

**IFA Business Meeting Minutes**  
**2024 International Forensics Association Spring Business Meeting**  
**10 March 2024**

**Welcome**

1991 - 4 teams  
2024 - 40 teams

**President's Report**

1. Constitutional Updates
  - a. Specified Officer Duties Summarized
  - b. Travel Expense Policies Codified
  - c. Awards Configuration - Naming & Criteria
  - d. Bylaws - NPDA, BP, IPDA identified as guiding principles for tournament administration, with allowance for tournament director modifications
  - e. Vote - Unanimous Consent

**Vice Presidents Report**

1. Tournament Procedures
  - a. Room use policies
    - i. No one enters rooms without judges
    - ii. Students may not use the restroom in the room
  - b. Rounds will be flighted/no feedback until rounds have concluded
  - c. Extemp draw will be electronic
  - d. Breaks
    - i. IPDA flighted breaks
    - ii. EXT & IMP breaks
  - e. Judging - All judges are eligible for all things
  - f. Breakfast will open at 6am to allow more time
  - g. Awards at Trinity College

**Treasurers Report**

1. Awards - Pick up at awards or it will be necessary to pay the fees to have them shipped to you.
2. Expenses Overview
  - a. Costs - \$8,000
3. Full expense report available on forensics tournament

**International Liaison**

1. Welcome

**Secretary**

1. NCA Panel - details forthcoming following tournament.

**New Business**

1. Election - Treasurer
  - a. Nominations
    - i. Sarah - Nominated by Jim Dobson, Seconded by Ganer Newman
    - ii. Elected by unanimous consent
2. Future Elections - Next Year
  - a. President
  - b. Secretary
3. 2025 Tournament Site
  - a. Ecuador may not be viable
  - b. Current backup plan is Mexico City
  - c. Additional options to be considered and virtual discussion to follow. Recommendations welcome.