



Winter 2006

The Winter 2006 Meeting of the National Catholic Forensic League was called to order in Tampa, Florida on January 20, 2006.

The NCFL wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Ryan McKeithan, the Diocesan Director of Kansas City, Kansas. Ryan passed away from a sudden heart attack on January 17, 2006. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Lucia, and their family at 114 Sunset Court, Ozawkie, KS 66070. His family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations for two scholarships in Ryan's name be made to the two schools he worked at, Topeka Seaman HS and Jeff West HS. Please keep Ryan and his family and students in your thoughts and prayers.

In November 2005, former NCFL president Annetterose Callahan passed away . Ms. Callahan was from Metairie, LA and served as NCFL President from 1978-1980.

There are still a number of fines which need to be paid before April 15. These schools may NOT register for the 2006 championship if these fines are still outstanding. Send checks to Richard Gaudette, 21 Nancy Rd, Milford, MA 01757

2005 Fines

League	School	Last Name	Amount
Albany	Niskayuna HS	Glenndening	\$600
Atlanta	Rome HS	Green	\$600
Chicago	Glenbrook North	O'Hara	\$50
Houston/Galveston	Pearland	Victorik	\$600
Ogdensburg	Massena Central	Hill	\$50
Omaha	Spartan Forensic	Bunde	\$50
Providence	Wheeler School	Holmes	\$600
Providence	Wheeler School	Gognon	\$600
Richmond	Godwin HS	Bradley	\$50
Richmond	Godwin HS	Nguyen	\$50
Richmond	Governor's	Shapiro	\$600
Salt Lake	Judge Memorial	Johnson/SayreTT6569	\$600

Salt Lake	Taylorville HS	Hawkes	\$50
Winona	Benilde-St. Marg	Koshioi	\$600
Worcester	New Leadership	Snyder	\$50

The quotas have been set for the upcoming year and are as follow.

QUOTAS

Albany 2	Allentown 3	Altoona/John 5	Arlington 6
Atlanta 5	Austin 2	Baltimore 6	Beaumont 1
Biloxi 6	Boston 6	Brooklyn 6	Buffalo 3
Camden 2	Charlotte 2	Chicago 6	Cleveland 2
Detroit 4	Erie 4	Green Bay 5	Harrisburg 1
Houston/Galv 6	Indianapolis 6	Jackson 6	KS City, KS 6
KS City/SJ 2	LaCrosse 3	Lafayette 6	Louisville 5
Miami 6	Milwaukee 5	Nashville 1	New Orleans 6
New York 6	Newark 6	Ogdensburg 2	Omaha 4
Orlando 5	Palm Beach 5	Paterson 2	Philadelphia 6
Pittsburgh 4	Portland 2	Providence 4	Richmond 6
Rochester 3	Rockville Ctr. 5	Sacramento 4	Salina 6
Salt Lake 3	San Jose 5	Santa Fe 2	Scranton 4
Seattle 1	St. Augustine 2	St. Petersburg 6	Syracuse 2
Washington 5	Wichita 4	Winona 4	Wheeling-Ch. 2
Worcester 5			

We would like to welcome the new league of San Jose, CA, who with the help and support of Sacramento, entered the NCFL! Also, please welcome back the Diocese of Austin who has rejoined.

All Diocesan Moderators who were not at the Fall Meeting in Washington, DC, did make contact with a member of the Executive Council.

Hurricane Katrina Support Report

With the encouragement of the NFCL Diocesan Directors at the Fall Meeting, the Executive Council has taken the following steps. 1. All quotas of the four leagues affected by the Hurricane Katrina (New Orleans, Lafayette, Jackson and Biloxi) have been frozen at their 2005 quotas. 2. Set up a judge bank for these four leagues. To make it viable, member schools and diocese are asked if they can contribute judges for nationals to these schools. This option will be included in all registration materials. 3. NCFL will collect money for the defraying of costs of these students to

attend nationals. Some leagues have contributed money to this cause and sent it to Dick Gaudette and other schools and leagues are asked to help. 4. The NCFL estimates the possible costs per students to be approximately \$400 per student. This would include transportation and hotels. A flier is attached which you may share with your member schools.

In addition, we send our thoughts and prayers to our colleagues in Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia who have suffered great sadness in the mine disasters over the past month.

Chicago 2006

Information about the 2006 National Tournament may be found at www.chicagocfl.org Moderators, please make sure your coaches and judges understand how their teams will be split at the various competition sites during the tournament.

Policy Debate at the Hilton Hotel Lincoln-Douglas at Loyola Academy Student Congress at St Ignatius Extemp at De LaSalle Academy Speech (OO, DEC, OI and DUO)-split between DePaul Univ. and Roosevelt Univ.

***Please make sure coaches and judges understand ONLY EXTEMP JUDGES will be at De LaSalle and therefore, the judges assigned there will ONLY judge extemp.

No registration forms will be sent out this year as in past years. A simple cover sheet and diocesan directors agreement (which includes phone and hotel information) will be sent, along with the Lincoln-Douglas topic. This will include a fee schedule as well as a place to add judge or monetary contributions to the leagues affected by Hurricane Katrina. All registration will be handled online. Last year's pilot program was a resounding success.

There were no bids for hosting nationals for 2009 or 2010 received. If any league is interested in hosting, please contact Roland Burdett or Lynda Luce.

The NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) application has been submitted for the 2006-07 school year and we have been approved for 2005-06 school year.

Michael Nailor of the Scranton Diocese, has offered to review the NCFL website and provide input for upgrades based on some of the technology assessment surveys he's worked with in his recent coursework. Anyone with ideas or suggestions should forward them to Mike at nflncfl@ptd.net

At the Fall Meeting, a request was made that the ballot for Declamation be changed to Oratorical Declamation. This was done as well as adding on the Oratorical Declamation ballot and in the brief description of the event that only 9th and 10th graders could compete in this event.

The Duo Interpretation Master Ballot and Critique Sheet wording was finalized to reflect the By-Laws changes made at the Fall 2005 Meeting to allow multiple-character interpretations. Special thanks to David Long of Allentown, who chaired the committee which developed input for this revision.

Lynda Luce, First Vice President is preparing a survey for coaches concerning the addition of Public Forum debate in the coming years. Please make your opinion heard and respond when you receive this survey. The committee examining the possibility of adding Public Forum Debate to NCFL Nationals is making progress. We expect a report and vote at the Fall 2006 Meeting in September.

After calling for consideration of new Extemp topic areas, these were finalized at this meeting. They are for 2006:

United States Political Issues United States and Global Economic Issues Science and Medical Issues Business and Technology Third World Countries Religious and Moral Issues Natural Disasters and the Environment Law, Justice and the United States Constitution United States Social and Cultural Issues

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topics were selected for review. The topic selected will be announced in the registration materials and online on/about March 15.

Please make sure you check the website (www.ncfl.org) to see the new Oratorical Declamation and Dramatic Duo Interpretation ballots and critique sheets.

The meeting adjourned on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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