

**IFA Business Meeting Minutes**  
**2019 International Forensics Association Tournament & Conference – Berlin, Germany**  
**12 March 2019, 8:02 PM**

*Officers Present: Jim Dobson, Nick Butler, Michael Middleton*  
*Schools Represented:*

- I. Call to Order (8:02PM)**
- II. Annual Review/President's Report (Nick Butler)**
  - a. Great success recruiting, reached 3-year goal of 20 schools in year 1
  - b. Working to get international schools, let's try to get them next year
  - c. 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary still want Japan, 16 schools want to do it by show of hands
  - d. 2021 - Mexico
- III. Vice President's Report (Jim Dobson)**
  - a. Hopes it went well, Debate ran behind, still got out on time
- IV. Treasurers Report (Jim Dobson)**
  - a. Working on creating contingency fund, currently at 7k
- V. International Relations (Wendell King)**
  - a. They are good, excited for next year
- VI. New Business**
  - a. **VP Election**
    - i. VP ELECTION: Nick Butler nominates and endorses Jim Dobson, Wendell King seconds them
      - 1. Elected by unanimous consent
    - ii. TREASURER ELECTION: J.D. Smith, Central Texas College self-nominates, Jim Dobson seconds
      - 1. Elected by unanimous consent
    - iii. Standardized Break Procedure Introduced
      - 1. Vote postponed until later
      - 2. Folks want to see a mock-up of the teams in order of the current system and the proposal
      - 3. Extended discussion of problems with tabulation this year.
    - iv. Discussion of break size in debate
      - 1. Online discussion thread requested
      - 2. Judging will be hard to manage
      - 3. Extended Discussion of problems with tabulation this year, Pres & VP noted they are open to those with experience helping tab.
        - a. **Nota Bene:** The current secretary, who has tabbed and directs multiple national debate tournaments, made this offer on 3/1/19 and those services were declined.
    - v. Request for low point wins in debate
      - 1. Will be implemented next year

- VII. Meeting Adjourned (8:37)**