

TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes

The annual business meeting of the Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensic Association was called to order at 8:00 a.m., Friday, February 7, 1975, by the President, Kass Kovalcheck. The meeting was held in the Rand Room on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

Minutes from the 1974 business meeting were read by Malcolm McAvoy, executive-secretary.

The following business items were considered:

- 1) Bids were accepted for next year's tournament. Jim Brooks moved to host the 1975-76 tournament at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. The bid was accepted by unanimous vote.
- 2) Election of officers for 1975-76 was discussed. By virtue of hosting the tournament, Jim Brooks was elected president. Mike McDonald, Austin Peay State University, was elected vice-president. Bill Yates, Roane State Community College, was elected member-at-large of the executive committee.
- 3) Suggestions for the improvement of future tournaments were considered.
 - a) Helen White, Motlow State, suggested that a fourth round of Individual Events be scheduled for future tournaments, and that Debate and Individual Events be scheduled simultaneously. Kass Kovalcheck commented on scheduling problems and the difficulty involved in scheduling preparation time for Extemporaneous Speaking. Carroll Ellis, David Lipscomb, suggested limiting the number of events a participant could enter. Dick Finton, Carson-Newman, noted that providing an adequate number of judges would be a problem and suggested the addition of a semi-final round in individual events. There was general agreement to delay further consideration of the question until the 1974-75 tournament could be assessed.
 - b) Discussion was held on whether Duet Acting should be an event added to future tournaments. Jim Brooks commented on the problem of providing an adequate number of judges for the event. Tom Troxel, Tennessee Temple, moved that Dramatic Interpretation be added

to the 1975-76 tournament according to the rules of the National Forensic League. The motion passed (two-thirds vote was necessary) with one negative vote and two abstentions.

- c) Malcolm McAvoy stated that the confusion created by the rank and rate categories on Individual Events ballots should be eliminated for the 1975-76 tournament, and that the language of the constitution referring to men's and women's competition should be modified.
- d) Jim Brooks asked for sentiment on the use of the cross-exam format for the next tournament. Comments were generally negative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes will be submitted by TIFA Executive Secretary Malcolm McAvoy to the 1976 TIFA business meeting for the organization's approval.