

*CANADIAN NATIONAL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS*

**AGM - MINUTES**

**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:57PM**

**I. Call to order**

Brian Casey called the Annual General Meeting of the *Canadian National Debating Championships* to order at 9.57 pm on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lord Nelson Hotel, rm 334.

**II. Roll call**

Attendance was taken and voting members identified as listed below:

**In Attendance:**

**Board of Governors: Brian Casey QC, (Nova Scotia) Josh Judah, QC (Nova Scotia) Tracey Lee (BC), Debra Miko (Alberta) Jon Bracewell (Quebec) Frankie Cena (BC)**

**Regrets - Emily Bonia – Newfoundland & Labrador; John Robinson – Manitoba**

**Voting Members:** Elspeth Easton – BC; Guillaume Laroche – Alberta; Kim Greenman – Saskatchewan; Graeme Berrington – Manitoba; Chris George – Ontario; Jon Bracewell – Quebec; Matt Edmonds – Nova Scotia; Michael Bolton – New Brunswick; Kent Avery – PEI

**Also in attendance:**

Anne Bigham (Ontario), Kathryn Bjornson (Nova Scotia), Patricia Donnelly (Nova Scotia), Gideon Wiseman (Saskatchewan), Lisa Kalesnikoff (Saskatchewan), Neil Bryant (BC), Nick Szymanis (Nova Scotia), Gabriel Duguay (Nova Scotia), Jacqueline Belzberg (BC), Dena Tanyabian (BC), Arsalan Ghaemi (BC), Katie Cunningham (Quebec), Michele Owen, (Quebec), Charles McEvoy (New Brunswick), Kim Ivanko (NT), Mazzen Black (Alberta), Tahzeeb Sayed (Alberta), Jean Francois Tessier (Quebec), Richard Picotin (Quebec), Jordan Burg (Manitoba), and Mike Macareg (Manitoba)

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

**III. Approve the Minutes of last year's meeting**

Jon Bracewell moved to approve the minutes without corrections. CARRIED

**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 2 National Tournaments and the Junior Nationals and National Seminar

**Fall of each year – BP Nationals**

- Saskatchewan 2019 - 2020
- Alberta 2020 – 2021
- Manitoba 2021 – 2022
- Quebec 2022-2023

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

- Quebec 2018 – 2019 – SH Nationals and French
- Manitoba 2019 - 2020 – SH Nationals (French Nationals Location Alberta or 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 - Fall of each year**

- Manitoba – 2019
- Saskatchewan – 2020
- Prince Edward – 2021
- Northwest Territories – 2022
- BC - 2023

### **V. New business**

Jordan Burg raised with our membership whether CSDF should be providing financial support (either in symbolic amounts or otherwise) to the organizations that host the CNDC or the Junior high nationals.

**VI.** Bylaw Amendment – Moved by Matt Edmonds and seconded by Chris George and carried we increase the Board of Governors to 9. CARRIED

### **VII. Election of Board of Governors –**

As host of next year's Nationals, John Robinson is chair of the incoming Board of Governors. In addition to John, the following were nominated; accepted and acclaimed to the Board of Governors:

- Josh Judah
- Tracey Lee
- Debra Miko
- Jon Bracewell
- Frankie Cena
- Elspeth Easton
- Chris George
- Gideon Wiseman

**VIII.** Vote of thanks – The meeting offered a vote of thanks to those who worked to extend debate to the North and to Brian Casey for hosting the Nationals.

**IX. Adjournment** – Chris George moved the adjournment of the meeting. CARRIED

For informational purposes, Brian Casey reported on the negotiations between CSDF and the McLeese family to update the McLeese Agreement.

Minutes submitted by: Patricia Donnelly

Minutes approved by: Brian Casey