered by Keiran Larkin, the roll was called. The twenty-seven leagues which were represented follow:

Arlington	Green Bay	Pittsburgh
Atlanta	LaCrosse	Richmond
Baltimore	Lafayette	Rochester
Boston	Milwaukee	Rockville Centre
Brooklyn	New Orleans	Salina
Buffalo	New York	Scranton
Chicago	Orlando	St. Petersburg
Detroit	Palm Beach	Washington
Erie	Philadelphia	Worcester

Sister Maureen Lawrence thanked Salina for hosting such a well organized tournament in the spring. She specifically thanked Mary Beth McCarthy who served as the tournament hostess. The President then welcomed the new moderators and welcomed Carmen Adkins to the Executive Council by presenting her with her gold pin.

The officers' reports continued with the First Vice-President, Ron Steinhof, who asked that LD topics as well as extemporaneous areas be solicited from member schools and sent to him prior to January 1, 1997.

The Second Vice-President, Michael Nailor, announced current extemporaneous areas for consideration by the moderators. Those areas are as follows:

- Asia, Africa, and the Middle East
- Eastern Europe
- Western Europe
- The Americas
- Global and Domestic Economy
- United States Foreign Policy

- United States Social Issues
- United States Media and Press
- United States Politics and Domestic Policy
- Science and Technology

Richard Gaudette, Secretary/Treasurer, presented our annual financial report and proposed budget; a copy is attached. He also stated that fines have begun to be paid. A list of outstanding fines appears below. These schools/leagues must pay fines prior to tournament participation.

SCHOOL	LEAGUE	AMOUNT
Shenandohowa	Albany	\$ 50.00
Chantilly HS	Arlington	\$ 500.00
Chantigny HS	Arlington	\$ 500.00
West Springfield HS	Arlington	\$ 500.00
Lowndes HS	Atlanta	\$ 550.00
Lowndes HS	Atlanta	\$ 500.00
Hawkins Jr. HS	Biloxi	\$ 400.00
Manchester HS	Boston	\$ 50.00
St. Joseph's HS	Camden	\$ 50.00
Meadville HS	Erie	\$ 50.00
Sheboygan South	Green Bay	\$ 50.00
Killian HS	Miami	\$ 50.00
Jesuit HS	New Orleans	\$ 450.00
Jesuit HS	New Orleans	\$ 500.00
Spanish River HS	Palm Beach	\$ 50.00
Proctor HS	Syracuse	\$ 50.00
Proctor HS	Syracuse	\$ 50.00
Holy Cross	Washington	\$ 50.00
Hannan HS	Wheeling-Charleston	\$ 50.00

Carmen Adkins, Publicity Director, announced that she had pins available for sale at \$ 7.00 each. She also had the NCFL scrapbook on display and would appreciate articles and pictures to update it.

Jim Lyness, Grand National Tournament Director, called upon Mary Beth McCarthy to present the Debate Committee Report; Mary Beth represented the NCFL at the meeting. She related the committee's concern that so few papers had been prepared for consideration. From the seven topic areas which were offered, the committee narrowed the field to five. Jim Lyness then passed out ballots containing the committee's proposals to all moderators present. He asked that moderators contact the member schools in their leagues for their choices and that the league directors then mail those results to him no later than November 1, 1996.

Jim congratulated the moderators for the total lack of errors made in tabulation at the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Topeka. He reminded the moderators that the NCFL does not award first place to any school at the Grand National Tournament. We recognize five schools of excellence in three specific areas: speech, debate, and overall excellence.

Grand National Tournament Reports were then presented. The Topeka, Kansas report was offered by

Mary Beth McCarthy who congratulated the moderators on the exceptional behavior of their students. She received nothing but compliments from the townspeople and the hotel staffs. The tournament also came in under budget.

Mark Freund presented the 1997 tournament report for Baltimore, Maryland. The tournament co-headquarters hotels will be the Hyatt Regency Baltimore and the Sheraton Baltimore Inner Harbor. Two additional cooperating hotels will be the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel and the Holiday Inn. The confirmed room rates are as follows:

121.00 per night for singles and doubles
131.00 [136.00] per night for triples and quads
[plus 12% City and State Tax

Hotel rooming arrangements will be booked only through the Baltimore Convention Bureau. Hotels will not take reservations directly from individual schools or leagues. A form will be mailed to the league directors; they will handle the distribution of this form.

