



Senior High National Debating Championships Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2017

I. Call to order

John Robinson called to order the regular meeting of the Senior High National Debating Championships at 10:16PM pm on April 22, 2017 at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver, BC

II. Roll call

Attendance was taken through a sign in sheet and voting members identified as listed below:

In Attendance:

Board of Governors:

Tracey Lee – BC (Chair); Brian Casey – Nova Scotia; Joshua Judah – Nova Scotia; John Robinson – Manitoba; Debra Miko – BC;

Regrets – Chris George - QC

Voting Members:

Tracey Lee – BC; Guillaume Laroche – Alberta; Gideon Weisman – Saskatchewan; John Robinson – Manitoba; Nicole Ratti – Ontario; Jon Bracewell – Quebec; Brian Casey – Nova Scotia; Jill Quiring – New Brunswick; Emily Bonia – Newfoundland and Labrador.

Also in attendance:

Dave Smith – Quebec; Liz Stratton – Ontario; Frankie Cena – BC; Carissa Balcaen – Manitoba; Andrew Kaplan – Manitoba; Lulu Wang – Ontario; Courtney Turner – Ontario; Michael Muir – Ontario; Jordan Burg – Manitoba; Nick Szymanis – Nova Scotia

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

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Debra Miko/John Robinson moved adoption of the Agenda. Carried.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from previous meeting not presented for approval.

V. Host Thank You

John Robinson moved to officially thank Tracey, Lindsay, and Jack, for the remarkable/unthinkable thing hosted at WPGA. Carried with unanimous enthusiasm. Tracey thanked us all for judging and thanked our tab master – Chris Palmer.

VI. Championships Update: There were three schools originally, on March 10th two pulled out. Tracey contacted York House and they came forward to assist with Friday. We did 11 rounds of debate Saturday between Junior and Senior. Tracey stepped in when Alberta pulled out, and pulled off three events in one venue. Everything went well, students enjoyed it. For the seniors some students did complain they ended up 5 times on the same side. Tab Room can accommodate addressing this, but it had not been turned on. The program can be used without Chris around. Students will have access at the end to see their ballots, including the comments from judges. The server is in the US. Students in Nova Scotia and some in Toronto are not allowed to be on servers in the US. Tracey to check with Chris to confirm regarding material on the server.

VII. Future Hosts: We reviewed our scheduled plan and a few changes were made. **Provinces should expect to host one National Tournament every 2 - 3 years just based on rotation.**

Future Years Host Plans for our 4 National Tournaments

Fall of each year – Oxford Cup

- Quebec 2017 - 18
- Ontario 2018 - 19
- Saskatchewan 2019 - 20
- Alberta 2020 - 21

Spring of each year – Senior High Nationals

- Newfoundland 2017-18 – SH and French
- Quebec 2018 - 19 – Super Nationals (JR and SR)
- Manitoba 2019 – 20 - SH
- Ontario 2020-21 – SH and French

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National Seminar

- Ontario – Port Hope – 2017- 18 – 50 years of CSDF-FCDE
- ADDEQ- 2018 - 19
- Manitoba – 2019 - 20
- Quebec QSDA – 2020 - 21
- Saskatchewan SEDA – 2021 -22 (Fall of 21)

VIII. New business

- a) SH Nationals in Newfoundland – schools already in place; hotel contract in place at \$114 a night with complimentary breakfasts.
- b) For future Super National – you may not be able to have them in the same location schools should keep in mind that they may be required to send two chaperones. Would they have been at different venues, two different coaches would have been required.

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

- Emily Bonia, Nationals Chair
- John Robinson – Nominated by Nova Scotia; Seconded by Ontario
- Debra Miko – Nominated by Quebec; Seconded by Ontario
- Nicole Ratti – Nominated by Quebec; Seconded by BC
- Tracey Lee – Nominated by Manitoba; Seconded by Newfoundland
- Joshua Judah – Nominated by BC; Seconded by Manitoba
- Jon Bracewell – Nominated by Ontario; Seconded by Nova Scotia

Emily moves that we increase the numbers of the board – John seconds, accepted carried

- Brian Casey nominated by Ontario and John Robinson seconds.

John Robinson/Tracey Lee moved to close nominations. Carried.

X. Adjournment

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:11 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Miko

Minutes approved by: John Robinson