

COFO Business Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2009, National Communication Association Convention, Chicago

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Observers: Brian Klosa (South Central College), David Brennan (MSU-Mankato), Adam Jacobi (National Forensic League), Clayton Sanders (Illinois State University)

Items of Business:

1. COFO calendar

Dan – The AFA website has some functionality now. Michael mentioned his past efforts.

Requests:

Links to all calendars from the COFO website – Michael will do this.

Should we have a comprehensive calendar? The group came to a consensus that Michael's NFA calendar should be the basis for a new COFO calendar. Dan will shut his site down.

Difficulties of trying to coordinate regional tournaments and calendars. (What happens when people jump on each other's weekends?) Michael will add a "date added" feature so that people will know which tournaments came first. Get calendars.

Request: NCA be listed in the calendar (this will be the case for 2010-2011)

2. AFA has approved a tenure/promotion document for debate – summer conference. They would like to know if COFO would approve it as well.

AFA has requested a copy of Michael's paper for the IE tenure/promotion document.

3. Finding the COFO website. We'll publicize collegeforensics.org

4. Updates for National Organizations:

2011 – IFA will be in Budapest (all NFA events except for Ext; LD, Parli)

DSR will be hosting a student conference March 13-14, University of Alabama. "Searching the Communication Arts." January 30 deadline. For UG/Grad students. Not yet decided if faculty papers included. 6 topic areas; will be posted to IE-L.

NFA – 2011 will be at Illinois State University; 2010 – Ohio University.

AFA-NIET – 2011 at UN-Kearney

IOA – 2010 at University of Oklahoma. 2011 to be determined.

Summer Development Conference – 1st weekend – August 2010, Minneapolis Airport Holiday Inn Express Suites (August 6-8). Call coming out in January. Assessment criteria/tools for forensics – what we teach, how it ties to liberal arts. More than just a competitive activity... more of a working conference, but some papers.

PRP – 2010 – New Orleans; 2011 – Connecticut. 2012 – Schaumburg, IL.

Novice Nationals – 2010 – Hutchinson Community College. 2011 – University of Indianapolis

NPDA – 2010 – Texas Tech (one weekend earlier); 2011 – several potential hosts.

CEDA/NDT – March 20-28 – UC-Berkeley – CEDA will be the during the first half, the NDT during the second half of the time period.

PKD – This year – honorary – Minneapolis. Next year – Portland. Working with a graphic artist and data firm ... getting ready for the 100th anniversary. Trying to raise 400% more than the \$20k/year now. Hiring branding consultants – trying to solve the problem of losing track of members – what do we do? Broader notion of what forensics should be about.

ADA – March 5-7 – Vanderbilt University

NCCFI – March 5-7 – Cedarville. 2011 – Azusa Pacific University

NPTE – 2010 – Azusa Pacific University

5. Adam Jacobi (Representing NFL) – want to engage more between high school/college... continuing in activity is good. Teaming up with PKD. Trying to create a groundswell of interest.
6. AFA did approve new code of forensic tournament standards – two major components:
 - a. Evidence – Not up to date with contemporary practice. Debate/IE split now.
 - b. New whole section on code of conduct. The code of conduct was designed in part as a reaction to what happened in CEDA.
7. AFA cosponsoring new journal – *Timely Interventions* – policy debate generates tons of research and then we tend to throw it away... we know about it, yet it gets buried. Coaches/students shape into articles, not as briefs – position/informative briefs. Editorial review board = debaters

5-35 years out, big names in a wide variety of fields. Gordon Mitchell (U of Pittsburgh) will be first editor. Free online journal.

8. NCA has policy that if you have 25 consecutive yearly memberships, you get to be emeritus... and then your convention fees and membership fees are free. Larry – don't have to be retired to check that section for member units/affiliations... the section determines how many programs you have.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Michael Dreher, COFO Secretary