

NFA NEWSLETTER, WINTER, 2012
January 18, 2012

Dear Members:

This is a special edition of the NFA Newsletter in order to draw your attention to the selection of the topic area for Lincoln Douglas Debate for 2012-2013. This material was contained in the Newsletter of October 19, 2011 and are repeated here for your information. Forms for the Hall of Fame and the Eddie Myers Awards are also attached.

Larry Schnoor, President, NFA

NFA LINCOLN DOUGLAS TOPIC SELECTION FOR 2012-2013.

The process for the selection of the Lincoln Douglas Debate topic for 2012-2013 will be as follows:

- 1. Topic areas with briefs should be sent to the Chair of the NFA Lincoln Douglas Committee (David Trumble) and to the President of the NFA (Larry Schnoor) by FEBRUARY 1, 2012.**
- 2. A ballot listing all of the topic areas with briefs will be e-mailed to the NFA Membership by February 6, to select the top five topic areas for consideration. This ballot must be returned by e-mail by February 16. Only one vote per school may be submitted.**
- 3. A ballot listing the top five topic areas will be e-mailed to the NFA Membership by February 20 and must be returned by e-mail by February 27. Only one vote per school may be submitted.**
- 4. The Topic area selected will be announced by the NFA President on March 1. The LD Committee will work on the development of resolutions for the topic area with 5 proposed resolutions to be submitted to the NFA President by April 2.**
- 5. A ballot with the 5 proposed resolutions will be e-mailed to the NFA membership on April 10. Ballots must be returned by April 30 either by e-mail or at the NFA National Tournament. Only one vote per school may be submitted.**
- 6. The 2012-2013 LD Debate resolution will be announced by July 1 by the NFA President.**

All NFA Member schools are encouraged to engage in the process of selecting the LD topic areas and the resolutions. Please feel free to send comments, suggestions, wording, to the Chair of the Lincoln Douglas committee so they may be shared with the members of the committee in the development of the resolutions.

Lincoln Douglas Committee Members:

David Trumble, St. Anselm College, Chair Elected Member

Larry Schnoor, President, NFA

Raymond Quiel, Council Member

Marlin Bates, University of the Pacific, Elected

Nichelle McNabe, Otterbein College, Elected

Max Tagher, Student Rep., Western Kentucky University

Eddie Myers NFA Service Award

In 2004 the NFA Distinguished Service Award was renamed the Eddie Myers NFA Service Award in memory of Dr. Louis Edward Myers, NFA Tournament Director from 1997 to 2003. Nationally prominent as a forensics coach, he was awarded the NFA Distinguished Service Award by the NFA in 2003 and the NFA President's Award for dedication in Service in 2002. Eddie worked long and hard to promote the best interest of forensics in general and this organization in particular.

Any coach can be nominated for this prestigious award by having a colleague send a formal letter of nomination. All letters of nomination for this Distinguished award must be received by the NFA awards committee by **March 15, 2012**. Letters should address the contributions the coach has made to not only the NFA but also to forensics activity as a whole. Letters should be sent to (either email or post): Karen Morris, Chair of the NFA Awards Committee. Award winners will not be announced until the 2011 NFA Championship Tournament.

Pre 2004 NFA DSA Past Recipients include:

- George Armstrong (Bradley University)
- Cornell University (for the listserve)
- Margaret Greynolds (Georgetown College)
- Ed Harris (Suffolk University)
- Seth Hawkins (Southern Connecticut University)
- Bill Henderson (University of Northern Iowa)
- Vicki Karns (Suffolk University)
- Michael P. Kelley (Cal State-Los Angeles)
- Michael Leiboff (Mansfield State University)
- Al Montanaro (Plattsburgh State University)
- Eddie Myers (University of West Florida)
- Chris Reynolds (UW-Eau Claire/Otterbein College)
- Robbi Rowe (Stetson University)
- Larry Schnoor (Minnesota State University-Mankato)
- Walter Stump (University of Southern Maine)
- Michael Tew (Eastern Michigan University)

