

COFO Meeting, November 17, 2011 at the National Communication Association convention, New Orleans

Members present:

Dave Gaer (Laramie County CC - President), Michael Dreher (Bethel University – Secretary; Novice Nationals), Wade Hesch (North Harris - Phi Rho Pi), Rolland Petrello, Barbara Baron (Brookdale CC – International Forensics Association), Marty Birkholt (Creighton University -- NPDA, College Public Forum), Larry Schnoor (MSU-Mankato – American Forensic Association, National Forensic Association, Interstate Oratorical Association), Andy Luster (McNeese State University -- Pi Kappa Delta), Jeff Pryzbylo (Harper CC -- Phi Rho Pi), Gina Jensen (Webster University -- PKD)

1. COFO Website:

Phi Rho Pi will pay for COFO website for 2012. The organization appreciates PRP's willingness to pay, since COFO doesn't have money in and of itself.

2. Calendar –

Bobby asked about the invitations – will they be put on the website?

Could have a N/A for any event that won't be offered. Michael will put that on...

3. Barbara Baron – Made plug for IFA. Money isn't as difficult as people think... fundraising and all have helped people get there.)

Rome – March 10-18

Next year – Belize, Paris are potential sites

4. Jeff wanted to bring up the preset dates... could we come up with process? Network.

Wade – problem with the calendar when the 1<sup>st</sup> happens...

2013 will be OK for PKD; 2014 will be a problem.

Marty – Part of the problem is we're debaters, and thus, we schism frequently. The old one never dies... NPDA shouldn't conflict with PKD.

Michael – We've had this problem for quite a while in terms of people jumping on other nationals dates.

Gina – Our problem is based on what the host wants.

Larry – NIET is April 5-8, 2013; April 4-7, 2014. April 3-6, 2015, April 1-4, 2016, March 31-April 3, 2017. NFA is 2 weeks later...

NIET – 2013 – Hutchinson CC

Jeff – PRP says we'll stick to the COFO calendar.

Dave – No easy answer to this problem.

Jeff – Let's see what happens...

Larry – Adjustment this year is one we could possibly follow – can fly on a plane and be there... shaved off a couple of hours on Monday. Schedule CC students first in order to get them out on a plane.

Wade – Asked both organizations – AFA and PRP. PRP shouldn't say, "We'll just solve this problem."

Michael – The problem is with other organization dates.

Gina – PKD is generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend.

Marty – Public forum went to February in order to create a shorter season...

Rolland – The problems are when other programs try to do both.

Larry – Operating on school calendar... we have no idea in the future. What if spring breaks disappear? What happens when school schedules get redesign?

Michael – This is an issue even within schools – i.e., adult programs don't keep the same calendar as traditional day programs.

Jeff – Is the issue clearing the campus for spring break?

Gina – Yes, PKD – Thursday/Friday/Saturday

5. Jeff – since we're leaders of organizations, can Gina talk about point system?

Gina – PKD partnered with NFL. PKD started NFL in '20s and '30s... Making PKD the alumni partner... we don't want take over NPDA, PRP, etc... want people to be PKD + others.

"It's no longer about the national tournament for us" – it's one thing we do, but not all that we do... we're now using the points system.

Andy mentions that it's also service, not just competition.

Offering points – 100 pts. per year that was an alum.

Competed last year – get those points.

High school – keep 10% of those points.

Aim – not to be in competition for all of you... invite to PKD. Webster, we're members of lots of organizations... The points become a way to measure coaches/students.

PKD (the organization) wants to help potential members join. For example, the dues were lowered, and there are no longer province fees. It used to take a great deal of work to be a member. If students are on a campus that doesn't have a PKD chapter, they can become part of the national chapter.

Andy developed point system...

6. Any other issues? Send them to Dave... this is a pretty easy group to deal with...

Scheduling thing is always an issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Michael Dreher, Bethel University