

NCFL Executive Board  
Winter Meeting Minutes  
January 29 – February 1, 2015

Members present: Charles Sloat - President, Mike Colletti - Treasurer, Roland Burdett – National Tournament Director, Roberta Hyland – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Barbara Fontenot – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Susan Peebles – Recording Secretary.

Membership list with Quotas for review (Charlie)

- Executive Board will clarify and stress the importance of deadlines for membership forms and registration fees.
- No appeals for fines from Chicago tournament. Fines were only small amounts.
- Membership list and quotas reviewed for Fort Lauderdale tournament

Review of Finances (Mike)

- Reviewed the 20140-2015 budget, discussed upcoming expenses and Nationals costs

School eligibility discussion (Roland)

- There are so many different state, county, district, etc. rules that it would be difficult for us to legislate something
- Homeschools are eligible to join as one school within a diocese.
- Proposal from Allentown (David Long) from Fall Meeting: Students who are currently enrolled in a school which is a member of the league shall be prohibited of representing another member school. Action item will be brought back to the fall meeting.

Medals and Pins Update (Mike)

- Working on quotes for NCFL pins which we hope to have available for purchase at the Grand National Tournament.

Parliamentarians and Scorekeepers for Congress (Mike Vigars via Roland)

- The last two or three years we have run short on Parliamentarians. We need to define what the responsibilities at Nationals are.
- Starting with registration for Fort Lauderdale 2015, leagues with 5 or 6 entries per category (including Congress) should provide a capable Parliamentarian.
- Roland will reach out to Michael Vigars for a sheet to show the responsibilities outlined.

Congress legislation for National tournament (Mike Vigars via Roland)

- Bills and Resolutions need to be submitted in the proper format and sent to [NCFLBills@gmail.com](mailto:NCFLBills@gmail.com) by April 1, 2015.
- Release of legislation packet will be on or about April 25th.

Request for a Report from Protest Committee at Fall Meeting (Susan)

- Having the Protest committee report at the Fall Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale worked very well. The Executive Board will request Protest Committee to report on themes and issues at the fall meeting, but there will not be specific information about names, pieces or schools.

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Review of new ballots (Charlie)

- As per the action item provided by the committee at the Fall Meeting, we reviewed all of the By-Laws to make appropriate changes for consistency. We made the Master Ballot reflect the disqualifiable By-Laws that the judge can control and enforce. Note: there are additional By-Laws not reflected on the Master Ballots because they are controlled by the Protest Committee. We worked hard to keep the wording of the Boston Critique Sheet rewriting effort. Please see the website for corrected Master Ballots, corrected Critique Sheets, and updated By-Laws.

Review of NCFL Nationals Preparations (Roland)

- Reviewed status of NCFL 2015 preparations
  - Charlie, Roland, & Sarah met with the Ft. Lauderdale CVB, the Hilton, and the Convention Center
  - Discussed tab room locations and staffing
- Reviewed status of NCFL 2016 preparations
  - Roland & Sarah travel to Sacramento for a site visit in March 2015
- Reviewed status of NCFL 2017, 2018, and 2019 preparations
- No bids were received for NCFL 2020, the bid window opened in September
  - Roland & Sarah are talking with some interested leagues about possibilities
- Discussed the recent Marriott & Hyatt presentations before the FCC related to WiFi availability in hotels and convention centers; Roland had worked with Conference Direct on this issue.

2015 Extemp Topics

Extemp questions need to be submitted by April 23<sup>rd</sup> using this email: [extemp@ncfl.org](mailto:extemp@ncfl.org)

- Societal Values and Ethical Issues (International and Domestic)
- US Legal & Constitutional Issues
- US Foreign Policy
- US Economic Policy
- Medicine, Science, and Technology
- Education (International and Domestic)
- Foreign Economics
- International Conflicts and Civil Unrest
- International Organizations

PF and LD topic writing committees

- Roberta Hyland is chairperson
- Topics given to committee later this week.
- Committee has to report back on or before March 14th with the LD topics to vote on. Sent to directors between March 24th to March 28th. Topic announced on or about March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Committee returns PF topics on or about March 28<sup>th</sup>. Voting is April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>. Announced on or about April 15<sup>th</sup>.