

NFA NEWSLETTER – APRIL 1, 2008

This Newsletter contains information related to the selection of the LD Resolutions for 2008-2009 and the process to be followed for the selection of a resolution to be debated in LD. In addition, it contains the ballot for the election of officers and the LD Committee. The time line has been adjusted to allow for ample time for your consideration in determining how you wish to vote. Please return your ballots by the deadline date.

I am also calling again for bids for hosting the NFA tournament in 2009. At this point we do not have any bids submitted. If possible, we would like to make this decision at our meeting in April. If you are interested in hosting, please contact me for any information you might need. The dates for the 2009 tournament are April 16-20. I am also sending the dates for 2010, 2011, and 2012 for anyone that might like to host in one of those years.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS INFORMATION

Based on the ballots that were returned in the selection of the topic area for 2008-2009, the topic selected was Latin America. The LD Committee has worked on the development of resolutions and five (5) resolutions have been determined for your consideration and choice. This Newsletter contains a ballot to make that selection. In order for your ballot to be counted, all five resolutions must be rank ordered. The ballots must be returned to the NFA President and received by Tuesday, April 15th 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 according to the established procedure.

Remember your students that 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 the resolutions.

Lincoln Douglas Committee for this year was:

Chair: Marty Birkholt, Executive Council, Creighton University

Vicki Karns, Tournament Director, Suffolk University

Nichelle McNabb, Elected Member, Otterbein College

Curt Gilstrap, Elected Member, Drury University

John Boyer, Elected Member, Lafayette College

Marcus Schultz-Bergin (Student), Washburn University

BIDS FOR HOSTING THE NFA TOURNAMENT

The March 5 Newsletter of the NFA contained information related to the hosting of the NFA National Tournament. [The newsletter](#) can be found on the NFA website. A site is needed for 2009 and the dates are April 16-20.

Dates for future NFA National Tournaments are as follows:

2010 = April 15-19

2011 = April 14-18

2012 = April 19-23

DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ON INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

This is a reminder that the Development Conference on Individual Events will be held on July 31-August 2, at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. The Conference hotel will be the Pere Marquette. Please make your plans to attend. More detailed information will be forthcoming within the next several weeks.

BALLOTS

The following pages contain the ballots for the selection of the LD resolution for 2008-2009 and for the election of officers and the LD Committee. Please return your ballots to the President of the NFA by e-mail and remember, only one ballot for each school. These ballots are to be returned by Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS BALLOT FOR 2008-2009 DEBATE RESOLUTION

Possible LD Resolutions:

Please rank the following resolutions 1st thru 5th, with your top choice being ranked 1st, your second choice ranked 2nd and so on. **REMEMBER, YOU MUST RANK ALL FIVE RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER FOR YOUR BALLOT TO COUNT.**

_____ **A. RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should substantially reform its trade policy with one or more of the following countries: Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Panama and/or Venezuela.**

_____ **B. RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its constructive engagement with Cuba.**

_____ **C. RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should substantially alter its foreign policy towards one or more of the following nations: Bolivia, Ecuador, and/or Venezuela.**

_____ **D. RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should substantially alter its narcotics and/or counter-terrorism policies towards Latin America.**

_____ **E. RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government should substantially alter its foreign policy towards one or more of the following nations: Brazil, Colombia and/or Argentina.**

YOU MUST VOTE ON ALL FIVE OF THE RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER FOR YOUR BALLOT TO COUNT. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR YOUR 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH PLACE.

THIS BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY E-MAIL BY APRIL 15TH TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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ONLY ONE VOTE PER SCHOOL.

THE RESOLUTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 1ST.

NFA ELECTION BALLOT

Please return this ballot by e-mail to LGENE9535@AOL.COM by April 15th.

Vice President for Administration: 3 year term:

_____ **Karen Morris, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire**

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(write in choice)

COUNCIL MEMBERS at LARGE: 2 year term – 2 positions:

_____ **John Boyer, Lafayette College**

_____ **Richard Paine, North Central College**

_____ **Randy Richardson, Berry College**

_____ **Dan West, Ohio University**

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(write in candidate)

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LINCOLN DOUGLAS COMMITTEE: 1 year term – 3 positions:

_____ **Nick Garcia, Ohio University**

_____ **Martin Harris, Drury University**

_____ **Kelly Larson, Missouri Southern University**

_____ **Nichelle McNabb, Otterbein College**

_____ **Glenn Prince, Western Kentucky University**

_____ **David Trumble, St. Anselm College**