



NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE
FALL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26, 2009
HILTON HOTEL, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
Meeting Minutes

I. INVOCATION

Joe McKenna – Camden

II. WELCOME/GREETING

Omaha Hilton Representative

III. ROLL CALL

IV. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: KIERAN LARKIN

- Comments on Albany Nationals
 - Received many nice comments from coaches and students regarding the tournament
 - Publicly thanked Alicia Slavis and all members of the Albany League.
 - Added thanks to all the DioDirs who helped to make the tournament a success
 - Discussed that tournament was more costly than anticipated
 - Attributed mostly to buses
- Pleased with Events Coordinator (EC).
 - Pleased with the role of EC in general.
 - Greatly pleased with the work done by Sarah Donnelly as EC in specific
 - The role of EC will be more defined as the position develops
 - Billed costs were lower than anticipated
 - In addition to helping with Albany, presence of EC has increased number of leagues that have enquired about hosting.
- Elections for officers.
 - Invited interested parties to look at website
 - Nominations deadline is January 1st
- 5 member nomination committee will be appointed (may not serve on committee if you are planning to run for office)
- Inquiries from Diocese wishing to join or rejoin the NCFL
 - Las Vegas
 - Hawaii
 - Anchorage
 - San Diego
 - Des Moines
 - Sioux City

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT: CATHERINE LUHR

- NCFL hosted the NFHS Topic Selection Meeting on August 7-9, 2009 in Grand Island, New York
 - Kieran read letter from Kent Summers the Assistant Director from NFHS who thanked the league for hosting the debate topic selection committee in Buffalo
- Topic selection and voting will be handled over the internet.
- Topics are as follows:
 - *Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or its development of space beyond Earth's mesosphere.*
 - *Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a universal health care system in the United States.*
 - *Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its restriction of immigration to the United States.*
 - *Resolved: The United States should substantially change its federal election system through one or more of the following means: legislation, court decision, constitutional amendment.*
 - *Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States.*

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: GREG CUNNINGHAM

- Extemp questions will be posted to the website following the Grand National Tournament.
 - Questions from last year's tournament will be posted as soon as possible.
- Last year's Extemp topic areas were created around the cabinet positions.
- Requested feedback and suggestions as we move forward
- Asked for help in tracking down records of results prior to 2004
 - If anyone has old copies, please contact Greg (GregCJR@hotmail.com)
- Explained how Twitter and FaceBook could be useful tools in managing the NCFL tournament.
- Two twitter accounts will be available
 - One for coaches and students (NCFL_Updates)
 - One for Tabroom staff

EXECUTIVE SEC/TREASURER: MIKE COLLETTI

- Submitted Financial Report (*See Appendix A*)
 - Buses were noted as a large overage.
 - Problem was attributed to contracts not being negotiated prior to the tournament
 - Noted that 10,000 loss – if you offset that with buses, then budget would have been ok
 - At present, no need to raise fees
 - Fine list will be posted to www.NCFL.org.
 - Schools must pay outstanding fines prior to the Grand National Tournament.

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report – Jeff Smith (Scranton)

Proposed – Kristen Taylor (Palm Beach)

Carried – Unanimously

PUBLICITY/RECORDING SEC: CHARLIE SLOAT

- Stated that Roland Burdett has a collection of old shirts and programs.
 - Catherine Luhr will get pictures of the shirts
 - Charlie Sloat will scan the booklets – probably the covers at first
 - The board is investigating creative ways to display the pictures and make them available.
- Old Scrap Book:
 - Old ScrapBook scans are available at www.NYCFL.org/NCFL.
 - will look to get a Link to the old scrapbook on the NCFL website
- Requested that if anyone of you has pictures from any of the various nationals, send them to:
NCFLSCRAPBOOK@gmail.com.
- Working on the best way to make pictures and images available.
 - Recent national pictures be collected for historic purposes, for posting in later years (to avoid legal issues with posting pictures of current students.)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: ROLAND BURDETT

