

AMENDMENT #1: ELIMINATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Article III, Section 1. Cut sub-point B.

The amendment would eliminate the membership category of “affiliate.”

Rationale: This section is functionally moot with the emerging programs fee reduction. Striking section B would clarify confusion and redundancy in the membership category.

AMENDMENT #2: FINAL ROUND JUDGES

Bylaw IX, Section 17. Add new section: “F. If, by the close of registration, a region has not presented the Tournament Director with the name of a judge selected by their region for the final round panel, that region’s slot shall be replaced by a judge assigned using the tournament’s mutual preference system.”

Rationale: There is a need for clarifying of the identification and selection of final round judges for the championship tournament. Increasingly, regions have difficulty identifying or are unsuccessful at providing a critic. The amendment is meant clarify procedures the tab room shall employ in seeking replacement judges.

AMENDMENT #3: CONFERENCES

1. ARTICLE VI. Replace entire with:

Section 1. The Association is divided into conferences as specified in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Each conference, with the approval of the Executive Council, shall have the right to determine its own name.

2. BYLAW II. Replace entire with:

Current Conferences of the Association

Section 1. A complete list of all active conferences shall be made available by the Executive Secretary. Each conference must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Council. Each conference shall provide CEDA with a document detailing (1) the procedure for selecting and removing member institutions and (2) the procedure for selecting a conference chair.

Section 2. An “Independent” conference shall be permanently assigned as a name for a conference. Any member institution without a conference affiliation declared by

September 1 of each year shall automatically be assigned to this conference. The chair of the Independent Conference shall be selected by a majority vote of the Executive Council. New member institutions shall be eligible to join a conference any time during their first year.

Section 3. Any conference (excluding the Independent Conference) with fewer than 8 member institutions shall forfeit their voting privileges on the Executive Council. Any conference chair (or designee) missing two consecutive Executive Council meetings shall forfeit their voting privileges on the Executive Council. Voting privileges can be reinstated by a majority vote of the Executive Council.

Section 4. Annual first place award will be given to any conference with at least 6 members. A second place award will be given to any conference with at least 10 members. A third place award will be given to any conference with at least 12 members.

Section 5. Member institutions may switch conferences only during the time between the conclusion of the National Tournament and September 1. All changes must conform to the rules established by both conferences.

Section 6. Following approval of a conference structure for the governance of the organization, the EC shall make such provisions as are necessary for the orderly transition from a regional to a conference structure to be completed by September 1, 2009.

3. ARTICLE V. Section 4. Cut sentence: “The regions of The East, North Central, Rocky Mountain, Southern California and South Central shall elect their representatives in even numbered years.”

4. ARTICLE V. Section 5. Cut sentence: “The Executive Council may authorize a special election to restore the staggering of terms for regional representatives.”

5. Replace all references to “regional sweepstakes” with “conference sweepstakes,” including:
Article III. Section 1. D. 1.
Bylaw VI. Section 9.

6. Replace all references to “regional representative” with “conference chair,” including:
Article IV. Section 1.
Article IV. Section 2. G.
Article IV. Section 5. J.
Article IV. Section 7.
Article IV. Section 7. G-H.
Article IV. Section 10. A.

Article IV. Section 12. B.
Article V. Section 1.
Article V. Section 5.
Article V. Section 5. E-F.
Bylaw V. Section 8.

7. Replace all references to “region” with “conference,” including:

Article IV. Section 7. B-E
Article IV. Section 9. A.
Article IV. Section 11. A.
Article IV. Section 12. B.
Article V. Section 1.
Article V. Section 3.
Article V. Section 4.
Bylaw V. Section 8.
Bylaw XII. Section 2. B.
Bylaw XII. Section 7.
Bylaw XIII. Section 1.
Bylaw XIV. Section 3.
Bylaw XV. Section 2. A.

8. Bylaw VI. Section 9. Replace last two sentences with: “Also, any approved conference sweepstakes awards will be presented. If no awards are submitted by the conference chair, then they will be given to the top schools in the conference that did not receive one of the top ten national sweepstakes awards. The number of conference awards will be based on the formula outlined in Bylaw II.

9. Bylaw IX. Section 17. Replace entire section with: “At least five judges should be used for the final round. The President should attempt to represent at least two-thirds of all approved conferences on the final round panel.”