

NFA NEWSLETTER: MARCH 5, 2008

This Newsletter contains information related to the selection of the LD Topic area for 2008-2009 and the process to be followed for the selection of resolutions for consideration.

It also contains our annual request for schools interested in hosting the NFA tournament. We need to have a site for 2009, 2010 and 2011. If you are interested please contact President Larry Schnoor for specific information regarding hosting.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS INFORMATION

A call for topics was included in the February, 2008 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 2008-2009 academic year will be as follows:

LATIN AMERICA

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 have until March 28th to select five (5) resolutions for consideration. A ballot will be sent out on March 29th 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 14th prior to the National Tournament.** A weighted preferential voting system with 1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th =

2 points and 5th = 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 1st.

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 2008-2009. 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 Committte for this year is:

CHAIR: Marty Birkholt, Executive Council	Creighton University
Vicki Karns, Tournament Director	Suffolk University
Nichelle McNabb, Elected Member	Otterbein University
Curt Gilstrap, Elected Member	Drury University
John Boyer, Elected Member	Lafayette College
Marcus Schultz-Bergin (Student)	Washburn University

BIDS FOR HOSTING NFA 2009, 2010, 2011

Please consider putting in a bid to host the NFA National Tournament in either 2009, 2010, or 2011. 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 75-85 rooms are needed. The rooms need to be available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Monday the number of rooms drops to approximately 15 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 tabulations room.
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.**

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.