- Errors and Apologies
The NCFL Grand National Tournament Director announced that two errors were made at the NCFL 2009 Grand Nationals in Albany, New York. In Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Entry #1062, Seth Teleky of Bronx High School of Science, New York, should have cleared into the elimination rounds. And three schools should have received Daniel S. Masterson Sweepstakes Awards: Berkeley Carroll School, Brooklyn, New York; Holy Ghost Preparatory, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and James Logan High School, San Jose, California. Trophies have been sent to the schools. The NCFL humbly apologizes for these errors.
- Worked with Brent Hinkle on Joy of “Tournaments” to make changes to the program to make forfeits clearer.
- Discussed how Facebook helped at last year’s tournament to notify students and coaches to get off the website and eased web traffic.
- Noted that Computers in Extemp Prep seemed to go well, but welcomed comments and suggestions.
- Requested suggestions for LD and PF topics.
 - Must be submitted to Rolland Burdett or Greg Cunningham prior to January 15, 2010.
- If a student that should have received a medal has not gotten one, Mike Colletti has replacements.

V. TOURNAMENT REPORTS:

ALICIA SLAVIS, ALBANY, 2009

- Kieran Larkin read letter submitted by Alicia Slavis:
“I do want to thank you and the executive board for all you help and support during our tournament in Albany. I also want to express my gratitude to the Diocesan Directors for their graciousness and for having attended. We were very happy to have hosted them. Please tell them that we appreciate that their students were so well behaved and respectful of the venues. We got nothing but compliments from all venues, including the Crowne, the Courthouse and the Plaza.”

JENNIFER JEROME, OMAHA, 2010

- Website will be posted on www.NCFL.org as soon as it is available.
- See Appendix B

ROBERTA HYLAND/ANN MARIE PHILLIPS, ARLINGTON/WASHINGTON, 2011

- See Appendix C

CHARLES DONOVAN, BALTIMORE 2012

- See Appendix D

VI. CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS:

A. *Home School Codification (PASS)*

Insert into By-Laws, Article II, Paragraph 4.

Home schools are eligible to join a Diocesan League and the LEAGUE, according to all established rules of the Diocesan League and the LEAGUE. Regardless of the number of home schools as members of a Diocesan League, only one Home School will be counted for determining entry quotas into the Grand National Tournament.

Proposed – Roland Burdett (Tournament Director)

- This change codifies procedures that are already in place.
- It also addresses different home-school situations across the country.

2nd – Sarah Donnelly (Worcester)

Previous Question Called - Sister Mary Patricia Plumb (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

2nd – Roberta Hyland (Arlington)

PASSES - with one abstention

B. *Congress Speech Time Limit Extension (FAIL)*

Change Section 4, Para 4, of the Congress Manual to read
4 minutes. (replacing 3 minute speech times.)

Add

“There will be a mandatory 1 minute of cross-x time at the end of the speech, in addition to the questions asked if there was already time remaining in the speech.

Proposed – Kristen Taylor (Palm Beach)

- Change congress’ speech time limits should to 4 minutes
- Mandate additional time for questions required.

2nd - Mary Schick (Miami)

Previous Question Called – Sister Mary Patricia Plumb

(St. Petersburg-Tampa)

2nd – Lynda Luce (Green Bay)

Failed with 4 abstentions

C. Change the date that Bills/Resolutions are due. (FAIL)

Change Congress Manual, Section IX. Para 2.
April 1st becomes April 15th (twice in the sentence.)

Proposed – Greg Cunningham (Boston)

- April 15th is consistent with other NCFL deadlines.

2nd – James Holt (Atlanta)

Previous Question Called – Donald Hitt (Richmond)

2nd - Jeff Smith (Scranton)

Failed – Unanimously

D. Change the Bill/Resolution Distribution Date. (PASS – AMENDED)

Change Congress Manual

Change the date that acceptable Bills/Resolutions are distributed to be one month prior to the Grand National Tournament.

Proposed – Roland Burdett (Tournament Director)

- So that coaches don't have to constantly check website to see if bills have been released.

2nd – Maureen Mannion (Orlando)

Amendment

*Change **be one month prior to the Grand National Tournament. to no later than April 25.***

Proposed – Maureen Manion (Orlando)

- Preference to lock in specific date.

