**CSCA 2019 – Omaha, NE**

**Argumentation & Forensics Interest Group**

Minutes from Business Meeting on 4/4/2019

CHAIR 2019-2020 - BEN DAVIS

VICE CHAIR 2019-2020 - ANTHONY WALKER

I. overview of submissions for current year

* general overview of submissions for year

II. Award recognition

* top panel
* top paper
* top student paper

III. Online submission process

IV. Membership numbers dropping…likely due to:

* number of panels depends on membership count
* AFA occurs at same time
* encourage new members to join group!
  + virtual panels for lower cost to participate in conference
  + recruit student members who want to become forensics coaches (NIU, northern iowa, mankato)
* possibly combine with other group? (Julie)
  + performance studies (thurs., 2pm)
  + rhetorical theory & criticism (sat., 12:30pm)
  + interpersonal & small group comm (sat., 2pm)

V. Next year ideas **(BORDERS & BREAKTHROUGHS)**

* history of forensics
  + contrasted with contemporary forensics educators
  + what borders exist now compared to those in the past?
* videoconference panels
* impact of budget cuts on forensics programs
  + how to keep program alive when budget is cut?
  + how to revitalize programs in light of budget cut threats?
* active coaches….NEXT YEAR IS NOT A CONFLICT WITH AFA!!! (in Chicago as well!!)
* \*\*\*\*student voices should join the table
  + coaches should bring students to share experiences
  + students as leadership voices / student advocates
* tournament adaptations
  + calm rooms
  + food, clothing drives (community outreach & advocacy)
* how do national organizations help students/teams reach BEYOND the tournaments? (SCOTT JENSEN)
  + PKD - “persuasion works”, fund solvency agents for top competitors in forensics
    - does tournament boundary limit sound pedagogy?
  + redefining persuasion…do we truly practice what we preach?
* differences in debate formats (ANT WALKER)
* public debate
  + important issues about community (e.g., importance of debate/IE, accessibility concerns, etc.)
  + debate itself is application of scholarship
* communication at tournaments between competitors

VI. A&G Interest Group Archive

* gmail account to store documents, lists of members, copy of bylaws

VII. Voting for new Vice Chair

VIII. new business

* more communication with national competitions to get contact information for top speakers/teams
* performance panels on certain topics