Saturday Sites

- Individual Events - Towson State University
- LD Debate - Loyola Blakefield High School
- Student Congress - Notre Dame Prep
- Team Debate - either Baltimore City College High School or Calvert Hall College High School

For the most part, competition on Sunday will be held in the headquarters and cooperating hotels. Debate will be held at Seton Keough High School. The awards ceremony will be held in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency. Masses will be held on tournament sites.

Kim White and Cheryl Gassley from the Detroit league relayed their excitement about hosting the 1998 Grand National Tournament. The tournament hotel will be the Westin, and the Doubletree will also house tournament competitors. The primary site for tournament competition will be Wayne State University. Kim and Cheryl are continuing their preparations and look forward to giving us future reports.

Mike Colletti gave us a brief report on the 1999 Grand National Tournament to be held in Chicago. The Palmer House will again be the tournament hotel. Tournament sites will be the same or similar as our last Chicago tournament. Mike will be more specific as the tournament date nears. He has already secured rates at the Palmer House.

We then began action to Constitution and items.

A motion was proposed to Article III, B, 8 to change "ten percent (10%)" to "twenty-five (25%)." After some discussion the motion was withdrawn. It was strongly requested by the Executive Council that the memberships cards come in on time.

A motion was proposed to Article V, D, 1 to add "and the selection of future sites for the Grand National Tournaments." After some discussion, the motion failed.

A motion was proposed to Article V, D, 2 to delete "and the selection of future sites for the Grand National Tournaments." The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was proposed to Article V, E, 5, b, 5 to add "work with the Second Vice-President in the

preparation of topic areas and topics for Extemporaneous Speaking at the Grand National Tournament." After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was offered to Article V, E, 5 c. 2 to add after responsible, "along with the First Vice-President." The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was proposed to Article V, E, 5, d to change "Secretary/Treasurer" to "Executive Secretary/Treasurer." The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was submitted to Article V, E, 5, e to change "Publicity Director" to "Publicity Director/Recording Secretary." This motion passed unanimously.

A motion was proposed to Article V, E, 5, d, 3 to delete "record and report the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and arrange for the distribution of same to all LEAGUE members." The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was submitted to Article V, E, 5, e, 1 to add "record and report the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and arrange for the distribution of same to all LEAGUE members." The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was submitted to add Article V, E, 5, e to "split the duties of Secretary/Treasurer position on the NCFL Executive Council." The motion was withdrawn.

The meeting was recessed and the moderators reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 1996.

A motion was submitted to Article VI, C, 1 to add "In addition, the Executive Council and the Grand Tournament Director of the LEAGUE, shall propose guidelines for submission of bids for the Grand National Tournament subject to the approval of the Executive Committee." The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was proposed to Article IV to re-word to include, "a diocesan registration fee and registration forms (including moderator's information) to be due to the Membership Director no later than October 1." After some discussion this motion was withdrawn. The Executive Council, however, strongly recommends early registration to the moderators.

The following items were discussed at some length:

1. Should the adult judges in Student Congress have more of a voice in choosing the students who advance to Super Congress? What authority does the Parliamentarian have regarding the behavior of Congresspersons? This discussion concluded with the Executive Committee charging the Executive Council with the responsibility of creating a statement regarding the purpose of Student Congress and the Parliamentarian's authority.
2. Should Team Debate and Lincoln Douglas begin rounds on Friday at the Grand National Tournament? After some discussion it was decided that the status quo would be maintained.
3. Should the requirement to bring original sources rather than copies of interp pieces be abolished? After discussion the requirement remained unchanged.
4. The question concerning rules for Duo in NCFL and NFL was dropped.

5. Can a speech made at the National Convention and downloaded from the Internet be used in Declamation? The Internet is considered to be a source of publication.

6. Would the NCFL like to create a web site? Sentiment on this issue was decidedly favorable. Roland Burdett is looking into the possibility for the NCFL.

New Business was discussed regarding an offer from the NFL Secretary, Jim Copeland, to give the NCFL three pages in the ROSTRUM three times a year. After much discussion it was decided that the NCFL would open a web site rather than publishing in the ROSTRUM.

It was suggested that perhaps dated mailings from the NCFL should go to individual member schools rather than league directors. After some discussion it was decided that league directors would continue to receive mailings and would disburse them to member schools.

Finally, Sister Maureen Lawrence issued a reminder to all moderators that only trained judges should attend the Grand National Tournament. The judges you bring should be of the quality you would wish to judge your own students.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen S. Adkins

Publicity Director/Recording Secretary

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