2nd – Donald Hitt (Richmand)

Amendment Called – Sister Mary Patricia Plumb (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

2nd Lynda Luce (Green Bay)

Passed – Unanimously

Amended Question Called– Kieran Larkin (Brooklyn-Queens)

2nd – Jeff Smith (Scranton)

Passed – Unanimously

E. Create a formula to allow for more houses in Congress (PASS)

Remove Congress Manual, Section V:

1. There will be 8 preliminary Chambers (1-2-3, etc.). They will hold three preliminary sessions. Session 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Session 2 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session 3 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Six Congresspersons will come out of each Chamber (two per session) and advance to the Semi-Finals on Sunday. The Clerk of Congress will distribute the 48 qualifiers into three Chambers of 16 each. Qualifiers will be posted at the same time as other events on Saturday night.

Remove Congress Manual, Section V:

2. There will be 3 Semi-Final Chambers (I, II, III) with 16 congresspersons in each Chamber. The Semi-Finals will be held on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The two Scorers and the Parliamentarian in each Chamber will each rank all 16 speakers. The ranks will be totaled and the lowest 6 totals will advance to the Grand Final. The other two to advance are voted on by the Chamber (10 left) by preferential balloting. Eight will advance to the Grand Final from each Chamber to equal 24 in the Grand Final Session. These students will compete for the honor of being elected the NCFL Grand National Congress Champions.

ADD to Congress Manual, Section V:

1. If there are 208 entries or less, as of 2 weeks prior to the Grand National Tournament, there will be 8 preliminary Chambers (1-2-3, etc). If there are more than 208 entries 2 weeks prior to the Grand National Tournament, then there will be an additional chamber added for every 26 entries above 208, or fraction thereof.
2. The Chambers will hold three preliminary sessions on Saturday, totaling 9.5 hours. Exact times for the Sessions will be determined by the Grand National Tournament Director.
3. Six Congresspersons will come out of each Chamber (two per session) and advance to the Semi-Finals. The Clerk of the Congress will distribute the qualifiers into three approximately equally sized Chambers. Qualifiers will be posted at the same time as other events on Saturday night.
4. There will be 3 Semi-Final Chambers (I, II, III). The Semi-Finals will consist of one 3 and ½ hour session. The two Scorers and the Parliamentarian in each Chamber will each rank all of the speakers. The ranks will be totaled and the lowest 6 totals will advance to the Grand Final. The other two to advance are voted on by the Chamber by preferential

balloting selecting from those students not already advancing from Semi-Finals.

5. *Eight students will advance to the Grand Final from each Semi-Final Chamber to equal 24 in the Grand Final Session. These students will compete for the honor of being elected the NCFL Grand National Congress Champion.*
6. *The NCFL Clerk of the Congress, or some other adult designee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the Grand Final Session. There will be 2 Scorers and one Parliamentarian for the entire Grand Final Session. The Grand Final Session will last 4 hours. Exact times for the Session will be determined by the Grand National Tournament Director.*
7. *Existing Manual Section V. Para 5.*
8. *Existing Manual Section V. Para 6.*
9. *Existing Manual Section V. Para 7.*

Proposed – Roland Burdett (Tournament Director)

- Accommodates changes as congress expands...208 keeps chambers down to no more than 26.
- Changes start and stop time to remove fixed start and stop and instead lock in total session time.
- Will phase in slowly, not expected to impact in the next few years, but recommended if growth continues

2nd – Jeff Smith (Scranton)

Previous Question Called - Lynda Luce (Green Bay)

2nd - Sister Mary Patricia Plumb (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

Passed - Unanimously

F. Richard Gaudette Service Award By-Laws. (PASS – AMENDED)

Add description of Richard Gaudette Service Award to the By-Laws

1. *One award may be given to an individual or a group per year.*
2. *Nominations are due to the First Vice President using the written nomination form by January 15.*
3. *The committee shall be made up of 7 people, including Richard Gaudette and the First Vice-President. The other 5 members will be appointed by the NCFL President, and to the greatest extent possible will be past presidents of the NCFL.*
4. *A member of the committee may not nominate a person/persons for the award.*
5. *The Executive Council may, at its sole discretion, under unusual circumstances, present a second award.*

Proposed - Catherine Luhr (Buffalo)

- Codify the process and procedures for determining the recipient(s) of the Richard Gaudette Service Award.

