

COFO Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2005  
NCA, Boston

Members Present: Dan Cronn-Mills, Minnesota State-Mankato (Chair); Frank Thompson, University of Alabama, AFA-NIET and DSR-TKA; Sandy Alspach, Ferris State, PKD; Larry Schnoor, Minnesota State-Mankato, NFA and Interstate Oratory; Michael Dreher, Bethel University, Novice Nationals and NCCFA; David Steinberg, University of Miami, CEDA; M'Liss Hindman, Tyler CC, Phi Rho Pi.

Observers: Kittie Grace, Hastings College; Brian Hoffman, Hastings College; David Gaer, Laramie County CC, Argumentation and Forensics Division

1. Dan called the meeting to order. The previous minutes were approved (moved by Larry, seconded by Sandy).
2. Thanks to Argumentation and Forensics for slotting us at AFA. Dave Gaer will be the program planner for Argumentation and Forensics for this coming year.
3. Calendar updates - Michael will have those on the COFO calendar site:  
<http://comm.bethel.edu/cofo/calendar.html> (Note new address)
4. Dan mentioned the Online forensics research index – it's available for research.
5. Online tournament calendar - 142 tournaments listed, 2000+ hits on the site. Dan is going to try to cross-populate the Online calendar, CEDA, NDT.
6. Larry reports that he sent the forensics description to NFA. No information back.
7. Larry - NFA, AFA-NIET joining for a developmental conference in individual events - Summer 2007. They will contact other organizations for help/support. NFA, AFA-NIET help with \$500 for funding. They want to be on the alternate summer from Alta.
8. Kittie Grace from Hastings is working on a project on hired judges and individual events. Seeing if there's helpful information as far as putting together idea - rules, other helpful ideas (stopwatches are cool, so are pens and pencils!), as well as some of our terminology (what is DE/XE) and practices (one or two quotations).

The website is not up as of yet; Brian showed different items that the website might list (including team listing, etc.)

Larry comments that the rules change for different organizations - PRP has different rules than NFA/NIET.

Dan asks - can this be added dynamically? Brian's response - potentially.

Kittie's email: [kittiegrace@yahoo.com](mailto:kittiegrace@yahoo.com) for purposes of this project.

9. Larry is switching to [lschnoor@hickorytech.net](mailto:lschnoor@hickorytech.net) for email purposes. Don't use the old AOL address (even if it's been burned into our memory for so long!)
10. There will be a discussion between Dan, Michael and Kittie to try to coordinate the various websites in order to put links in one place. There was also a discussion to potentially get a COFO domain name - but that would have to come from the funds of another organization.
11. The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by: Michael Dreher, Bethel University