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Location: Zoom

**I. In Attendance:** Taure Shimp (MJC); Jared Anderson - Sacramento State; Ryan Guy - MJC Sharp, Phil University of Nevada; Kelsey Paiz - Proxy for Chabot; Steve Robertson - CCC; Kim Yee (Ohlone College); Lindsey Ayotte-Skyline College; Raman Deol - SJDC; Doug Mungin - Solano College; Kaitlin Foster (sitting in for Shannan Troxel-Andreas) Butte College Orion Steele SFSU; Natalie Cavallero- Fresno State; Jeff Toney- SJDC; Steve Farias- Pacific; Paul Villa- DVC; Mark Faita- Chico; Jim Dobson- LPC; Blake Longfellow- DVC

## **II. Officer Report**

A. Secretary (Steve)- nothing

B. Treasurer Report (Ryan)

- a. Coordinating to, by the end of spring fling, to close existing ncfa accounts to transfer into the new non profit status for the roganization. There may be more paperwork that needs to happen with the IRS but by next year we should be a non-profit organization. Executive board should be able to access the account as necessary once complete.
- b. We are in the black, started the year with 4700 in the account and according to the report, we have collected 800 in membership dues and 3064 in fees. The break down of funds spent on spring champs is in additional documents with additional revenue from spring fling.
- c. Webhosting will be about \$180 per year and all of this will move into year end. Financially, the organization is in a good situation because we wanted \$5,000 reserve in case any legal issues were needed to establish and maybe about 500-1000 for filing fees with the IRS but given our financial situation, we should be good enough moving into next year. We can discuss more about our reserves at coaches conference but this keeps us from paying more fees and gives buffer if we can stick to about \$5,000

B. **Vice President Report (Kelsey)**

- a. Nothing to share. Thank you for work from everyone else.

C. **Presidents report (Tim)**

- a. All seems to be moving smoothly. Tim thanks people for asking question and assistance. Move forward with face to face whenever possible and reasonable and given choice between face to face or virtual, push for face to face in whatever facet it is for coaches conference and whenever possible.
- b. Tim plans to be a one term president and plant seed for someone to run next year.

D. **Webmaster**

- a. We have a new website: [www.norcalforensics.com](http://www.norcalforensics.com) and [www.norcalforensics.org](http://www.norcalforensics.org) both work. Website got hacked again by japanese spammer selling blinds. They were able to get through our 0 day protections so we made the decision to pivot site to new platform.

- b. Website is now hosted as a google site and which is user friendly and Ryan has been using for a few years. Much easier to use and maintain. Functional and easy to add other folks to it. Will make transition to web master more easily.
  - c. Gaps in the awards still need to be plugged. Digging and able to get some data from that and additional surplus with pre-1995 awards result
  - d. Updated program directory and adding all dues paying schools and if stuff is out of date, you can update using the form on the website. Also consider joining mailing list and adding meeting minutes and everything is plugged in as a google doc
  - e. Judges guide and other items up
  - f. Ideas for coaching resources might make sense and collaboration would be great but trying to get more external information and tool and resources for NCFA memberships
  - g. Gta portion of the site as well.
  - h. Working to get documents archive of past NCFA schedules and invites, and would like more NCFA photos.
  - i. Move registration and hostings out of Ryan's name and into the organization and if you lose your webmaster randomly so much was lost that zach had overseen.
  - j. President will try to continue using facebook but not as reliable so be sure to sign up for the listserve
  - k. A huge thanks to Taure Shimp who helped with redesign and transfer
- E. Site has new features
- [Listserv signups](#)
  - [Program directory](#)
  - [GTA Directory](#)
  - [Resources Section](#)
  - [Ability to Join NCFA online](#)
- F. Other updates
- [More awards history](#)
  - [Cleaned up minutes](#)
- G. Work in progress
- Documents Archive (PAST NCFA INVITES / SCHEDULES)
  - Coaching Resources Section (send me your suggestions)
  - Adding more NCFA specific photos
  - Completing the directory
    - [Schools that need to submit the form:](#)
      - Diablo Valley College
      - Northern Arizona University
      - San Francisco State University
      - Delta
      - UNR
      - Fresno City
      - CSU Fresno

- Finding missing awards history ([Archive.org has some pre-1995 history from the old NCFA site](#)).
- Moving ownership of the domains and hosting under the control of the non-profit to protect domain and data in the event that something happens to the webmaster.