2nd – Randy Pierce (St. Louis)

Amendment1:

Strike #4 and Replace with:

4. *A member of the committee may not be a nominee for the award*

Proposed – David Long (Allentown)

- To prevent a committee member from having to vote for him/herself

2nd - Kristen Taylor (Palm Beach)

Amendment1 Called: Lynda Luce (Green Bay)

2nd - Randy Pierce (St. Louis)

Failed - Overwhelmingly

Amendment2:

Strike # 4 and Replace with:

The membership of the committee is determined by the president of the NCFL not earlier than Jan 16 and not later than January 30 of each year.

The committee shall not include any nominees for that year.

Proposed – Roland Burdett (Tournament Director)

- Allows anyone to be nominated and gives President flexibility to create committees
- Prevents committee members from being nominees.

2nd – Randy Pierce (St. Louis)

Amendment2 Called – Ann Marie Phillips (Washington)

2nd – Roberta Hyland (Arlington)

Passed – Unanimously

Amended2 Question Called – Ann Marie Phillips (Washington)

2nd – David Long (Allentown)

Passed – Unanimously

G. Require sources for speeches in Extemporaneous Speaking. (FAIL)

Change Extemp By-law #7.

Remove:

“Material should be organized according to some logical plan to produce a complete speech within the time allowed. The speech must be extemporaneous and delivered without notes.”

Replace:

“The speech must be extemporaneous and the contestant will be allowed one (1) note card. That note card must contain all the sources that are cited in the speech. The contestant is not required to read off of the note card or use the note card during the speech. At the end of the speech, the contestant will turn the card into the judge and at the end of the round the judge will turn all cards into the tabroom. The tournament director or their designate(s) will be allowed to check the sources on these cards. If any of the sources on the cards are found to be not verifiable the contestant will be disqualified. The methodology for insuring the validity of the sources will be at the discretion of the of the tournament director. The contestant WILL NOT be penalized for either using or not using the note card during the speech.”

Proposed – Jeff Smith (Scranton)

- To try to hold students accountable for the sources cited.

2nd – Kristen Taylor (Palm Beach)

Question Called – Jennifer Jerome (Omaha)

2nd – Susan Glunt (Erie)

Failed – Overwhelmingly

H. Eliminate “Lag” Pairing in Debate. (FAIL)

Change Article II, Section C, Paragraph 4.b. to read:

Rounds I and II: random pairing along geographical grounds.

Round III: direct power pairing, “high-high” based on Rounds I and II.

Round IV: high-low power within bracket based on W/L and ballots from Rounds I, II, and III. Side Constraints.

Round V: high-low power within bracket based on W/L and ballots from Rounds I, II, III, and IV. Flip for sides.

Based on schedule and site requirement, the Grand National Tournament Director may authorize the use of “lag” pairing in any, or all, of the debate events for a particular tournament. Once “lag” pairing is started, it will be continued throughout the day. If this decision is taken it will be publicized by the Event Tab Chair and noted on the next available pairings sheets distributed to contestants and judges.

Remainder of paragraph 4.b. remains as is.

Proposed – Raymond Shay (Philadelphia)

- Lag pairing is not the optimal pairing system
- Provides some flexibility to alter schedule if tournament runs behind

2nd – Michael Burton (Seattle)

Question Called – Sister Mary Patricia Plumb (St. Petersburg-Tampa)

2nd – Eloise Blair (Galveston/Houston)

Failed – Overwhelmingly

I. Require the inclusion of affordable hotel accommodations. (AMENDED – FAIL)

Nationals Bid Packet, Section 2.2 – Add:

“Bidding leagues must provide the names and rates of at least 2 hotels with more affordable rates that will be considered part of the block of tournament hotels.”

Amendment – David Long (Allentown)

2nd – Jeff Smith (Scranton)

Change wording from *must provide* to *are encouraged to provide*.

