

NCFL WINTER NEWSLETTER 2005

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The Winter Meeting of the National Catholic Forensic League Executive Council met January 20-22 in Orlando, Florida. All officers of the Executive Committee were present.

All Diocesan Moderators are asked to email Dick Gaudette ASAP with your latest email address.

The address to contact Dick is dickgaudette@msn.com

There are a number of leagues who have not supplied an email address and as registration for the NCFL Grand Tournament draws closer, this information will become imperative!

The National Catholic Forensic League wishes to welcome the Diocese of St. Augustine and their moderator, Dr. D. Lynn Owen. We have also been contacted by two new dioceses who have inquired about gaining NCFL membership. Currently there are 57 diocese represented in the NCFL.

Quotas for NCFL Nationals 2005

The list of dioceses and their quotas to NCFL Nationals follow:

Albany	2	Indianapolis	6	Pittsburgh	4
Allentown	3	Jackson	6	Portland	2
Altoona/Johnstown	5	Kansas City, KS	6	Providence	3
Arlington	6	Kansas/St Joseph	2	Richmond	6
Atlanta	6	Lacrosse	2	Rochester	2
Baltimore	6	Lafayette	6	Rockville Center	5
Beaumont, TX *	1	Louisville	3	Sacramento	2
Biloxi	6	Miami	6	Salina	5
Boston	6	Milwaukee	4	Salt Lake City	3
Brooklyn	6	Nashville *	3	Scranton	4
Buffalo	3	Newark	6	Seattle *	3
Camden	2	New Orleans	6	St. Augustine	1
Chicago	6	New York	6	St. Petersburg	6
Cleveland	2	Ogdensburg	2	Syracuse	2
Detroit	4	Omaha	4	Washington	4
Erie	4	Orlando	6	Wheeling/Charleston	2
Green Bay	5	Palm Beach	5	Wichita	4
Harrisburg	2	Paterson	2	Winona	4
Houston/Galveston	5	Philadelphia	6	Worcester	5

** These Dioceses have only this number of entries in total, not across each event.*

All Diocesan Directors who did not attend the Fall Meeting in Milwaukee did make contact with a member of the Executive Council to get information from the meeting.

Fines

No appeals were filed so the following fines from NCFL Nationals 2004 apply and must be paid by March 31, 2005 to Richard Gaudette, 21 Nancy Road, Milford, MA 01757. Failure to pay these fines by March 31st means the school in question may not compete at the NCFL Grand national Tournament.

Code	Diocese	School	Name	Fine
XX1658	Albany	Niskayuna	Glendening	\$50
E1572	Brooklyn	Berkeley/Carroll	Hoehman	\$100
F1533	Chicago	Arts Alanzo	Amy Bill	\$50
BB6608	Houston/Galv	Pearkand	Peterson	\$50
BB6602	Houston/Galv	Elkins	Norman	\$50
FFF6633	Harrisburg	Delone Catholic	Howes	\$50
J6041	Lafayette	Lafayette HS	Bonnett	\$50
K6196	Louisville	Dunbar HS	Armstrong	\$50
K1556	Louisville	Boone County	Berg	\$250
QQ1643	Milwaukee	Marquette	Phillips	\$50
P588	Newark	Carpe Diem	Chen	\$600
P587	Newark	Carpe Diem	Millman	\$600
Q1525	Orlando	Lake Highland	Rissman	\$50
MMM6643	Portland	Poland Regional	Levine	\$600
TT6396	Providence	Hendrickson	Cote	\$25
TT2532	Providence	Hendrickson	Gage	\$25
PPP6651	Rochester	Kearney	Meyering	\$50
PPP6648	Rochester	Harley	Finklestein	\$50
WW6516	Scranton	Crestwood	Pavlick	\$50
RRR6638	Seattle	Federal Way HS	Wochler	\$50
U6053	St Petersburg	St Petersburg HS	Graisburg	\$50
U6059	St Petersburg	Ft Walton Beach	Hicks	\$50
GG6539	Winona	Apple Valley	Goodson	\$50

National Tournament Updates:

No bids were made to host the 2008 tournament. We welcome any diocese to submit a bid for this event. If no bids are received, no tournament can be held. Because no bids were received, the traditional bid package does not have to be presented. Please contact Roland Burdett if your diocese is interested in hosting.

We encourage all to visit the Milwaukee website for information concerning the 2005 tournament. The site is www.milwaukeeecfl.org This is where hotel reservation materials are located, in addition to other important information. Please, when making your reservations, make reservations at the Milwaukee Hilton or Milwaukee Hyatt!

The form traditionally sent out for Tab Room assignments will be included in the registration packet you'll receive in March. We expect to be able to have internet registration as well. Full details will be available in the March packet you receive. You should be able to register via the internet or using the traditional paper method.

NCFL is approved for 2005 by the NASSP and we are preparing our application for the 2006 school year.

A number of changes will be made on the NCFL web site. The web site does not currently reflect changes made since the September NCFL meeting in Milwaukee. There are changes which need to be made for ballots, by-laws and the constitution. We apologize for the delay. Please reference the fall newsletter for these changes. We expect the website to be updated by the end of February. Changes will also be made on the web site for event summaries for speech events, some of which need updating.

Extemp and L-D Debate Topics

The Executive Council selected the Extemp Topics for NCFL Nationals 2005. The Council also prepared three candidate L-D Debate Topics for NCFL Nationals 2005. The Extemp and LD Topics will be announced in the Diocesan Directors Registration Packet to be distributed in March.

Action Items to the Executive Council From the Fall Meeting of Diocesan Directors

The Executive Council was asked by the Diocesan Moderators in September to discuss three issues at the Winter meeting.

1. Public Forum Debate: Should we add this as a NCFL event? After discussion, the Executive Council made the decision to not propose adding this event at this time to the schedule of events at the NCFL Grand Tournament. The feedback we received from coaches and directors was that the event is too new and "needs to find its own". Considering adding this event to the roster at this time could also produce a number of logistical and financial difficulties (trophy costs, rooms, increased budget costs). We will continue to monitor the activity and solicit feedback.

2. Extemp briefing books: Should these be allowed in the prep room? We would recommend these NOT be allowed in the extemp prep room. Given the number of changes in the types of things that are found in student's files today, we will propose legislation at the Fall Meeting in 2005 revising what is allowed and not allowed. If you have suggestions or comments related to this, please send them us during the spring and summer.

3. Computer use in Student Congress, Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

After gathering comments from teams, coaches, students, and league directors, the Executive Council will recommend some specific by-laws changes at the Fall Meeting in 2005. We believe that in all three events, computers should be allowed for note taking, flowing, research, evidence storage, etc. But any wired or wireless connectivity to any person, website, webserver, or device should not be allowed. This includes connectivity via cell phones, personal digital assistants (PDA's), and computers. PDA type devices include such things as Palm devices, Blackberrys, and WindowsCE devices. Therefore no competitor may use their computers or other device to gain an advantage by accessing persons or resources outside the round.

4. Computer use in the Extemp Prep room: The input was very clear on this issue. There's just no way, currently, to allow computers into the Extemp Prep room and ensure that they do not contain prepared outlines or speeches. The Council's recommendation is to continue the ban on electronic retrieval devices in the prep room. We will recommend specifically including the same prohibition against any wired or wireless connectivity as outlined above for debate and congress. We recognize that as technology advances, we may need, or want to, revisit this topic in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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