### III. OLD Business

- Tax Status
  - Ryan is already taking care of it. If anything needs to get added, but a few constitutional changes might need to happen in order to make sure we are legally okay per governing documents
- Fall Championship Tournament?
  - Tim- General consensus is everybody likes it but a group effort might be foreboding as well and idea/concept down the list when we talk about fall schedule

### IV. New Business

- A. Elections today
  - Ryan Guy was willing to serve another two years as treasurer. No nominees from the floor so by acclamation ryan is the treasurer for two more years.
  - Phil Sharp willing to place his name on the list for VP. No nominees from the floor means that by acclamation Phil is the VP for two years.
- B. Constitutional Amendments
  1. Extending the treasurers term to 4 years because of consistency would be beneficial for a four year term.
    - a. Discussion
      - Kelsey- Perhaps serve like president
      - Steve- immediately following ryan would work best and maybe add language that WHEN changed it serves as immediate past
      - Phil concurs with the process of switching account access and learning how to do the job making a longer term necessary. Four years is a much easier and smoother process for everyone involved. Would allow ethics checks as well.
      - Jared- two concerns: first, a four year term is a much longer ask than a two year term. We have struggled to get people to fill these position. Second, not to cast aspersions on anyone, but folks elected in the past had to be removed for being absentee treasurer and removed and replaced. how long do we wait if its a four year term?
  2. Some tournament information: Article 1 no more than half the field can advance unless they have a winning record. Not break more than half the field unless the student or team has a winning record in the prelims.
    - Ryan- Past couple years, low entries stuff gets spread out and more winning records than there is half the field and brutal under bylaws and break someone if they have a winning records and

cleaning up to be consistent and everyone that does the work and does end up with a winning record advances.

- Steve- language
- Jared not that go over so no three three, and if a six round tournament and constitution does not prohibit a 3-3
- Phil- part of a larger discussion and depends on the format of debate and what the practices of the format of debate and frustrating at the will of the president to decide that years tournament operations and one instance and asked via email prior to attending, got there and then told the answer had changed on trusted with years of service to the organization. Participate in this format and imposing their ways on your format and speech and individual events program and see debate screwing up the way you do things and its frustrating.
- Ryan this would not allow losing records to break it would be a separate proposal and purpose of this was to ensure all winning make it through. Maybe separate, all debate will break up to 50% of the field. In Id and IPDA its all winning records and thats it and if we want this to include we need to be reworded along with Jareds comment
- Paul on the subject, needs to be more clarity and whether folks who are describing, up to 50% to fill out a bracket at NPDA.
- Jared- compelled to break all winning records, allowed to break up to 50% of the field and only go over to break all winning records.
- Tim- Committee to gether to work on language

3. To eliminate the no 2 awards to one individual and sounds bad at first glance

- If an event is collapsed, the highest placing will receive the top award
- Tim- Sign of the tiems with as many collapsed events and divisions we are having multiple tournaments with multiple rounds with multiple people in the rounds and they got 4-7 and under our current rules, top non-advancing novice speaker and they get the first place novice awards
- Steven, is this counted to sweepstakes?
- Tim, no it would not count.
- Jared, only point is disadvantage to this proposal is less students winning awards and combines and already win an award and are now getting top novice and would have gone to someone else.
- Jeff, 20 years and make him commissioner all the problems would go away.