Amendment Called – Donald Hitt (Richmond)

2nd – Randy Pierce (St. Louis)

Passed – overwhelmingly

Amended Resolution Called – Lynda Luce (Green Bay)

2nd – Dr. D. Lynn Owen (St. Augustine)

Failed - Weighted vote taken (46A – 142N)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Motion to recognize the hard work and effort of Bill Hicks (PASS)

Proposed - Michael Burton (Seattle)

2nd - Mary Schick (Miami)

Passed - Unanimously

VIII. OTHER ITEMS – Additional items that were discussed.

A. Questions about PF judges not using proper criteria (LD)

- a. Suggest that moderators check that PF judges coming over to nationals know the criteria
- b. Request that Executive Committee look at ballots for PF over winter meeting and consider process of rankings
- c. Request that when making PF topic selection that the topic wording should not lend itself to an LD type debate
- d. Reminder that PF/LD topics should be submitted by Jan 15

B. Time signal requests

- a. Judges sometimes don't honor time signal requests
- b. Time signals should be covered in opening meetings

C. Sunday judges being "under utilized"

- a. Sunday judge assignments are left to Diocesan Directors
- b. Sunday Elim Judge quotas are designed to provide approximately twice the number of judges needed. This ensures that we can start nearly every round even with a few 'no-shows'.

D. Request for clarification on rules of disclosure

- a. 100% agreement that tab staff may never disclose results
- b. Judges disclosing will be addressed as incidents are brought to attention

E. Clarification of protest process

- a. Coach contact is tried first, then another representative from team
- b. Diocesan Director need not be involved in the process
- c. Role of Diocesan Directors
 - i. Need to reinforce ethics on the local level
 - ii. Make sure than all coaches are made aware of rules and procedures

F. NCFL to look into merchandise options

- a. Executive committee will look into making NCFL shirts available

IX. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – Ann Marie Phillips (Washington)

2nd – Charles Donovan (Baltimore)

Carried – Unanimously

Appendix A.

NCFL STATEMENT 2008-2009

Receipts

Dues	21760.00
Penalty	628.00
Pins	48.00
Fines	2650.00
NCFL Registration	91035.00
Misc.	0.00
Total	116121.00

9/1/2008	83406.19
Receipts	116121.00
Total	199527.19
Expenses	-126190.40
Total 2009	73336.79

Expenses

Supplies/Printing	1653.06
Postage	42.00
Phone	0.00
Exec Council	15162.14
Nat'l Fed Meeting	1310.40
Web	305.57
Tourney Coordinator	7289.37
NCFL Tournament	99938.62
Misc	489.24
Total	126190.40

Tournament

Advances	10000.00
Site Charges	9446.00
Trophies/Award:	23520.56
Insurance	880.00
Postage	67.00
Ballots	1382.98
Supplies	1931.58
Busses	39145.00
Congress	940.00
Tab Food	9212.84
Program/Result:	3412.66
Total	99938.62

AH

2010 NCFL Omaha "The Center of Attention"

Hotels

Tournament Hotel– Hilton Omaha	1001 Cass Street Omaha, NE 68102	402-998-3400	140.00 w/out tax	www.hilton.com/ Airport shuttle service 9.00 a night parking
DoubleTree Downtown	1616 Dodge Omaha, NE 68102	402-346-5722	144.00 w/out tax	www.omahadowntown.doubletree.com Local Area Transportation 7.00 a night parking
Courtyard Marriott	101 S. 10 th St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-346-0155 866-204-9388	139.00 w/out tax	www.marriott.com Airport shuttle service Complimentary On-site parking
Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown	1212 Cuming St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-345-5500	132.00 w/out tax	www.ncghotels.com/hamptonomaha free wireless Local Area Transportation
Magnolia	1615 Howard St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-341-2500 888-915-1110	139.00 w/out tax	www.magnoliahotelomaha.com Downtown car service
Hilton Garden Inn	1005 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-341-4200	139.00 w/out tax	www.hiltongardeninnomaha.com 100% Smoke free building 9.00 a night parking Local Area Transportation
Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market	555 S. 10 th St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-346-9000	139.00 w/out tax	www.embassysuites.com Airport shuttle service
Fairfield Inn Downtown	1501 Nicholas St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-280-1516	119.00 w/out tax	www.marriott.com Complimentary On-Site Parking Airport Shuttle Service
Holiday Inn Downtown	1420 Cuming St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-341-0124 fax: 402-341-0171	119.00 w/out tax	www.HolidayInnDowntownOmaha.com Complimentary Airport Shuttle Indoor water park free for guests
Homewood Suites Omaha Downtown	1314 Cuming St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-345-5100	137.00 w/out tax	www.homewoodsuites.com Complimentary wireless high speed Internet Complimentary breakfast
Holiday Inn Convention Center (site of Student Congress)	3321 S. 72 nd St. Omaha, NE 68124	402-393-3950	134.00 w/out tax	www.holiday-inn.com/omaha-central CocoKey Indoor Water Park Pass 15.00 (usually 35.00) Airport Shuttle Service Complimentary Parking
DoubleTree Guest Suites (formerly an Embassy Suites)	7270 Cedar St. Omaha, NE 68124	402-397-5141	135.00 w/out tax	www.omahasuites.doubletree.com
Fairfield Inn and Suites Downtown	1501 Nicholas St. Omaha, NE 68102	402-280-1516 Fax: 402-280-1517	119.00 w/out tax	www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/omafd-fairfield-inn-and-suites-omaha-downtown/ Complimentary On-Site Parking

