

**CEDA Business Meeting  
NCA (San Diego), 11/22/2008**

2009 CEDA Nationals. Dates are March 20-24, 2009. Idaho State University is excited to host CEDA nationals and is working on ways to help financially challenged programs attend, including discounted options for ground transportation/shuttling and lodging. ISU is getting lots of support from the ISU administration and the local chamber of commerce (i.e. they are sponsoring the breakfasts on prelim competition days). CEDA's goal is to try to have the invite out early so people will be able to buy plane tickets as soon as possible.

**President's report –**

Novice breakout – CEDA 2009. – This is not designed as an official championship, but opt-in novice breakout elimination rounds for CEDA nationals. Tentatively it looks like the rounds will start during the open quarterfinals. Right now the breakout couldn't include more than eight teams – due to hotel elimination round space. Gordon is interested in getting feedback from the community about whether CEDA should have future novice breakout options (like 2010 and beyond). Discussion arose about whether novice teams would be allowed to “clear” in both divisions, (maybe this would be possible since the breakout rounds would not begin until the quarterfinals). This should be clarified in the tournament invitation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President report –**

CEDA Nationals 2010. Gordon announced that the Executive Council has approved a bid by Cal-Berkeley to host CEDA Nationals in 2010. They will also be hosting the NDT in 2010. Hotel is the Oakland Marriott City Center. The hotel rate will be \$117/night, which includes internet. The hotel block includes 175 doubles. CEDA is working on transportation/shuttle options for this tournament as well.

2009 Summer Meetings. Wake Forest University is serving as the host for the 2009 Summer Meeting/Topic Meeting/Debate Summit. Dates are June 2-June 7, 2009 (Tuesday-Sunday). The CEDA Business meeting will take place first, then the topic meeting, then the Debate Summit. CEDA is working with other organizations like the AFA, NDT, ADA, etc. to coordinate this event. Al Loudon is coordinating the Debate Summit. An electronic version of his flyer describing the summit should be available shortly and paper copies were passed out at the meeting. \*More information on this below under “new business”.

2009 CEDA Awards. Call for 2009 CEDA Nationals Awards is already out in the newsletter - by having the call out earlier the goal is to have the applications earlier and a more advanced process of selecting the winners of these awards. We want to make sure we are recognizing the best members of our community. The presentations will be timed, and video-taped, as a positive reference for CEDA.

Update on insurance. Kelly McDonald is working on an officer/director insurance policy for the organization. He thinks this type of insurance should be relatively affordable for the organization. If anyone has experience with insurance or other knowledge about the issue, please share it with him.

Ad-hoc committee on curriculum. The goal of this committee is to spark conversation/discussion about tournament format, financial issues, etc especially in advance of the Debate Summit.

Emergency initiatives for finances. Most schools/programs are looking at a future decline in resources. It is important to have options available so that debate participation does not decline because of lack of financial resources. This includes guidelines for directors on how to keep programs sustainable, how to communicate with administration during the financial process, and how the organization can encourage support during these economic times.

Topic Committee Update. The current process seems to be generating positive feedback. The same process will be used this year. New challenges arise this year as the new presidential administration comes into office. NCA Topic meeting will be held Sunday, Nov 23 at 8am.

### **New business**

CAD Journal. Al Louden, Journal Editor, reminded everyone that getting the journal out in a timely manner requires more submissions. There should be an issue out before CEDA Nationals, and others are in process.

Support for the Debate Summit. CEDA has been asked to provide the same level of support as the NDT and AFA for this event. Those organizations have agreed to provide \$5000 to support the summit, and CEDA was asked to do the same. Those present at the meeting voted to provide this support for the Summit.

Nominations. Nominations closed at the end of the business meeting.- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Topic Meeting, and several regional representative positions. Slate of candidates was confirmed.

Professional Code of Conduct. The proposed document is available on the website. Discussion was encouraged, especially among people who might want to be voting no on the issue. An argument raised in opposition is that universities/schools should provide enforcement on these questions, not CEDA. Also, those present discussed the nature of liability for the organization this might create. Some concerns were expressed that it might create a dangerous culture allowing “retaliation”, leaving potential for backlash against people even if they are not found deserving of sanctions. Also, the potential objection of “vagueness” of some of the language was discussed. The larger context the organization is dealing with is that the AFA will vote at some point to approve some document regulating conduct. They (the AFA) have left open at this point opportunities

for organizations under the AFA to create documents which speak to this issue. Gordon pointed out that CEDA has the only policy which has the lowest level of sanction be an oral reprimand, rather than some form of written report. Other organizations that have addressed this issue have mirrored our language on many issues. Much of this language has also already been present in organizational governing documents for many years. The document is a proposed amendment to Article 15 of the Bylaws, requiring a majority vote. The amendment passed and will go to a mail vote of the membership.

### **Discussion items**

Women's Debate Institute. Justin Green spoke about opportunities to sponsor tables at the "Celebrating our Community" Dinner held at the NDCA Tournament in Las Vegas on April 18<sup>th</sup> and passed out flyers about the event and encouraged member schools to participate.

Regional Re-districting. Jeff Jarman, Executive Secretary, has identified potential regional inequalities in membership/representation/awards. He has in mind options for re-configuring the regions to achieve more equality by increasing the numbers of people in certain regions such that there could be closer to 13 active programs in regions. A real concern exists in organizational governance in how to create an effective structure for decision-making in the status quo. Moving forward a proposal may be formulated that could combine west and southern cal and the south-central/south-east central. This could raise discussion among people to produce more equal regions. CEDA should consult these groups and attempt to move forward with changes in regional governance.

MPJ in jv/novice. An amendment proposed regarding MPJ in jv/novice moved to a discussion item. Brusckke's amendment on this issue will be discussed at the CEDA nationals meeting, largely due to issues regarding a proposed start date for the amendment. Feedback is being solicited on this issue. Gordon Stables is interested in creating a sub-committee on jv/novice debate to serve as a clearinghouse on issues such as this.

Novice eligibility - Public Forum/Parli. There was discussion about whether public forum should count toward novice eligibility. Some argue that many of these students are clearly "novice" and others who argue that many public forum students are very skilled in that they can flow/research/speak fast, have college policy type coaching etc so are not "novice". Similar issues could arise with parli in high school etc. Going forward- individuals in regions should collect information and make more specific recommendations to CEDA on the types and forms of debate that should and should not count against novice eligibility. CEDA is interested in "information gathering" on this issue, so we can increase our knowledge base to make decisions such as this in the future.

Recording / publication policy. Sue Peterson is working on this issue. CEDA will have a policy on this issue, but there is interest in making sure that recording is still allowed for educational purposes. CEDA does, though, have responsibilities for how that should be managed and need to have a policy in place. There will be a policy incorporated into the

CEDA invite. A point of clarification is raised that maybe there should also be attention paid in the document to getting the permission of participants before recording is allowed. In some ways the host university has a role to play in this as well because they also have policies on this issue.