

IFA Business Meeting Minutes
2018 National Communication Association Conference – Salt Lake City
9 November 2018, 11:00 AM

Officers Present: Jim Dobson, Nick Butler, Michael Middleton

Schools Represented: Northern Arizona University, Las Positas, Utah, Oregon State, Nassau CC, Hofstra, Casper College, San Diego Mesa, Northwest College

I. Call to Order (11:00AM)

II. President's Report (Nick Butler)

- a. Approval of Minutes (Moved by Provecchio, seconded by Hall)
- b. Good News4 teams registered for tournament; trying to expand block
 - i. Hotel is very efficient, great internet, convenient location for seeing Berlin
- c. Post Montreal Efforts
 - i. Working on social media and web presence
 - 1. Greater interaction with website
 - ii. Developing an international contact list to diversify tournament
 - iii. Will continue to utilize web postings via social media, etc., to facilitate tournament

III. International Liaison's Report

IV. Vice President's Report (Jim Dobson)

- a. 2018 Tournament was smooth
 - i. Extemp went well as did IPDA; Nuance event was a success
- b. Seeking input about what nuance event can/should include
 - i. *Webb/Robinson*: need to have clear articulation of expected conventions
 - ii. *Nugent*: Liked that it was a family event, broadly accessible, clear judge guidelines needed, consider keeping it open as a non-competitive space
- c. Judging for NPDA is tough, how should we fix that
 - i. We try to honor preferences, but people will need to be on call
- d. Will likely start hosting awards in hotel due to scheduling challenges
- e. Also, looking into online balloting for 2019

V. Treasurers Report (Jim Dobson)

- a. IFA gained 3,000 in 2018
- b. Reserve is approximately 7k
- c. Organizational goal is a 6k reserve for potential cancellation penalties; bank requirement is 1.5k

VI. New Business

- a. Scheduling/Dates (Provecchio)
 - i. List invitation dates as hotel block dates to expand funding justifications for attending institutions.
- b. 2020 Locations
 - i. 30th Anniversary – Goal is to go to a new continent, possible countries: China, Japan
- c. 2021 Locations
 - i. Dublin (?), Croatia, Morocco, Mexico City
- d. Recognition for Long-Standing Programs
 - i. Dr. Freeman Award (Butler Proposed, Provecchio Seconded)

VII. Meeting Adjourned (11:44)