



NCFL Winter Meeting, January 27-28, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Catherine Luhr on Friday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m. In attendance were Catherine Luhr, Greg Cunningham, Charles Sloat, Roberta Hyland, Roland Burdett, and Mike Colletti.

1. Quotas for the upcoming year are as presented below. Directors are reminded to confirm the contact information on file and to notify Mike Colletti of any changes. By confirming your contact information you will ensure that you will receive communications regarding Lincoln-Douglas/Public Forum topic voting and Nationals registration.

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Albany	NY	2	10	Alicia Slavis	<a href="mailto:mamaslavis@gmail.com">mamaslavis@gmail.com</a>
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Arlington	VA	6	38	Roberta Hyland	bertrh@aol.com
Atlanta	GA	5	21	James Holt	jholt31525@aol.com
Austin	TX	1	5	Mike Cunningham	<a href="mailto:mcunningham@del-valle.k12.tx.us">mcunningham@del-valle.k12.tx.us</a>
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Boston	MA	6	26	Greg Cunningham	GregCJR@hotmail.com
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Buffalo	NY	3	11	Catherine Luhr	cluhr@mtmercy.org
Burlington	VT	3	11	James Dixon	dixonj@hartfordschools.net
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Cleveland	OH	6	26	Thom Williams	<a href="mailto:thomas.williams@neomin.org">thomas.williams@neomin.org</a>
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Kansas City	KS	6	28	David Ralph	<a href="mailto:dralph@usd345.com">dralph@usd345.com</a>
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Lincoln - 5 entries	NE	*	4	Matt Davis	mdavis@lps.org
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Milwaukee	WI	5	21	Steve Sexton	steve1328@att.net
Nashville - 1 entry	TN	*	1	Cheryl Ward	<a href="mailto:cheryl.ward@mybga.org">cheryl.ward@mybga.org</a>
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Newark	NJ	6	31	Jim Reagan	jreagan@unioncatholic.org
Ogdensburg	NY	2	6	Daniel Jenack	<a href="mailto:djenack@yahoo.com">djenack@yahoo.com</a>
Oklahoma City - 1 entry	OK	*	1	Ryan Swartz	<a href="mailto:rswartz@bmchs.org">rswartz@bmchs.org</a>
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Worcester	MA	5	23	Sarah Donnelly	donnely1013@gmail.com

2. The Board reviewed various inquiries/questions that had been received regarding diocesan statuses and fines. The Board noted that the number of fines/penalties for late membership paperwork has decreased.
3. The Board discussed a request to form a committee to review the current language related to “publication” in Speech events, especially in light of the expanded availability of self-publication technologies. The Board noted that this group can also examine the use of electronic devices for performances instead of a binder. The formation of the committee will be announced at the May Directors’ meeting and their results, including recommended language, would be presented at the September Directors’ meeting.
4. The Board discussed NCFL financials and noted that it is important to make sure that fee intake syncs appropriate with expense outflows for nationals. A discussion regarding fee structures may be revisited at the May meeting.
5. The Board reviewed the status of the Officer election process for this year.
6. The Board reviewed tab room staffing.
7. The Board reviewed speech ballot collection, entry, and entry double-check processes.
8. The Board discussed adjustments needed to tabroom.com for speech tabbing.
9. The Board reviewed bids for upcoming Nationals. Clarifying questions will be sent back to the dioceses that submitted bids.
10. The Board reviewed arrangements for Nationals 2012.
  - The hotel block is open and information is available at [www.ncfl.org](http://www.ncfl.org)
  - Coach buses will be used for Extemp and Policy, while school buses will be used for other events.
  - The Hilton will be the site of Diocesan League Registration and the Diocesan Directors’ Meeting.
  - Current sites for events on Saturday(subject to change):
    - Extemp – Loyola Blakefield
    - Speech (except for Extemp) – Towson University
    - Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Catonsville
    - Policy Debate – Poly
    - Public Forum Debate – Baltimore City
    - Student Congress - Sheraton
  - Current sites for events on Sunday (subject to change):
    - Speech – Hyatt, Renaissance, and Sheraton
    - Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas - Marriott
    - Policy – Hilton
    - Awards, Mass, and Posting Party - Hilton
  - Greg and Mike will review the online registration instructions for Diocesan Directors for possible changes in advance of their distribution.
  - The Board discussed if a judge pool approach will be used in Baltimore. It was noted that with Nationals in 2011, some judge fees are still outstanding to the local host league, so

running a judge pool can create a financial risk to the host depending on how a judge pool process is structured.

11. Extemporaneous Speaking topic areas were discussed. The Extemporaneous Speaking topic areas for 2012 Nationals are:
  - a. 2012 Elections
  - b. U.S. Legal and Constitutional Issues
  - c. Developing Countries
  - d. U.S. Foreign Policy
  - e. U.S. Economic Policy
  - f. Foreign Economics
  - g. World Leaders
  - h. Science and Technology
  - i. Borders and Migration

The NCFL encourages any and all interested coaches and students to submit draft Extemp questions between now and April 27, 2012. Questions should be sent via email to [extemp@ncfl.org](mailto:extemp@ncfl.org). The Board will use these draft questions to prepare the questions to be used at the tournament. So the very real possibility exists this year that a student could write a question on which they would then get to speak. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

12. The Board reviewed topic ideas that were submitted for Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation for all of the suggestions. Based upon the suggestions provided, the Board selected 4 topics/topic areas for both Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate that will be provided to the Topic Wording Committee. The specific topic wordings created by the Committee will then be provided to all diocesan directors for voting.