



# **Senior High National Debating Championships**

## **AGM - MINUTES**

**St. John's, Newfoundland**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 10:00PM**

### **I. Call to order**

Jon Bracewell moves to called to order the regular meeting of the Senior High National Debating Championships at 10:11 pm on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Admiral Room, Sheraton Hotel, St. John's

### **II. Roll call**

Attendance was taken and voting members identified as listed below:

#### **In Attendance:**

**Board of Governors:** Emily Bonia – Newfoundland & Labrador (Convenor); John Robinson – Manitoba (Chair) Joshua Judah – Nova Scotia; Debra Miko - Alberta; Jonathan Bracewell - Quebec

Regrets – Nicole Ratti – Ontario; Brian Casey – Nova Scotia; Tracey Lee - BC

**Voting Members:** Elspeth Easton – BC; Guillaume Laroche – Alberta; Gideon Weisman – Saskatchewan; John Robinson – Manitoba; Hamish Guthrie – Ontario; Jon Bracewell – Quebec; Matt Edmonds – Nova Scotia; Jill Quiring – New Brunswick; Emily Bonia – Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Also in attendance:** Graeme Barrington – (MB); Lindsay Spencer (BC) Luke Battock (NFLD); Bertrand Girouz – (SK); Andrew Kaplan (MB); Carissa Balcaen (MB); Frankie Cena (BC); Richard Picotin (QC); Laura Cole (NS); Bonny Hubley (NS); Sarah Sahagian - Speech & Debate Canada

**Note: number of votes held - provincial/territorial members hold two, Board of Governors each hold one. Observers do not hold a vote.**

**III. Host Thank You** - John Robinson moved to officially thank Emily Bonia for a great job in a challenging situation, given that she has recently restarted debate in Newfoundland. Thank you for everything. Carried with unanimous enthusiasm.

**IV. Future Hosts:** We reviewed our scheduled plan and a few changes were made. **Provinces should expect to host one National Tournament every 2 years just based on rotation.**

#### **Future Years Host Plans for our 3 National Tournaments**

##### **Fall of each year – Oxford Cup**

- Ontario 2018 - 2019
- Saskatchewan 2019 - 2020
- Alberta 2020 – 2021
- Manitoba 2021 – 2022

### **Spring of each year – Senior High Nationals**

- Nova Scotia 2018 - 2019 – SH Nationals April 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> with the 11<sup>th</sup> being the travel day
- Alberta 2018 – 2019 – SH Nationals in French
- Manitoba 2019 - 2020 – SH Nationals (French Nationals Location TBD)
- Ontario 2020- 2021 – SH and French
- Quebec 2021 - 2022 – SH Nationals

### **Spring of each year – Junior High Nationals**

- Quebec 2018 - 2019
- Nova Scotia 2019 - 2020
- Manitoba 2020 - 2021
- British Columbia 2021- 2022

### **National Seminar**

- ADDEQ- 2018
- Manitoba – 2019
- CSDF Board – 2020
- Saskatchewan – 2021
- PEI - 2022

## **V. New business**

- a) Encourage the host where possible to adjust the bracket to try to provide provincial or at least school protection. John Robinson moved; Jonathan Bracewell seconded. Carried. (move up or down by one with the brackets to allow for the change – extend to the first 2 rounds for school and province, next two for at least school protection, or further if possible, dependent on the program, or to do manually – certainly for school for as long as you can)
- b) Annual qualifying for the ICYD – International Competition for Young Debaters at Oxford and Cambridge – currently chosen at Queens may not be the most transparent tournament, as it fills up before invitations even go out. Miniature JH event at the Oxford Cup to qualify for the junior one and we would have an actual formal process. Moving it under our purview would be an easy transition. Oxford and Cambridge would rather have a proper National Event. John Manitoba motions; Elspeth BC seconds; Carried. (Host can decide on cap for the juniors)
- c) Minimum teams per province for Oxford Cup to be officially set at 6 teams per province. Alberta – Guillaume Laroche motions; Emily Bonia - Newfoundland & Labrador seconds – Carried.
- d) Cambridge Qualifying Tournament – use the Oxford Cup as the qualifier to Cambridge – Manitoba – John Robinson motions; Quebec – Jon Bracewell seconds; Carried.
- e) Change the Oxford Cup to a new name – Alberta – Guillaume Laroche moves that we leave this with the new Governing Board to make the changes and report back to the membership next year; BC – Elspeth Easton seconds; Carried.
- f) No team will be able to go to both the Oxford and Cambridge events – the decision as to who goes will be left to the board to decide. BC – Elspeth Easton moved; Alberta – Guillaume Laroche seconds – Carried.

**VI. Election of Board of Governors – The following were nominated; accepted and acclaimed to the Board of Governors:**

- Brian Casey, Nationals Chair
- Josh Judah
- Jon Robinson
- Emily Bonia
- Tracey Lee
- Debra Miko
- Jon Bracewell
- Frankie Cena

Manitoba – John Robinson; Newfoundland Labrador – Emily Bonia seconds. Carried.

**VII. Adjournment**

Jon Bracewell moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 pm – John Robinson seconds. Carried.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Miko

Minutes approved by: John Robinson