

**Quebec Student Debating Association
Annual General Meeting
Selwyn House School- Monday, June 17th, 2019**

1. Call to order

Jon Bracewell called the meeting to order at 4:00

2. Roll Call

Present:

Jonathan Bracewell (Selwyn House)
Catherine Holloway (Royal West)
Christina Orlando (ECS)
Chris George by proxy (LCC)
David Smith by proxy (AVH)
Greg Loudon (Vincent Massey)
Jessica Marrone (The Study)
Donna Hastings by proxy (WIC)
Rachel McCabe (Traf)
Dan Elbling (Selwyn)
Erin Thompson (BHS)

Regrets:

All other members

3. Adopt minutes from 2018

Motion to adopt by Catherine, seconded by Erin. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business arising from Minutes of June 2018

No business arising.

5. Membership Update

BHS and St. Thomas joined the QSDA as full members. St. Georges and Kuper did not participate this year, but may rejoin next year.

6. Financial Update

- Provincials cost less, and we made more money from membership
- This year, even though we hosted Nats, we still did better financially overall.
- Proposed budget for 2019-2020 presented by Jon Bracewell.

-Motion to adopt budget by Rachel, seconded by Erin, passed unanimously.

7. QSDA Provincials Report

-thank you to Vincent Massey for a great tournament

8. Report on recent National Championships

-Seniors took place in Halifax, LCC made it to the break. We'd like to thank Brian Casey for his years of service to the debate community.

-Juniors took place in Montreal

-Next year, Juniors will be in Halifax, Seniors in Winnipeg and BP in Alberta

9. Report on the Junior National Championships and French National Championships

-congrats to LCC for having a breaking team

-congrats to Vincent Massey for their results at French Nats

-Congrats to White Oaks for sweeping the tournament and we wish Hamish Guthrie a great retirement from debating.

10. CSDF Report

-we no longer receive the grants

-2 Quebec students made it onto the World's team (Ella Waxman from LCC and Isaac Cape from Selwyn House)

-next year we should look into possibly subsidizing any students in need who qualify to attend the World Tryout (top 3 speakers)

-National Seminar is in October in PEI

11. Review calendar of events and hosting schedule

-Selwyn will host BP provincials on September 28th

-WIC will be hosting a Junior tournament in November

-AVH will host a Junior tournament in January or February (preferably not the last week of January to avoid the exam periods of the other schools)

-ECS will host a Junior tournament

-Vincent Massey volunteered to host Provs

-Traf might look into hosting

-BHS might look into hosting

12. Election of Board of Directors

- Catherine nominates Jon Bracewell for President. Jon Bracewell acclaimed as President.
- Christina nominates Catherine Holloway for Vice-President. Catherine Holloway acclaimed as Vice-President.
- Jessica nominates Dan Ebling for Treasurer. Dan Ebling acclaimed as Treasurer.
- Catherine nominates Christina Orlando for Secretary. Christina Orlando acclaimed as Secretary.
- Jon nominates David Smith as Director of Debates, seconded by Catherine. David Smith acclaimed as Director of Debates.

New Board for 2019-2020

President: Jon Bracewell
 Vice President: Catherine Holloway
 Treasurer: Dan Ebling
 Secretary: Christina Orlando
 Director of Debates: David Smith

13. Other Business

- 1) Clarifications of the process of how we decide which judge are scratched from which teams
 - someone who is currently coaching you or immediate family member
 - no judge sees the same team more than once
 - high schoolers can't judge a senior event

- 2) Clarification of the issue with the coaches/advisors not being allowed to watch their debaters
 - no signals are not allowed
 - QSDA bylaws stand (no teachers or coaches or spectators can be in the round)

14. Adjournment

Jessica motions to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.