Competition Sites

Saturday, May 29, 2010

- Congress: Holiday Inn Convention Center 72nd and Grover
- Policy Debate: Millard West High School
- Other IE's, PF & LD (exact sites yet to be determined) Creighton University, Millard North HS & Millard South HS

Sunday, May 30, 2010

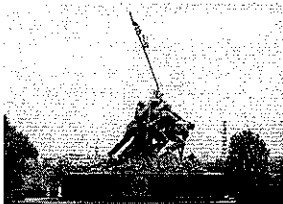
- Congress: Holiday Inn Convention Center 72nd and Grover
- All IE and Debate at Creighton University

Postings/Mass/Awards

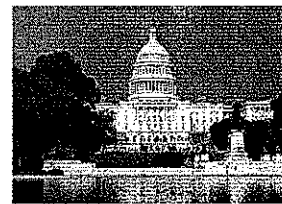
There will be a postings party in the Qwest Center Saturday, May 29th. The Qwest is across the street from the Hilton Omaha (it is also connect via a skywalk).

Mass will be held in the Hilton Omaha Ballroom.

Awards will be held in the Qwest Center Ballroom.



NCFL 2011 in Washington, D.C.



Hotels

Marriott Wardman Park (2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008)

- Headquarters Hotel
 - 1200 rooms blocked
 - 55% Double-Double
 - \$179 per room per night
- Host For:
 - Friday Registration
 - Friday Dio Dir Meeting
 - Saturday Mass and Party
 - Sunday Awards
 - LD on Saturday
 - Policy, LD, PF, and Speech Elims on Sunday
- Across street from Metro
- 2 blocks from Zoo
- <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/wasdt-washington-marriott-wardman-park>

Marriott Renaissance (999 Ninth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001)

- 400 Rooms
 - 55% Double-Double
 - \$179 per room per night
- Host For:
 - Congress Prelims on Saturday
 - Congress Elims on Sunday
- 2 Blocks from Metro
 - Next to DC Convention Center, Verizon Center Arena
 - The heart of commercial downtown DC
- NOT the Renaissance Mayflower!
- <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasrb-renaissance-washington-dc-hotel>

NCFL 2011 in Washington, D.C.

Getting to D.C.

- By Air
 - Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)
 - Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
 - Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI)
- By Train & Bus
 - Union Station
- By Car
 - I-95

Baltimore 2012 Update

9/26/09

Host: Lead contact for Baltimore 2012 is Tom Durkin.

Hotels: Contracts have been signed with 5 hotels. 1675 rooms total, rates will be the same as those for DC nationals 2011. All of the hotels are in the Inner Harbor, within walking distance of each other.

Hilton Baltimore (main tournament hotel), Renaissance, Hyatt Regency, Sheraton Inner Harbor, Marriott Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Saturday Competition Sites (all tentative): Speech – Towson University, Loyola Blakefield HS (backup), Calvert Hall College (backup). Policy – Poly Western HS. LD – Dulaney HS. PF – Baltimore City College. Congress – Hotels.

Sunday Competition Sites: Hotels

Buses: Buses will shuttle from hotels to competition sites on Saturday. No buses will be needed on Sunday. Contracts can not be signed until one year prior to the event.

Awards: Hilton Grand Ballroom

This year, we will be organizing committees, as well as continuing work on competition sites.

Baltimore looks forward to hosting you in 2012!