

Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association (MCFA) Meeting Minutes
Saint Cloud State University
February 17 and 18, 2018

- I. Meeting was called to order
- II. Roll call was taken—all schools present at the 2018 MCFA tournament were represented.
- III. Reading of last meeting's minutes. Julie Walker read minutes from our last meeting, September 2017. It was announced that MCFA had \$127 in the bank. Phillip Voight moved and Brian Kunz seconded the approval of the meeting minutes.
- IV. Secretary's Report – Julie Walker gave a Secretary's report.
 - a. Committee member changes were announced
 - b. Other changes to MCFA were announced for this year:
 - i. The MCFA banquet was eliminated
 - ii. There were tournament fee changes for this year
 - iii. MCFA intends to cover the fees for IOC tournament participation
 - c. MCFA Finances
 - i. A proposal was made to add a treasurer to the MCFA organization. It was also announced that \$810 had been anonymously donated for this year's state tournament. Michael Dreher supports measures to ensure MCFA is even more fiscally sound in the future and argues for \$2,000 to be put into savings (\$500 to cover IOA and \$1,500 for to cover the cost of state trophies).
 - d. Bylaw Transparency
 - i. It was reported that CA and Duo were low entry events at this year's. There will be no final round in CA, but competitors were still eligible for final round points. In addition, Duo will advance four students to a final round. Members agreed that MCFA needs to update the bylaws to ensure that six competitors break to finals.
 - ii. Tiebreakers were also announced: Finals, Sweepstakes—
 - 4th tiebreaker—opponent wins removed because it is not listed in the invite
 - 2 additional tiebreakers were removed from the Speechwire program
 - e. The Small/Large Division break down was announced – # of entries/average—10% range. 13 entries (13 or less is considered “Small School Division” for this state tournament)

MOTION: Julie Walker moved that MCFA have a treasurer (the treasurer's term would be for five years) five years. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. There were questions about a five-year rotation. Michael Dreher asked if/why the treasurer needs to be on the MCFA committee. He also suggested that the bank in use be available in most MCFA communities. Jessica Samens suggested that the treasurer's position be separate from the MCFA committee. We were reminded that the MCFA bylaws state that members on the committee should not be from the same schools. Julie Walker tabled motion. At this time, a bank account will be opened.

- V. New Business
 - a. A bid was made and approved for Minnesota State University-Mankato to host in 2020
 - i. SMSU will host in 2019
 - ii. Concordia College's bid was accepted to host in 2021
 - b. Proposals
 - i. Changes to the MCFA tournament were discussed. Zach Oehm proposed that the MCFA state tournament go from three rounds to two rounds + finals. +++ Zach indicated that he was concerned with the health of competitors and cost of the tournament. More discussion was to be had on Sunday.
 - ii. Najla Amundson put forth another proposal to have a combined ND, SD & WI “State” tournament. Najla will gather some information and provide a report to CTAM.

- iii. Julie Walker suggested that the MCFA flights match AFA's flight patterns.
- iv. Brian Kunz suggested a discussion take place to ensure that MCFA practices are in line with NPDA's rules.

VI. Election of 2018-2019 MCFA Officers. The following officers were elected for the upcoming year.

- i. Executive Secretary—2 year//Ben Walker
- ii. Scott Wells, St. Cloud State University
- iii. Jessica Samens—Bethel University
- iv. Katie Brunner—MSU, Mankato
- v. Najla Amundson—Concordia College

VII. Old Business—These items were not discussed during this meeting—saved for next day.

- a. Learning Goals for Events – Ben Walker
- b. MCFA State All-American Team Proposal – Ben Walker

VIII. Announcements: A memorial for Suzanne Berg was announced.

IX. The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow, 2/18/19

MCFA Tournament, Second Meeting, Minutes, 2/18/2018

I. Meeting was called to order

II. Old Business:

All-State Team Proposal—Ben Walker moved that the MCFA committee accept the All-State proposal and Brian Kunz seconded. Discussion ensued. The proposal was amended, and the amendment read that the winners may not receive this award one time. In addition, the language, “team and school philosophy” will be added to the end of the selection criteria. The proposal as amended passed.

III. New Business:

Possible changes to Parliamentary Debate rules were discussed. This changes will be discussed again during at the fall CTAM meeting.

IV. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Scott Wells, SCSU

