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CFL Fall Meeting Minutes September 2001 Hilton Tower Hotel Pittsburgh. PA

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Nailor. The following leagues were represented: Boston, Green Bay, New York, Galveston-Houston, Worcester, Arlington, Erie, New Orleans, Newark, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Winona, Baltimore, Chicago, Buffalo, Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, Scranton, Orlando, Miami, Palm Beach, St. Petersburg.

Invocation The invocation was given by Sr. Patricia Plumb.

Report of officers: President: Mike Nailor welcomed everyone to the meeting

First Vice-President: Carmen Adkins attended the debate meeting in Portland this summer.

Second Vice -President: Roland Burdette asked for extemp topic and LD debate topic suggestions.

Executive Secretary/ Treasurer: Dick Gaudette reminded everyone that national dues are still \$20.00 Registrations are due to him by December 1st. While members may join after that, the league's quota is set as of January 1st. Moderators are reminded that moderators may duplicate the data cards if they need more copies. Moderators should make sure that the data cards have the signature of the principal or headmaster. It was suggested that in future e-mail addresses be added to data cards. If moderators need data cards earlier than the fall mailing they may pick up forms at the spring meeting. Pins are \$8.00 and available from Dick Gaudette. (See the list of fines from NCFL Nationals 2001 which follows minutes.)

Publicity Director/ Recording Secretary: The minutes of this meeting should be mailed out by the end of October.

Tournament Director: Jim Lyness reported about last year's tournament. (See below)

Tournament reports: 2001: Jim Lyness thanked all who helped out at the 2001 New York Tournament. No errors were reported for the second year in a row! The protest teams worked very well and everything went smoothly. Jim Lyness wrapped up on NYC Tournament The tournament did not make money. Transportation was higher than originally anticipated by the bus company. Trophy expenses have gone up. Roosevelt Hotel breakfast buffet was not well attended and thus costly. The New York league will give some money to NCFL to offset some of the losses. Check in was the best, as was security and a good time was had by all. The New York League enjoyed

having us there. Terri thanked everyone for notes. Special thank you went to Jim Lyness. The group expressed its thanks to the New York league with a round of applause.

NASSP has placed the NCFL Grand National Tournament on its 2002 advisory list of approved activities.

Ballots for the debate selection recommendations were distributed. These must be returned by mail or faxed by Oct. 12. The topic is a domestic issue. The National committee met the first weekend in August. Vice President, Carmen Adkins, attended the meeting. Debate topic selection meeting next year will be in Savannah, GA. Contact Phil Wertz if you are interested in attending.

2002: Beth Young Pittsburgh Sites: Individual Events will be at Duquesne (pronounced "Do Cane") Pitt (University of Pittsburgh) will host debate. LD will probably be held at Community College across the river, and The Hilton Towers, will host Congress. All sites will be about twenty minute walk of each other. All events Sunday will be at Duquesne. Each moderator received a packet of information. Hotel information will be available on the NCFL web site. Amtrak is most accessible to the Westin. The city of Pittsburgh is very walkable. There will be a housing form on the website. Deadline for rooms is May 1st. T (subway) fare is \$1.00 and there is a T stop near each hotel. T is free within the city loop. Rooms cannot be booked without one night's room deposit. This could be put in a credit card. The hotels will not dock credit card. One may block by either diocese or school. Pennsylvania schools may be able get some tax exemptions. Busses will stop at all of the contest hotel. Postings will be at the Hilton after the mass. All hotels will have a Continental breakfast for a reasonable rate. Information is also available on the website. You will be asked to number preferences for hotels. Duquesne is walkable and has a T stop at it, however, Pittsburgh is hilly and contestants may want to bring walking shoes. Buses will be labeled with events and location. Individual events will have prepaid lunch tickets, which will let the students have access to college student lunch lines. Community College, LD, will have the same set up. Debate students at Pitt and Congress students will have enough fast food available. Remind students to be prudent about the number of tubs they bring. (See discussion later in minutes.) The transportation can only accommodate so many people and equipment. Duquesne and Pitt have limited parking. Vans will not fit in hotels or garage at Duquesne, but there are open parking lots close to the sites. Parking in these could be about \$3 per day. Hotels will extend the block rate for two days either way if one cares to extend the stay. The Pennsylvania High School Speech League and the Erie Diocese are helping financially with the tournament. If you have any questions contact Beth Young.