4. Speaker awards

- Top 20% of the division instead of the top 5. Currently award the top 5 speakers and sometimes entries to small

- Ryan, 7 or 8 people in an event and 5 of 6 people and things that happened and allow us to scale based on entry size then we recognize more in-line earning highest speaker and 20% allows us to give more awards. Money wise it will not make a huge impact and more speaker awards
- Kelsey, for planning purposes, we would not be able to purchase in advance because not knowing the size of the field
- Phil, generally speaking more awards is better and publicity to our programs and better funding sources. Do not have to say 5/7 but if the institution has a compelling interest, then that can be addressed by buying less expensive awards who normally would not have gotten and no compelling reason to change.
- Tim, plaque and certificates for everyone else.
- Jared, 20% if we grow that 20% ends up being more and giving away and more
- Phil, way to remedy growth would be to create language top 5 or 20% whichever is greater. Also throw in, one of three community colleges and got third place
- Reducing small entry to 4 from 7
  - Ryan, Vast majority smalling into small school and entered into a lot of events and 7 student team can be a fairly large entry and looking at these
  - Doug, reason for 4 instead of 5?
  - Tim, not really and negotiable
  - Steve's, is there a reason we do students over slots
  - Tim, Rewards small contestants and not going to happen and 12 students in one event each, expertise and one person in one event than 4 students in 3 events and which is more important and 4 students dealing or 12 students specialized
  - Steve Robertson, So is it limited entry, or small school? Seems like two different categories
  - Mark, very different conversation and measuring in terms of students or entries and one person and that is an important distinction
  - Ryan, something from 10 years ago, one of the fears that moving to slot based would encourage to drop to fit into smaller events. If you are bringing, start cutting to fit into that category. One argument is number of students would keep entries higher
- Eliminates that limited entry accept open division award
  - Jared, Fairly certain thought would win the limited entry but got a lower open entry award and prefer the first place sweepstakes than third or fourth in open

- Ryan guy, limited entry that killing it so well that you get bumped up to larger sweepstakes, it sucks and first place sweepstakes and third place sweepstakes.
- Tim, we have numerous history
- Steve R, just change and higher rank and place be what you get. And the limited entry was flooded and have been third place and second place in the open? Given the option to the team and whatever their higher rank but fourth place in the small.
- Phil, systems that try to calculate based on entries might be worth considering for instance that we are not setting a definite of what big and small, entry that is the bottom 25 % in size is the small division and still is it a contestant or event entry and whatever we pick
- Ryan, normal face to face and buy trophies before hand and we always buy sweepstakes for first three and tends to be a trophy that is difficult to replaque and use it or lose it.
- Steve F, would you be awarding two/
- Tim intention is that your limited entry and boom thats your category
- Add ombuds
  - Adding the ombuds to the tabroom staff and gets credited for judging commitment and no language for them to be there.
    - Ryan, Support the motion and think we should do it and bigger conversation and formula for what we are charging covers judging and probably we need to have a separate conversation about and right now how many slots one judge covers, remove owing a commitment we must hire a judge and trophies were cheaper but past years that was significantly higher cost
    - Jared, quality of judges and do not judge any rounds and schools would also and lowers the overall quality of judging.
    - Phil, motion to close discussion and passed 7/1/rest abstaining
- schedule
  - Coaches conference
    - Proposed dates and its up to the organization, las positas is willing to host. August 20th
  - Forensics camp
    - Modality?
    - Mark, either way its great, bit of a culture shock taking people online, camp being in person would be helpful without taking to full scale tournament
    - Doug, in person is the best way but would it be possible to stream workshops for students not able to be there? Do that it would be
    - Ryan, great with hyflex and not guarantee
    - Natalie, putting workshops online

- Ryan is there a school willing to host the camp, normally 2 weeks before ggo
- Jared, sac could do it potentially, and pretty sure they could do it and date and number of rooms and anything else to do as host and ryan would still take push on that and does sac state have hyflex rooms and they do and some are better than others and might be a plus have to figure it out logging and figure out, tentatively sept. 10 is tentative date
- Doug, 2023 they could be the site, will co-run the tournament working jared and sac state
- Ggo date? Not sure exactly what date it is supposed to be in the fall, around the same time as it normally is.
- October 2nd weekend, solano would go pacific would go sac would go modesto would 7-9 or under assumption or ggo in sept and then l&c and then a week later
- Pacific Nov 4-6
- DVC ???
- Skyline happy to host spring fling, 22 or 29th of april
- Sac state live streaming their public forum may 5 at 7 pm
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