​IIFA Meeting  
Sept 28, 2018  
ICTA- Bloomington, IL  
  
Attendees:   Josh Green, Jeff Przybylo, Melissa Entzminger, Justin Helmley, Judy Santcatarina, Lauren Morgan, Megan Koch, Andrew Kirk, Richard Paine, Kari Schimil, Dana Trunell, Paul Cummins, Brian Asbury, Dan Smith, Harry Bodell, Matt DuPue (sp?)  
  
Meeting Called to Order  
9:30am Santacatarinacalled the meeting to order (see list above for attendees)  
  
Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2018  
Lauren1 Josh2    APPROVED  
  
Treasures Report  
Balance $3202  
  
Approval of Treasure Report  
Danna1 Lauren2    APPROVED   
  
Summer Meeting 2019  
ICAT Seemed to work well.  Location will be decided in March (at State)  
   
Tournament  
Motion Paul C1 Lauren M 2 – Novice finals will be illuminated. The tournament will award the top novice (1styear) at the awards ceremony. PASSED  
  
MotionLauren1 Jeff2 – the state tournament will utilize flextime in parliamentary debate as dictated in the proposal below.   FOR 6     AGAINIST 2    ABSTAINE 2 PASSED  
  
Proposal:Allow Flex Time in Parliamentary Debate  
  
Tournament Effects:Adjust the tournament schedule to accommodate an additional 5 minutes per parliamentary debate round. (However, this may be a negligible change since some students already take additional time between speeches to “adjust themselves,” get their paperwork in order, talk to their partners, etc. Allowing Flex Time enables judges to enforce the “no preparation time between speeches” because the Flex Time is already given to students and the expectation is that speakers will start speaking immediately after their designated Flex Time is over.   
Rationale:  
1.    Flex times allows students to ask questions of the other team, prepare materials, and talk to their partners in protected time. However, no team or speaker can use Flex Time to extend their speaking time. Flex time is designed to encourage stronger critical thinking, provide opportunities to students to clarify the debate and individual arguments, and help teams create cohesive philosophies. The goal of Flex Time is to facilitate stronger, more effective debates.

Individual debate teams may choose not to use their Flex Time; allowing schools and individual debate teams to choose their philosophical approach to parliamentary debate without taking away individual team autonomy.

Both Phi Rho Pi and the National Parliamentary Debate Association passed rule changes in 2018 allowing for flex time. In cooperation with other debate organizations, incorporating flex time into Illinois’ State Tournament will better prepare our students for competition on the PRP and NPDA circuits and help ensure consistency for our students.

Flex Time discourages students from taking long periods of time to “situate” themselves and their papers in between speeches.

\* LPDL member schools will discuss and vote on this same change in October at the first LPDL tournament of the season. LPDL has taken the stance that: “LPDL still supports the ethical use of questioning during constructive speeches. Thus, Flex Time will supplement (not replace) the use of questions posed while speeches are in-progress.”   
   
The Current Speaking format is:  
   
 Prime Minister (Government)........7 minute Constructive   
   
   
Leader of the Opposition…........... 8 minutes Constructive    
   
   
Member of the Government........... 8 minutes Constructive    
   
   
Member of the Opposition..…....... 8 minute Constructive    
   
Leader of the Opposition......…..... 4 minute Rebuttal   
   
Prime Minister............………....... 5 minute Rebuttal   
   
There is no preparation time allowed between the   
speeches for either team.   
   
   
   
Total Round Speaking Time: 40 minutes   
The Proposed Speaking format is:  
   
Prime Minister (Government)........ 7 minute Constructive   
Opposition Flex Time - 2 minutes   
   
Leader of the Opposition…............ 8 minute Constructive    
Government Flex Time - 2 minutes   
   
Member of the Government........... 8 minute Constructive    
Opposition Flex Time - 1 minute   
   
Member of the Opposition..…....... 8 minute Constructive  
    
Leader of the Opposition......…..... 4 minute Rebuttal   
Government Flex Time - 1 minute   
   
Prime Minister............………....... 5 minute Rebuttal   
   
Flex time may be used by the controlling team to prepare arguments,    
drink water, set up stands, ask questions of their opponents, organize their   
papers, etc. and so on.    
Flex Time may not be used as additional speech time.    
   
Total Round Speaking Time: 45 minutes  
  
   
Reverting back to it today schedule was discussed at length. There were no motions.  
   
MotionRichard1 Lauren2 – IPDA and Parliamentary Debate-- If there are 24 or more entries, finalists will be broken into quarterfinals (or super quarterfinals if necessary).  An attempt will be made to advance all winning records.   Scheduling of these rounds will be left to the tournament director’s discretion.    PASSED  
  
Motion Lauren1 Paul2     If a community college student is competing in their fifth semester (or 3rdstate tournament) the student is not eligible for the two-year final. PASSED  
   
An Electronic vote will be conducted to approve raising entry fees $6 per slot ($8 Oratory).  
-Quarterfinals are going to require more hired judges  
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-A three day tournament is requiring more judges  
-Coach judging load may decrease if we hire more judges  
-This fee is more in line with other tournaments, yet still a bargain  
  
Ad Hoc Committee  
Committee to consider Novice Sweeps—Megan Koch, Matt Weible, Steven Hagen & Chris Langone. NO REPORT  
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Adjourned  
Motion by Morgan Second by Josh  PASSED  
   
   
 