

**Canadian National Debate Championships
Annual General Meeting – Senior High
Best Western Ville-Marie Hotel, Montreal, QC
Saturday April 28, 2012**

1. Call to Order

John Robinson, in lieu of Chris George as Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

In Attendance:

Board of Governors

***John Robinson, Manitoba (Chair)
***Josh Judah, Nova Scotia
*Brian Casey, Nova Scotia
***Lorelie DeRoose, Saskatchewan
(secretary)
Chris George, Quebec (Host)
Regrets:
Harold Kyte, Nova Scotia
Angela Fraser, Alberta

Voting Members

**Gregory Loudon, Quebec
**Hamish Guthrie, Ontario
**Debra Miko, Alberta
**Tim Bonnar, British Columbia
**Geoff Buerger, Northwest Territories

Also in attendance

Kathleen Butler, Nova Scotia
Bonny Hubley, Nova Scotia
Katrine Doganoglu, Ontario
Lulu Wang, Ontario
Steven Penner, Ontario
Ritika Chaudhany, Ontario
Linda Martin, Manitoba
Rhonda Smith, Manitoba
Andrew Kaplan, Manitoba
Tyler Kelsch, Manitoba
Kara Helms, Saskatchewan
Wendy James, Saskatchewan
Melissa Ong, Saskatchewan
Jessie Ford, Alberta
Brad Mamchur, Alberta
Jon Hoyt-Hallett, Alberta
John Baty, British Columbia
Tracey Lee, British Columbia
Frankie Cena, British Columbia
Cari Kusel, British Columbia

* indicate number of votes held (provincial/territorial members hold two, Board of Governors each hold 1)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Brian Casey/Josh Judah moved adoption of the Agenda. Carried.

3. Host Thank you

Brian Casey/Geoff Buerger moved to officially thank Chris George on behalf of all those attending for hosting an amazing event. Carried with unanimous enthusiasm.

4. Future Hosts

Oxford Cup
Fall 2012 – Manitoba
2013 – Undetermined
2014 Spring – Manitoba

Junior Nationals

no one listed

Senior Nationals

2013 Spring - Alberta

5. Issues

a) Hybrid teams

The coaches discussed the need for hybrid teams in light of increased participation of students from academy programs, homeschooling clubs and remote rural, northern and territorial schools where they are often not able to debate with someone from the same “school”.

The National Championships were originally founded to be a school event and the hybrid rule was put in place to prevent partner shopping and power teams. The coaches discussed the merits of making exceptions for students in unusual situations versus having rules that apply to everyone.

Geoff Buerger/Brian Casey moved that hybrid teams from the Territories be allowed to break. Carried.

b) Awards

The Harold Kyte Award needs a shield.

John Robinson/Brian Casey moved to create the Linda Martin Award for Top Provincial Delegation at Junior Nationals and the John Baty Award for Top Provincial Delegation at Senior Nationals, based on the scores of the top three teams from each province/territory. Carried.

John Robinson offered to purchase the Linda Martin Award and the CSDF offered to purchase the John Baty Award.

c) Financial Concerns

While acknowledging the great value being received for the amount of the registration fees, such as juniors seeing the Senior final rounds and overall mentoring, there were still concerns about the feasibility of hosting such a lengthy combined event in the future. It was mentioned that many teams choose not to attend due to cost. For teachers, the length of time away was a problem, both in missing school for themselves and the students and the time and cost regarding arranging sub days. One suggestion was to eliminate the day of sightseeing, which would mean that delegates would not get to experience anything of the host community.

The issue of the timing of the event, so near to exams and the school year was also raised briefly.

6. Election of Board of Governors

Chris George and Lorelie DeRoose declined nomination. The following were nominated, accepted and acclaimed to the Board of Governors:

- ◆ Debra Miko, automatically on the board as Nationals Chair
- ◆ Brian Casey
- ◆ John Robinson
- ◆ Josh Judah
- ◆ Tracey Lee
- ◆ Andrew Kaplan
- ◆ Stephen Penner

Debra Miko/Tim Bonnar moved to close nominations. Carried.

7. Adjournment

Adjournment was moved at 9:01 p.m. Carried.

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1. Call to Order

Immediately following the Senior High Annual General Meeting, John Robinson, called to order the meeting of the Junior High Annual General Meeting, at 9:02 pm.

The attendance list was the same as for the Senior High Annual General Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Bonnar/John Baty approved the minutes of the May 2012 Junior High Annual General Meeting.

3. Future Hosting

The list of future hosts was reviewed, with no changes proposed:

2013 British Columbia
2014 Ontario
2015 Manitoba
2016 Nova Scotia
2017 Alberta

4. Issues

a) Impromptu Prep time

The coaches brought up the concern of parents assisting their children during the impromptu prep time and stressed the need for parents to be isolated from the debaters during this time, while the debaters are separated and supervised by an assigned coach and to also provide a special briefing to parents and other observers emphasizing the need for the debaters to prepare on their own, and that receiving assistance can disqualify them.

b) Other issues

There were no changes to the Constitution suggested, and there was no board to elect.

5. Adjournment

Adjournment was moved at 9:08 p.m. Carried.