

## **President's Report NPDA Business Meeting—November 2007**

### **Projects Since March 2007**

The last six months have been busy ones as we have attempted to address a number of issues of outstanding business and prepare for the upcoming Nationals. I have worked on the following projects since the last business meeting, at Colorado College in March.

- Appointed new committee members, as needed, including filling several vacancies by committee members who left the activity.
- Filled or extended terms of caretaker representatives for districts that failed to appoint representatives at district meetings at NPDA.
- Referred legislation from the Spring NPDA Business Meeting to the Rules and Standards Committee and charged the committee with the duty of discussing the concerns of the membership regarding strikes and preference systems for the National Championships.
- Formed two ad hoc committees to address outstanding issues raised by the membership: The Ad Hoc Committee on Season Sweepstakes was charged with addressing issues raised at the March meeting related to sweepstakes. The Ad Hoc Committee on Tournament Conduct was formed in response to a recommendation by the Sexual Harassment Officer, as well as in response to concerns raised in the post-Championship membership survey. The committee was charged with studying other interscholastic and intercollegiate organizations' codes of ethics and reviewing the question of whether a code of ethics or model code of conduct—whether in the form of binding rules or recommended guidelines—would be appropriate for the organization.
- Designed and implemented a post-Championships online survey for feedback about the National Championships and the performance of the Executive Council and its appointees. The goal here was to set a baseline for future review, preferably by one of NPDA's Committees.
- Addressed several appeals on various topics, including “pre-emptive” appeals requesting advice on various students' eligibility.
- Coordinated a Site Visit for the 2008 Championships at USAFA with Brent Northup, Treasurer, and concluded a contract with a consortium of three hotels in Colorado Springs. Announced these contracts to the membership in the second week of September.
- Solicited bids for the 2009 and 2010 Championship Tournaments. One completed bid has been received has been forwarded to the Site and Host Committee for review.
- Accepted the resignation of the Championship Tournament Director, Konrad Hack, and Appointed Joe Gantt as his successor.

While this is not a comprehensive list of projects undertaken during the last six months, it represents the highlights of the work accomplished during that time. Members having questions pertaining to specific policies are more than welcome to contact me with any questions they may have. Where specific clarification is required at the NCA Business Meeting, I am more than happy to provide it.