

Spring 1999 NPDA Business Meeting Minutes: Holiday Inn, San Diego

Preliminary Report:

- Minutes were sent out earlier and were approved.

Reports:

- President's report: None
- Treasurer's report: Brent reported that we started the registration with about \$15,000 and Brent will include a final report at the end of the weekend.
- Exec Secretary: Renea extended thanks to Michael Dreher, webmaster, and to Brian Shipley, computer assistance. Also, thanks for having all but one tournament in as of last weekend. Please submit sanctioning forms and results in a timely fashion. Use the checklist provided at registration to make sure that all information gets to Renea after each tournament. Since a number of schools do not keep records of outround brackets, directors are encouraged to take copies of the elimination bracket reporting form to each tournament they attend and to keep a record for themselves of outround results. Then, in the case of a director not turning in results or, as in some cases, destroying results, the schools themselves can submit the prelim packet and the outround results. Thanks.
- Site Report: The tournament will be held Mar 9-12, 2000 at Creighton. Nebraska looks forward to having you. There will be 110 rooms for sure and Creighton will look for others if needed. Scott from Metro-Denver made a bid. There would be 207 rooms and there is a good airport and hotel.

Old Business:

- By-law amendment to prohibit use of published materials during prep time (first item on the reverse side) was introduced into discussion. Vibrant discussion ensued on both sides of the debate. The motion failed.

New Business:

- By-law amendment to change the method of calculating tournament sweepstakes awards (second item) was introduced into discussion. Discussion ensued. An amendment was introduced to change the original item to read, "In the event that all schools wishing to enter four teams at the national tournament can not be accommodated, then the maximum number of teams that count for tournament sweepstakes will be set at the number of teams that every school was allowed to enter by the entry deadline. In this event, the teams that are to be included in the tournament must be designated by the tournament deadline." The motion passed to amend. The motion as amended then passed as a whole.

- By-law amendment to By-Law XIII (Tournament Rules) to include voluntary disclosure by judges (third item). Discussion ensued. After division of the house, the motion failed 29-23.
- By-law amendment to By-Law XII (Tournament Rules) to include mutual preference judging (fourth item) assignment. Discussion ensued. The motion failed.
- Other new business:
 - Michael Dreher announced that he is finding a new presentation of the Excel information that will make it less unwieldy.
 - Michael Dreher also introduced a concern about regional circuits being endangered by three division tournaments with massive numbers of elimination rounds.
 - We welcomed all those who are new to NPDA.
 - Thanks to Michelin Massey for introducing stuff and running a student team. Bob noted all the other student run teams as well.
 - District III announcement.
 - Brent apologized for the line at registration. It will be fixed for next year.
 - Charlie Ewing announced that two-year institutions should caucus.
 - Bob announced that there are two receptions at this tournament. Please come. Thanks.
 - Bob announced that pairings will be in Nicholson Commons.

By the grace of all that is good, we adjourned.