

IFA Business Meeting Minutes
2020 International Forensics Association Business Meeting – NCA Online
17 November 2019, 3:00 PM (EST)

Officers Present: Jim Dobson, Nick Butler, Michael Middleton

Schools Represented: Las Positas College, Casper College, Northwest College, Univ of Utah, Nassau Community College, Oregon State, Colorado College, Univ of Cumberlands, West Texas A&M

- I. Call to Order (3:06PM)**
- II. Annual Review/President's Report (Nick Butler)**
 - a. Tournaments**
 - i. 2021 – No Tournament
 - ii. 2022 – Mexico City (pending COVID developments)
 - b. Trophies**
 - i. Japan Trophies are a loss due to date and location engraving
 - c. Officer Term Extensions**
 - i. Adding one year to officers' terms by unanimous consent
 - ii. Treasurer position is vacant
 - 1. Jim will fulfill role on interim basis
 - iii. For treasurer and all positions, Nick would like a range of nominees, including those not in attendance at business meeting
- III. Vice President/Treasurer Report (Jim Dobson)**
 - a. Doing well on funding, approximately 11k balance**
- IV. New Business**
 - a. 2021 Online format (see proposal below)**
 - i. Expect it to be very low cost
 - 1. Potential waiver of dues
 - ii. Great opportunity for international outreach
 - 1. Was interest in Japan, but that had to be cancelled
 - iii. Some schools want to expand nuance/experimental events
 - iv. Others (Trent) suggest adding conference presentations to registration day of the tournament.
 - b. 2021 Tournament Proposal**
 - i. March 12-15
 - 1. Asynchronous IE Prelims
 - 2. Synchronous Debate Rounds & IE Elims
 - 3. Benefits
 - a. Promote International Participation**
 - i. No Membership Dues
 - ii. Only Event Fees
 - b. More experimental events**
 - i. Academic Lecture
 - ii. Visual Communication
 - iii. Audio Narration
 - iv. International Tourism
 - c. Extended Discussion of Virtual Tournament Format & Events. Details forthcoming.**
- V. Meeting Adjourned (4:12)**

Documented by IFA Secretary, M. Middleton (Utah)