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The Winter Meeting of the NCFL Executive Council was called to order on Friday, January 14, 2000 by President Ron Steinhorst at 10:15am at the Doubletree Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, 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 2000 Grand National Tournament. The following quotas have been assigned based upon Diocesan League Membership:

Albany	3
Allentown	3
Altoona-Johnstown	5
Arlington	6
Atlanta	4
Baltimore	6
Beaumont	1 Entry
Biloxi	2
Boston	6
Brooklyn	5
Buffalo	4
Camden	2
Cincinnati	2
Chicago	6
Cleveland	3 Entries
Detroit	4
Erie	3
Green Bay	4
Harrisburg	3
Houston	3
Indianapolis	6
Jackson	5

Kansas City, KS	3
Kansas City, MO	2
Lacrosse	3
Lafayette	6
Lincoln	2
Los Angeles	1 Entry
Louisville	5
Memphis	2 Entries
Miami	6
Milwaukee	4
Nashville	3 Entries
Newark	5
New Orleans	5
New York	6
Ogdensburg	3
Omaha	4
Orlando	6
Palm Beach	5
Paterson	2
Philadelphia	6
Pittsburgh	4
Portland	2
Providence	5
Richmond	6
Rochester	2
Rockville Centre	5
Salina	6
Salt Lake City	2
Santa Fe	4
Scranton	4
St. Petersburg	6
Syracuse	2
Washington	3
Wheeling Charleston	3
Winona	4
Wichita	3
Worcester	5

Mr. Gaudette then led a review of the fines outstanding from the 1999 NCFL Grand National Tournament. After review of appeals and decisions, the following fines remain outstanding:

Diocese	School	Fine
Atlanta	Coffey County	\$150.00
Atlanta	Houston County	\$50.00
Boston	St. John's Prep	\$100.00
Brooklyn	Franklin Lane	\$50.00
Green Bay	Hortonville	\$50.00
Green Bay	Appleton North	\$50.00
Kansas City/St. Joseph's	Bishop LeBlond	\$400.00
Lafayette	Lafayette	\$50.00
Milwaukee	Brookfield East	\$50.00
Ogdensburg	Potsdam Central	\$100.00
Pittsburgh	Bethel Park	\$100.00
Scranton	Scranton Prep	\$50.00
St. Petersburg	Niceville	\$50.00
St. Petersburg	Lely	\$50.00
St. Petersburg	Hillsborough	\$50.00
Washington	Heights	\$50.00

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 the delays in publishing the Fall Newsletter, the deadline was extended to 31 March 2000 for this year only. Mr. Gaudette should receive fine payments on or before 31 March 2000 in order for a school to participate in the 2000 Grand National Tournament. Registrations from schools with outstanding fines will not be accepted.

Mr. Gaudette led a discussion of the price of the NCFL Pins. Due to increased production costs, the price of the pins will go up to \$10 each effective immediately. Please contact Mr. Gaudette if you wish to purchase pins for your students.

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, 2000 through the date of Nationals. The topic areas are:

Africa, Asia and the Middle East	US Foreign Policy
Europe	US Social Issues
The Americas, excluding the US	US Media
Science and Technology	US Politics and Domestic Policy
Global and Domestic Economy	

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. Lyness, Grand National Tournament Director, led a discussion and review of the Duo Interpretation Ballot per the request of the NCFL Executive Committee. A revised ballot will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval at the Fall 2000 Meeting.

Mr. Lyness led a discussion of Tab Room Assignments for the National Officers at the 2000 National Tournament. Increased tab room support in general was discussed.

Mr. Burdett led a discussion of the use of computers in the Tab Room. He has been "experimenting" with the various programs available. While we want to use one of the programs in the L-D Debate Tab Room, we are awaiting resolution of some questions and concerns with the programmers. If we can get the concerns resolved, we'll use one of the programs during the tournament. If we cannot get our concerns resolved, then we will continue to pair by hand to ensure that our tournament is accurate.

Mr. Steinhorst is sending the information on Nominations for the NCFL Officers to the Diocesan Directors. Ms. Lynda Luce of the Green Bay Diocese is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm on Saturday, 15 January 2000.

Editor's Note: As Publicity Director, one of my tasks is to maintain the NCFL Scrapbook. During the Summer of 2000, I will be working to "scan" the contents of the scrapbook into computer format. We hope to be able to put the scrapbook "online" on the NCFL website during the 2000-2001 school year. As part of this effort we would like to scan the covers of the NCFL Tournament Programs and make this unique collection part of our scrapbook. I need to get an original tournament program for the tournaments held from 1952 through 1977. I already have programs from 1978 forward. If you have any of these old programs, please mail the originals to me (or bring them to Nationals in Rochester) and we'll scan them and return them to you. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully submitted,

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