

NFA NEWSLETTER – APRIL 9, 2009

This Newsletter contains information related to the selection of the LD Resolutions for 2009-2010 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 2011. At this point we do not have any bids submitted. If you are interested in hosting, please contact me for any information you might need. The dates would be April 14-18, 2011.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS INFORMATION

Based on the ballots that were returned in the selection of the topic area for 2009-2010, the topic selected was TRANSPORTATION. 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 21st.

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
Kelly Larson, Elected Member, Southwest Missouri State
David Trumble, St. Anselm's College
Jessica Furgerson, Western Kentucky University**

The following pages contain the ballots for the selection of the LD resolution for 2009-2011 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. The ballots for election of officers should be returned by April 18th. The ballot for LD resolution should be returned by April 21st.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS BALLOT FOR 2009-2010 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: That the USFG should substantially reform domestic transportation policy.**
- _____ **B. RESOLVED: That the USFG should substantially reform one or more of the following domestic industries: airline, rail, navigation by vessels, trucking and/or automobile.**
- _____ **C. RESOLVED: That the USFG should substantially reform domestic transportation infrastructure.**
- _____ **D. RESOLVED: That the USFG should substantially increase transportation safety in the U.S.**
- _____ **E. RESOLVED: That the USFG should adopt a policy to encourage more energy efficient modes of transportation.**

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 21st TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

LGENE9535@AOL.COM

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 18th .

President of the NFA: 3 year term.

_____ Larry Schnoor, MN State University, Mankato

_____ _____
(write in choice)

Secretary/Treasurer of the NFA: 3 year term.

_____ Dan Smith, Bradley University

_____ _____
(write in choice)

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

_____ Marty Birkholt, Creighton University

_____ John Boyer, Lafayette College

_____ Janis Crawford, Butler University

_____ Brendan Kelly, University of West Florida

_____ Meagan Koch, Illinois State University

_____ Ray Quiel, Eastern Michigan University

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(write in candidate)

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LINCOLN DOUGLAS COMMITTEE: 1 year term – 3 positions:

_____ Heather Erickson, Emerson College

_____ Kelly Larson, Missouri Southern University

_____ Nichelle McNabb, Otterbein College

_____ David Trumble, St. Anselm College

(write in candidate)