

**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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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)**