

CEDA Executive Council Meeting - Minutes
NCA (San Diego) - 11/21/2008

2010 CEDA National Tournament Host Bid – UC Berkeley, Greg Achten. Proposed dates March 25-28 2010. Registration Wed..Debates start Thursday. NDT will be held there, they have approved the bid. The hotel is the Oakland Marriott, \$117 night, free internet. Last day of elim rounds for both CEDA and the NDT are at the Convention Center. ...Bid is approved by a vote of the executive council.

Establishment of a hosting committee for 2011 and future CEDA Nationals. Vik volunteers to serve on this committee. Gordon will look to others

President's Report —

An open conversation was held about the novice breakout at CEDA Nationals. There will be some form of novice breakout in 2009. Gordon Stables frames the conversation recognizing two important points 1.) Authority exists in the constitution to add awards such as this and 2.) there is worry about attendance at the tournament, especially by heavily novice programs. Questions still exist about logistics, what the “champion” should be called, use of mpj, how judges are able to opt-in to or maybe opt out of the system. Sue Peterson pointed out that the logic of an opt-in system also developed because of logistical concerns such as if the rounds have to take place during the later open elims, where people might be committed beyond normal.

Host for 2009 CEDA Nationals - Sarah Partlow. Dates are March 20-24, 2009. Awards ceremony will be at the Performing Arts Center. Working on ground transportation/shuttles. ISU will be hosting two breakfasts on the prelim competition days. Two tournament hotels are two minutes walking from each other.

1st VP Report

Joint Summer Meeting/Topic Meeting/Debate Summit June 2-June 7. Al Louden is planning the Debate Summit and Development Conference June 5-7. This has been financially supported by at least the NDT and the AFA. One goal of the conference is to draft and publish a “state of the debate vocation” which addresses four primary themes. This debate summit will be immediately after the Summer Business Meeting and Topic Meeting.

Call for CEDA Awards is already out in the newsletter – the deadline is earlier than usual- please submit applications. Awards presentations will be timed and recorded – to provide some more positive publicity for CEDA.

Several upcoming discussion items from the curriculum committee. These items, such as “why is the debate season so long” are things that will continue to be discussed through the Debate Summit this summer.

In conjunction with professional development/code of conduct issues, CEDA is exploring insurance (director and officer insurance for the organization). It might be possible for under \$1200 to have \$1 million in liability/personal property. Those figures will ultimately be presented in writing. Kelly McDonald is working on this issue.

Financial Emergency Initiative – This initiative will explore ways to make the activity functional with less costs. Gordon is interested in feedback on these issues.

Topic committee meeting on Sunday at NCA. Feedback is necessary, especially as issues relate to the new administration.

Professional Code of Conduct - The AFA decided they are supportive of amending the professional conduct document to allow more “federalism”, or individual organizations can set a lot of what they want in their documents. The AFA set a revised target by this meeting next year. CEDA will go forward in developing a document on professional conduct.

Election discussion. Nominating committee has already gotten several nominations, including five confirmed nominations for 2nd vice-president. Nominations will close at the end of the NCA Business Meeting on Saturday.

Bruschke amendment for JV/Novice MPJ – would remove “requirement” for MPJ in all divisions for sanctioning and move it to “best practices” for running a tournament. Upon clarification of the amendment’s start date, it was determined that the amendment would become formally part of the agenda for the CEDA Nationals Meeting, so not an amendment on the table for the NCA business meeting.

Re-districting discussion. Jeff Jarman spoke to the purpose of regions being largely to make sure there is equality in awards and equality in representation on the Executive Council. It is possible/maybe even required by the Constitution to propose a re-districting process when these things are uneven. So, this might be upcoming soon.

Continuing role of CEDA as it relates to list-serv (e-debate) communication. Gordon will call for a vote on how we use this type of communication, and whether CEDA should continue to use e-debate for professional communication.

Drafting a new publication/recording policy. Do we want to make statements about this, as it relates to the national tournament. Policy should recognize the educational value, but clarify CEDA’s policy on this issue.

Other business

Committee report for new programs – Mike Davis. Mike Davis would like each region (via regional reps, etc) to let him know when there is a new program in their region, so that they can receive the benefits of this initiative.