

IFA Business Meeting Minutes
2019 National Communication Association Conference – Baltimore, Maryland
16 October 2019, 12:31PM

Officers Present: Nick Butler, Jim Dobson, J.D. Smith

Schools Represented: Las Positas, Utah, Colorado College, Central Texas, Casper, Nassau, Oregon State, Pacific, Marshall

- I. Call to Order (12:31PM)**
- II. President's Report (Nick Butler)**
 - a.** A hotel contract for Mexico City has been secured. Advertising will occur after Tokyo.
 - b.** At least one Japanese school will compete at Tokyo this year. Nick's efforts to expand competition by international schools is ongoing.
- III. Vice President's Report (Jim Dobson)**
 - a.** Several tournament changes necessitated by an increased debate pool will be included in the invite. Some of these are:
 - i. Institutions can not buy out of their competition rooms.
 - ii. Any debate event with more than 32 entries will break to octos, but still only 3 elimination round time slots.
 - iii. We will be using online ballots in prelims, and conducting a study on online v. paper ballots.
 - iv. The business meeting will happen at registration.
- IV. Treasurers Report (J.D. Smith)**
 - a.** Paper copies of the tournament expenses/income report were passed out.
 - b.** Nick Butler noted that physical trophies were a new expense last year, the body unanimously gave consent to continue purchasing similar awards.
- V. New Business**
 - a. Discussion**
 - i. Nuance event for Tokyo.
 - 1. Several options were presented, none were adopted.
 - ii. 2022 Location.
 - 1. Members of the body proposed several options. None were formally adopted.
 - iii. International Liaison.
 - 1. It is up for election in 2021.
- VI. Meeting Adjourned (1:16PM)**