

## **NFA NEWSLETTER: March 1, 2009**

### **This Newsletter contains the following information:**

- 1. Information related to the selection of the LD Topic area for 2009-2010 and the process to be followed for the selection of resolutions for consideration.**
- 2. Committee appointments for the NFA 2008-2009.**
- 3. Nomination forms for the Hall of Fame and The election of officers.**

### **LINCOLN DOUGLAS INFORMATION**

A call for topics was included in the February, 2009 Newsletter requesting that each school interested in and an intent to participate in LD Debate, to submit topic areas for consideration to the Chair of the LD Committee. The briefs that were submitted were contained in the Newsletter and also available on the NFA web site. All briefs that were submitted were confirmed by the Chair of the LD Committee.

**Narrowing Procedures:** Given that there were a limited number of briefs submitted, all of them were available for your consideration. Based on the ballots that were returned, the Chair of the LD Committee has determined that the LD Topic Area for the 2009-2010 academic year will be as follows:

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

The brief for this topic area is [still available on the NFA website](#) if you need to refresh your memory.

The LD Committee will work on developing resolutions for feedback from the community over the IE-L and other methods of communication. Because of the later selection of the topic area, the time frame will be as follows: **The Committee will select five (5) resolutions for consideration. A ballot will be sent out on March 30<sup>th</sup> with the five (5) resolutions. In order for the ballot to be counted, all five resolutions**

**must be rank ordered. The ballots must be returned to the NFA President and received by Monday, April 30th.** A weighted preferential voting system with 1<sup>st</sup> = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 2 points and 5<sup>th</sup> = 1 point will be used. Ties will be broken by the President of the NFA, who may at his/her decision, consult with the LD Committee.

**Resolution Announcement:** The winning resolution will be known only to the President of the NFA until it is announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Lincoln Douglas Committee is waiting to hear from you. If your school is involved with LD Debate, this is your opportunity to become active in the selection of the debate resolution for 2009-2010. Dr. Marty Birkholt and the other members of the LD Committee are waiting to hear from you. The only way the system works, is if you become involved in the process.

Also remember, your students are engaged in Lincoln Douglas debate. They may wish to be considered in this process of resolution selection. Please take time to include them in your consideration and discussion of resolutions.

**Lincoln Douglas Committe for this year is:**

CHAIR: Marty Birkholt, Executive Council	Creighton University
Vicki Karns, Tournament Director	Suffolk University
Nichelle McNabb, Elected Member	Otterbein University
Kelly Larson, Elected Member	Missouri Southern University
David Trumble, Elected Member	St. Anselm College
Jessica Furgerson, Student Member	Western Kentucky University

**BIDS FOR HOSTING NFA 2011, 2012, 2013**

**Please consider putting in a bid to host the NFA National Tournament in either 2011, 2012, 2013. Bids should contain information related to the following:**

- 1. Tournament Hotel/Motel:** Host should provide information as to possible choices of a hotel/motel to serve as the general tournament headquarters. The prep team is usually housed at this facility. There, attention should be paid to the securing of comp rooms to help defray the cost of rooms for the NFA.
- 2. Competition Rooms:** Approximately 80-90 rooms are needed. The rooms need to be available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Monday the number of rooms drops to approximately 16 for semi final and final rounds. The more central the competition rooms can be, the more it helps the tournament to remain on time. If a 4 day schedule needs to be used, adjustments may be necessary in the number of rooms needed.
- 3. Tabulation Rooms:** This should be a central location, near the area that will be used for Ballot Pickup and Drop. This can be one large room or several

- smaller rooms that are located next to each other. Access to computers is needed.
4. **Extemp Draw and Prep:** This needs to be located near the rooms that will be used for extemp competition. It needs to be large enough so that a total of 125 plus extempers will have room to prepare. Tables and chairs are the best if that can be arranged.
  5. **Ballot Sorting/Stuffing:** An area needs to be available for the ballots to be sorted and after tabulation, stuffed into school packets. This area should also be located near the tabulation rooms.
  6. **Food Service:** Given the tight time schedule of the tournament, it is necessary to make sure that the campus food service will be available for individuals at the tournament. If necessary, arrangements may have to be made to bring in outside vendors by the host school.
  7. **Host school covers the cost of printing the tournament booklet, the ballots used for the tournament, and the result sheets for the tournament and other miscellaneous copying needed during the run of the tournament. NFA covers the cost of the awards and the tournament schematics and hired judges.**

Anyone interested in submitting a bid for hosting is urged to contact the President for more detailed information and specifics. It would be advantageous for the Association if we could line up host sites for the next three years.