2003: Eleanor Wright reported for the Arlington League. Work is progressing. Final reports will be given to Board in January. They will be using the same schools as they did for the 1993 nationals.

2004: Gregg Cunningham reported that final contracts are done. Things are moving along well.

2005: Bids to host this tournament must be in to Mike Nailor between Dec. 1st and Jan 1st.

Secretary/Treasurer's report: (See attached.) The transportation, food and trophy costs were more than we took in. Motion to accept report and budget. Greg Cunningham moved to accept the minutes. Mike Colletti seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Change in by-laws It was moved to amend NCFL By-laws, Article II (Grand National Tournament), Section E (Awards), Paragraph 2 sub-paragraph d, 3 to read: Lincoln Douglas debate: Rounds 1-4, double-octos, octos, quarters, and semis as follows: Unanimous win 15 trophy points, Split win 12 trophy points, Split loss 9 trophy points, unanimous loss 6 trophy points. Motion to accept this proposal was made by Roland Burdette and seconded. This will make Lincoln

Douglas points balance with policy especially for schools of excellence awards. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Patterson letter: Copies of a letter received from the Patterson League were distributed. Discussion followed. It was agreed that no one should address the speakers or judges at the end of a round especially if done before ballots are not completed. The group considered the type of behavior that occurred in one of the elimination rounds at the New York tournament to be reprehensible.

Phil Wertz moved to recess until 8:45 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was recessed at 9:10p.m.

Meeting was reconvened at: 8:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

New Business: Laurie Way moved that: In any round of competition it is prohibited that any person present address any or all in that round before ballots are completed and returned to the tab room. Seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was withdrawn.

It was agreed that conduct such as addressing the audience, as happened in NYC, is unacceptable behavior. In the future instructions addressing this should appear on all judges instructions, i.e. meeting, cards, envelopes, instruction, booklet etc. This was moved by Janet Dicenzo and seconded by Laurie Way. The motion passed unanimously. Greg Cunningham moved and it was seconded to: Send a note to the offending person concerning this action. Motion passes unanimously.

It was then moved by Sarah Donnelly and seconded Doug Hoverson that: Judges will receive written judging instructions. This passed unanimously.

Steve Sexton moved and it was seconded that: NCFL send a letter respectfully rejecting the Patterson diocese suggestions. This motion passed unanimously.

Eleanor Wright moved that: On page 17 article 2 section E 2 small a 1 we drop congress from the sentence. Seconded by Doug Hoverson. Discussion followed. The motion was withdrawn.

A discussion about illicit videotaping took place. Laurie Way moved: That video and audiotaping during the rounds is prohibited at the NCFL national tournament. This resolution will be included in the judges' instructions. Seconded by Greg Cunningham. This passed unanimously.

It was requested to include the 2000 letter concerning appropriate materials will be on the NCFL web site.

It was suggested to create debate judge cards similar to NFL. It was hoped that they would create a more balanced judging panel. Discussion brief followed; no action taken or motion made.

A discussion followed concerning a problem encountered by the NFL. Must a contestant articulate the sounds by himself or herself? Students with handicapped students must be accommodated as much as possible. No motion or action taken.

Jim Lyness moved and it was seconded that: To add to article 2 section a, new number 1: Only Diocesan leagues that are represented at the fall Executive Committee meeting shall be eligible to enter the Grand national tournament effective fall 2004. The Executive Council shall have the authority to waive such representation for given diocesan leagues should extraordinary

circumstances warrant. Discussion followed. Motion passed on a weighted vote of yes 101, no 23.

It was then moved by Jim Lyness and seconded that: After May 1st each change to diocesan league's judge assignments shall accessed a \$10 fee. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously. It was then moved by Jim Lyness and seconded that: After May 1 any student changes to registration that affect school affiliation will be assessed a \$10.00 nuisance fee. Discussion followed. By an 8 for and 15 opposed votes, the motion failed.

Discussion followed concerning the responsibilities of the moderators. While no motion was made it was suggested that the minutes reflect the following: It is the responsibly of the moderator to communicate all information to his/her league. This is especially critical at the national tournament when it concerns judging assignments, judging codes, schematics and student numbers. Tournament officials and hosts rely on the moderators to fulfill these responsibilities so that contestants and judges are able to have positive experience.

