

**IFA Business Meeting Minutes**  
**2024 International Forensics Association Fall Business Meeting**  
**21 November 2024**

**Welcome & Call To Order**

**President's Report**

- A. Updates for South Korea
  - a. Sheraton is accepting reservations. An overflow hotel will be secured if needed
  - b. Bus will be available to and from hotel each morning and night of tournament (sponsored by University of Utah)
- B. Upcoming Website Changes
  - a. IFA will be moving to an EDU website
  - b. Officers will have EDU emails associated with IFA
  - c. Will improve organizational credibility
- C. Emphasized connecting to our social media platforms (Facebook/Instagram)
  - a. Important for cultivating international engagement
  - b. Encourage student engagement in particular
- D. Call for 2026 location suggestions/assistance
  - a. Need more engagement finding locations earlier
  - b. One option for 2026 currently (see Secretary's report)

**Treasurers Report**

- A. Review of Dublin expenses and income; full report to be posted online
- B. W9 now available online for schools needing it for payment purposes
- C. Scholarship fund is well supported, encourage its use by eligible programs

**Vice Presidents Report**

- A. Tournament Updates
  - a. Entry website is now open; entries have started coming in
  - b. Significant interest from international schools from Korea and beyond
  - c. IFA is in constant communication with University of Utah (which is in constant communication with SK officials about any local concerns that may affect the tournament)
- B. Campus hosting should improve/address several issues from previous years
  - a. Hotel is increasingly difficult context (fire code, hallway disruptions, unhappy staff)
  - b. Campus will help resolve this with rooms to flex into to resolve tournament needs
  - c. Tournament location also has access to multiple food and other venues to support student experience

**Secretary**

- A. NCA Panel tomorrow, please attend
- B. Nantes University (University of Utah partnership) has expressed a willingness to discuss hosting. Point of contact is Mike Middleton. Learn more about the institution here: <https://english.univ-nantes.fr>

**International Liaison**

- A. International Travel Guide for South Korea is forthcoming
- B. Suggestions welcome, will include information similar to the guide created for Dublin

**New Business**

- A. Proposed Amendment – Voting Procedure - Tabled
  - 1. Tabled for further discussion
  - 2. May be unnecessary as it describes current process; do rules need revision or clarification?
  - 3. Can be untabled at South Korea
- B. Proposed Amendment - Limiting Officers – Passed with Amendments

**Documented by IFA Secretary, M. Middleton (Utah)**



1. Amendment 1 – Replace “each of whom” with “each vacant office”
  1. Seconded and Passed
2. Amendment 2 – add “Unless a candidate runs unopposed” to “an institution may not be represented by more than one officer”
  1. Seconded and Passed
3. Amendment 3 – add “Officers must be employed by a 2- or 4-year academic institution”
  1. Seconded and Passed
- C. Proposed Changes – Campus Search Committee – Passed with Amendments
  1. Amendment 1 – Replace “an IFA executive council member” with “the vice president”
    1. Seconded and passed
  2. Amendment 2 – Strike “Advisory member: Jill Kraatz”
    1. Seconded and Passed
- D. Proposed Changes to Nuance Event - Passed
  1. Discussion & Vote
  2. Preferential Balloting in favor of “Student only Nuance Event & Panel Discussions”
- E. Proposed Tournament Procedure: Sweepstakes Tabulation – Tabled
  1. Discussion & Tabled for further consideration in South Korea
- F. Distinguished Service Nomination – Nick Butler
  1. Seconded and Passed

**Meeting Adjourned**