<b><u>NFA COMMITTEES 2008-2009</u></b>
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| <b>AWARDS:</b>       | Karen Morris (Chair, Exec. Council) UW – Eau Claire<br>Vicki Karns (Tournament Director) Suffolk University<br>Larry Schnoor (President, Exec. Council ) MSU Mankato  |
| <b>CONSTITUTION:</b> | Leah White (Chair, Exec. Council) MSU Mankato<br>Larry Schnoor (President, Exec. Council ) MSU-Mankato<br>Dan Smith, (Exec. Council) Bradley University<br>Richard Paine, (Exec. Council) North Central College<br>Chris Fenner, U. of Southern Florida |
| <b>ELECTIONS:</b>    | Larry Schnoor (Chair, Exec. Council) MSU – Mankato<br>Audrey Cunningham, U. of Indianapolis<br>JoAnn Edwards, U. of Mississippi   |
| <b>ETHICS:</b>       | Richard Paine (Chair, Exec. Council ) North Central College<br>Edward Hinck, Central Michigan University<br>Marlin Bates, University of the Pacific<br>Larry Schnoor, ( Exec. Council ) MSU – Mankato<br>Jake Johnson, UW – Eau Claire (Student member) |

- EXTEMP TOPICS:** Randy Richardson (Chair, Exec. Council) Berry College  
Curt Gilstrap, Drury University  
Scott Pollack, Lafayette College  
Susan Millsap, Otterbein College  
Jon Carter, Illinois State University  
Ray Quiel, Eastern Michigan University
- IMPROMPTU TOPICS:** Scott Placke, Lafayette College (Chair)  
Janis Crawford, Butler University  
Brian Swafford, Ohio University  
Jennifer Talbert, William Carey College  
George La Master, Marian College  
Larry Schnoor (Exec. Council) MSU Mankato
- LINCOLN DOUGLAS:** Marty Birkholt (Chair, Exec. Council) Creighton University  
Vicki Karns (Tournament Director ) Suffolk University  
Kelly Larson, Missouri Southern University  
Nichelle McNabb, Otterbein College  
David Trumble, St. Anselm College  
Jessica Furgerson, Western Kentucky University
- RESEARCH:** Leah White (Chair, Exec. Council ) MSU Mankato  
Vicki Karns (Tournament Director )  
Edward Hinck, Central Michigan University  
Richard Brophy, University of Alabama  
Ryan Cohn, Florida State University
- EDITORIAL IMPROMPTU:** Brendan Kelly, (Chair, Exec. Council) U of West Florida  
Dan West, Ohio University  
Bruce Wickelgren, Suffolk University  
Dawn Lowry, Western Kentucky University  
Penni Pier, Wartburg College
- HALL OF FAME** Karen Morris (Chair, Exec. Council) UW Eau Claire  
Amy Johnson, Eastern Michigan University  
Megan Koch, Illinois State University  
Susan Millsap, Otterbein College  
Tyler Billman, Bradley University
- EVENTS AND PEDAGOGY** Brendan Kelly, (Chair, Exec. Council) U of West Florida  
Leah White (Exec. Council) MSU Mankato  
Richard Paine (Exec. Council) North Central College

## RESEARCH PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

If you are planning on conducting a research project at the NFA Tournament, please be advised to submit it to the Research Committee Chair by **March 10, 2009.**

## **Eddie Myers NFA Service Award**

All letters of nomination for this Distinguished Service Award must be received by the Awards Committee by March 16, 2009. Letters should address the contributions the coach has made to not only the NFA but also forensics activity. Letters should be sent to Karen Morris, Chair of the Awards Committee. A complete list of past recipients can be found on the NFA webpage.

### **NFA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS OF COMPETITION: \_\_\_\_\_

JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINATION AND/OR INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME: (this should provide the Awards Committee with information not only of the persons forensic background and participation, but also include material as to what this person has contributed to forensics since their graduation from college etc. Check your Fall Newsletter for explanation of the Criteria to be used in making this determination. If additional space is needed, use additional sheet.

#### **CRITERIA AND APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

##### **1. FORENSIC COMPETITIVE EXCELLENCE:**

##### **2. FORENSIC COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP:**

##### **3. FORENSIC AMBASSADORSHIP:**

Name of Person submitting the Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO PROF. KAREN MORRIS, Department of Communication and Journalism, Hibbard Hall, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702 by March 16, 2009.**

**NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS  
2009-2010**

**Please return this nomination form by March 16<sup>th</sup> to the address given below:**

**Please complete this form for nominating individuals for the offices listed:**

**1. President of the NFA: 3 year term. Currently held by Larry Schnoor**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Secretary/Treasurer of the NFA: 3 year term. Currently held by Dan Smith**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

**3. At-Large Council Representatives: Two Positions – 2 year terms. Currently held by Brendan Kelly and Marty Birkholt**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Lincoln-Douglas Committee for 2009-2010: Three Positions – 1 year terms. These positions are currently held by Kelly Larson, Nichelle McNabb, and David Trumble.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this Nomination form to Larry Schnoor, 107 Agency Road, Mankato, MN 56001 or by e-mail to [Lgene9535@aol.com](mailto:Lgene9535@aol.com) by March 16, 2009**