Laura Cristiano from the Newark League had a question concerning a consortium of home-schooled students. The advice from the group was that since there is such variation from state to state, each diocese could consider home school participation, but a home-school member would not change the league's quota for the nationals. Home schools would not count for sweeps, but they would count as points for league. Doug Halverson moved and Laura Way seconded that: Individual dioceses may investigate permitting home- schoolers to participate, based on local applicable law. Such participation will not affect diocesan quotas for the national tournament. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Steve Sexton raised the question of splitting dramatic interpretation into humorous and serious. He moved and it was seconded that: The cutting may be serious or humorous. Change critique article 2 section 3,b1 and change wording accordingly. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion was defeated.

Doug Hoverson moved: That a sub-committee be created, report back and recommend changes for modifying and streamlining the critique sheets in all speech events. This committee will bring the critiques in line with the by-laws and may also make recommendations for rule changes as they discover the need. All moderators will be sent a rough draft by Aug 15th. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed. Doug Hoverson will chair the committee. Laura Way, Debbie Simon, Trish Zenczak, and Tony Figliola were appointed to the committee.

There was great concern about non-represented leagues. It was moved by Mike Colletti that: Only diocesan leagues represented at the at fall meeting be allowed to vote at the spring meeting. There was no second, so no action was taken.

There was a discussion about limiting the amount of materials that host leagues are being asked to transport for students in LD debate and extemporaneous. These students are carrying more and more tubs of information, which adds to transportation problems. The suggestion was made that tubs be transported the night before. The motion was made by Laura Way and seconded by Beth Young that: No tubs, which cannot not be held on a student's lap many be transported on the bus. The motion failed on an 11 for and 13 against vote. Trish Zenczak moved and it was seconded by Janet Dicenzo that: we are resolved to encourage moderators to discuss the need to limit the amount of tubs which schools expect hosts to transport. Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Mike Nailor read the rules for the nominating committee from the Constitution. The

nomination forms are on the web site. Jim Lyness announced that he would not be seeking reelection as Tournament Director. The following nominating committee was appointed. Sr. Patricia Plumb, Terry Agliardo, Mary Beth McCarthy, Mike Nailor, and Barbra Fontenot.

There were thanks to the Pittsburgh League for hosting the fall meeting. . Beth Young made announcements about the site tours and evening activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Luce NCFL Recording Secretary

Fines

League	School	Amount
Albany	St. Markham	50
Baltimore	Catonsville	50
Baltimore	Mt. St. Joe	50
Baltimore	Calvert Hall	50
Boston	Hull	50
Brooklyn	St. Joseph's	100
Biloxi	Petal H S	1,000
Biloxi	Hattiesburg	50
Buffalo	Starpoint	300
Detroit Prep	Notre Dame	50
Detroit	Roeper	50
Detroit	Bishop Foley	50
Detroit	Northville	50
Detroit	Sacred Heart	50
Erie	Cathedral Prep	50
Green Bay	Appleton West	300
Harrisburg	Gettysburg	50
Houston	Sharpstown	50
Houston	Pearland	50
Indianapolis	Ft. Wayne North	100
Kansas City	Savannah	50
Lafayette	Teurlings	50
Lafayette	Pineville	50
Lafayette	Lagrange	50
Lafayette	Comeaux	50
Louisville	W. Kentucky	100
Miami	Palmetto	50

New Orleans	Isidore Newman	500
New York	Hendrick Hudson	100
New York	Collegiate	50
New York	Iona	50
Ogdensburg	Potsdam	500
Omaha	Fremont	50
Patterson	Pope John XXIII	50
Pittsburgh	Fox Chapel	50
Providence	Fremont	50
Providence	Classical	500
Providence	Barrington	50
Providence	Cumberland	50
Providence	Tabor	500
Richmond	Blacksburg	50
Richmond	Manchester	50
Richmond	Clover Hill	50
Rochester	Fairport	600
Sacramento	Nevada Union	550
Sacramento	Marysville	50
Santa Fe	Albuquerque	50
Santa Fe	Rio Grand	50
St. Petersburg	Ft. Walton Beach	100
Scranton	Abington Heights	50
Washington	Good Counsel	50
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Wheeling	Parkersburg	50
Wichita	Mc Pherson	150
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