Eddie Myers NFA Service Award Past Recipients include:

- 2004-Randy Richardson (Berry College)
- 2005-Ray Quiel (Eastern Michigan University)
- 2005-Harry Strine (Bloomsburg University)
- 2006-Mark Hickman (West Chester University)
- 2006-Ed Hinck (Central Michigan University)
- 2006-Karen Morris (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)
- 2008-Susan Milsap (Otterbein College)
- 2008-Dan Smith (Bradley University)
- 2008-Bruce Wilkegren (Suffolk University)
- 2009-Richard Paine (North Central College)
- 2009-Dave Trumble (St. Anselm's College)
- 2011-Kelly Larson (Missouri Southern College)

The award is not an annual award but is given only when nominations letters are presented and voted to be awarded by the NFA awards committee. The awards committee is chaired by the Vice President of Tournament Administration and members include the tournament director and the NFA President. A nomination may be resubmitted indefinitely.

Formal Letters of nomination should be mailed to *Karen Morris, Department of Communication and Journalism, Hibbard Hall 152, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702* or by email to morriskr@uwec.edu by **March 15, 2012**.

NFA Hall of Fame

Process of (and criteria for) Acceptance into the NFA Hall of Fame

1. Anyone may submit an application on behalf of any potential nominee.
(exception: self-nominations are not allowed).
2. Nominees in any given year must have completed their competitive careers a minimum of 5 years previously. Thus, students who (for example) complete their competitive career at the 2011 NFA Nationals would not be eligible for admission to the Hall of Fame until April of 2017.
3. Applicants may be submitted at any time, but only those received by **March 15th of any given year** will be considered for admission into the Hall of Fame at the subsequent April's NFA tournament. Nominations received after the deadline will be held and considered the following year.
4. Nominations must be submitted to the NFA Hall of Fame Committee which will be composed of one member of the NFA National Council (this person will serve as the Chair of the Committee) and three other members selected from among volunteers and/or people solicited for membership by or on behalf of the NFA President. All members shall be appointed by the NFA President.
5. The Hall of Fame Committee shall review all applicants.
6. Inductees will receive a Hall of Fame pin and will not be announced until that year's NFA National Championship Tournament.

Justification for Nomination and/or Induction into the Hall of Fame

The nominator should provide the awards committee with information not only pertaining to the nominee's background and participation in forensics, but also include material as to what this person has contributed to forensics since their graduation from college, etc. Remember that this award is to honor those that made an impact while competing in forensics and continued to make an impact after leaving the activity. The Distinguished Service Award honors coach participants and the Hall of Fame honors student participants.

Criteria and Application Information:

1. Forensics Competitive Excellence:
Issues which might be addressed here can include things as awards received at any and all tournaments (with particular attention being given to the NFA Nationals). The level of activity (number of tournaments attended and events entered) could also be included.
2. Forensics Community Citizenship:
Issues which might be addressed here can include service to the home program, service to other programs, forensic scholarship, service to the NFA organization, and demonstrated impact on the ongoing practice of the activity.
3. Forensics Ambassadorship:
Issues which might be considered here would focus on the application of forensic-related communication competencies when interacting with audiences beyond the immediate community in such contexts as volunteer work, professional career and lifelong growth.

** A full listing of Hall of Fame Inductees by class and era can be found on the NFA Website at <http://www.nationalforensics.org/about/nfa-hall-of-fame>

NFA Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

School of Nominee _____

Current Address of Nominee _____

Years of Forensics Competition _____

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Name of Person submitting the Nomination: _____

School Association _____

Address _____

This form should be returned to *Karen Morris, Chair of the NFA Hall of Fame Committee, Department of Communication and Journalism, Hibbard Hall 152, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702* or morriskr@uwec.edu by **March 15, 2012**.