

IFA Business Meeting Minutes
2023 International Forensics Association Spring Business Meeting
16 November 2023

Officers Present: Jeannie Hunt (in-person), Nick Butler (virtual), Michael Middleton (in-person), Sarah Hinkle (virtual), Michael McHan (in-person)

Schools Represented: University of Utah, United States Air Force Academy, Grossmont College, Casper College, Colorado College, Las Positas College, Casper College, Pacific University, Morehouse, Vanderbilt, Hofstra, San Diego Mesa, Cal State Fullerton, Oregon State Univ, South Dakota State Univ, Lafayette College, Bradley Univ, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, University of Pittsburgh, Northwest College

I. Call to Order

II. Old Business

a. President's Report

i. Tournament

1. Hotel Block is full, working on more room
2. Contact jill kratz (jill.kraatz@maritzselect.com) if you still need rooms
- ii. There is a scholarship for first time attendees; contact Nick for details (internationalforensics@gmail.com)
- iii. Constitutional Amendments will be out before March tournament. Please review to vote
- iv. Additional Elections are coming. Nick wants to develop someone

b. Vice President's Report

- i. Rooms are the biggest issue in Ireland. Changes to tournament admin may have to happen to accommodate
- ii. Judge coverage is critical
- iii. Jeannie will propose constitutional amendments at next meeting. They are prepared, based on discussions among IFA leadership over the summer/fall. If anyone has other additions or revisions they'd like to propose, please contact us so they may be shared with the membership the necessary 60 days before our next meeting.

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. IFA has a positive budget
 1. Main Account: \$15,210.88
 2. Scholarship Account: \$3,000.15
 3. Spreadsheets will be posted on website.
- ii. Financial requirements were fulfilled in October
- iii. Please pay tournament fees as early as possible, via forensicstournament.net or venmo

d. International Liaison

- i. Working on speaker from State Department
- ii. Contacting schools for international attendance, seven currently in communication
- iii. Brochure being developed for folks going to Ireland
- iv. If staying after for St. Patrick's Day, plan ahead. It gets expensive.

e. Secretary

- i. No news to report

III. New Business

a. 2025 Tournament Location Vote

- i. Ecuador – 11
- ii. Mexico – 7
- iii. Tournament is in Ecuador

IV. Meeting Adjourned