​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
-Quarterfinals are going to require more trophies
-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
​
Adjourned
Motion by Morgan Second by Josh  PASSED