

Quebec Student Debating Association
General Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2005
Lower Canada College

1. Welcome/Call to order/Introductions (at 4:55 p.m.)

Present:

Judy Stein

Aaron Shachner

Mark Olsson

Ryan Abrams

Noah Kochman

Allan Tabatchnik

Louise Chalmers

Chris George

Elizabeth Cohene

Denis Brault

Paul DeStefano

Annike Flomen

Talia Ralph

Liana Palko

Erin Russet

Jeff Deepröse

Donna Gold

Mary-Kate Jackson

Rachel McCabe

Sharen McDonald

Sandy Cross

James Phelan

Marsha Goulet

Jason Rogers

Philippe Boisvert

Bialik

Bialik

Centennial Academy

Centennial Academy / Marianopolis College

Herzliah (St. Laurent)

Herzliah (St. Laurent)

John Rennie

Lower Canada College (President)

Lower Canada College

Loyola High School

Royal West Academy

Royal West Academy

Royal West Academy

Selwyn House

Selwyn House

St. George's

St. George's

Queen of Angels

Trafalgar (Treasurer)

Weston School

Westwood H.S. (Vice-President)

McDonald / Concordia / Proxy for MacDonald

English School Board of Montreal (observer)

McGill University (observer)

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Regrets:

Judith Schurmann

James Rioux

Isabelle Fahmy

James Roy

Elana Galchinsky

Tina Grivas

Catherine Grimanis

Chambly Academy

Stanstead College

The Study

Westwood H.S.

St. Thomas

West Island College

ECS

Chair:

Chris George

Minutes:

Ryan Abrams

2. Roll Call, Introduce QSDA Executive and all Coaches, Identify Voting members (1 per member school)

Voting members are indicated in bold above.

3. Adopt minutes from June 1, 2005

MOTION to adopt minutes from the June 1 AGM.

Moved: Liana

Seconded: Rachel

Carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from June 1, 2005

Liana: Official policy of the QAIS is to allow choice of uniforms at debating events.

Chris: We were already aware of this at the time of the motion in June.

5. Calendar of Events for the Year / Commitments to Hosting

Chris: Event at LCC on the 22 of September is an event to select debaters for the new North American Championships. Limit of one team per school. Please confirm attendance ASAP.

Chris: Fills bus for Stanstead tournament.

Louise: May need a contingency plan if John Rennie is incapable of hosting tournament.

6. Upcoming LCC Tournament and North Americans Championships

Chris: Three teams to be selected for North Americans. Experienced judges will be attending. This event overlaps with the IISPC.

7. QSDA Website - resources updated

Chris: Shows the draw and explains the documents on the QSDA web site and the members applaud! Works on both MAC and PC (PC: 10 days of program and 5 minutes of running time)

Rachel and the rest of the committee thank Chris for his work on the website.

McGill: (Jason Rogers and Phillipe Boisvert)

- Tournament set on October 28th, 29th. Very competitive, one CUSID debater on every panel.
- Prepared resolution: Sharia law should be used in civil arbitration.
- Deadline for payment is October 2nd
- 1000\$ scholarship to be awarded to top speakers.
- Schedule to be posted on the internet.

8. 2005-06 membership procedure and update contact information

Chris will contact you if he needs new information.

9. Junior High Nationals 2007 - QSDA's commitment

- Liana and Chris both offer their support.
- Typically a Tuesday to Sunday tournament.
- QSDA is committed to host event in 2007, and hosts should chaperone kids to this year's championship.

- Jeff: How soon should St. George's notify schools about provincial championships?
- Chris: 6 weeks in advance is reasonable.

10. Senior National Championships

- LCC and Trafalgar to host this year's tournament.
- Quebec can send 8-9 teams as host.
- Schedule and other information available on internet.

11. ADDEQ

- Chris: We would like to have English-French debating activities.
- McGill: ADDEQ plans to make a world French championship.

12. McLeese Opportunities Fund - any proposals?

- Chris: Any proposals? Money can only be used for new initiatives.

13. McLeese Chair Holder position at UCC – job available

- McLeese donated money for debating. Tim Maly held this job and recently resigned. Ideal job for university student. Contact Chris if you know of someone suitable.

14. Willis McLeese S. Award for outstanding service to Canadian debating

- Every province free to give out award to someone for contribution to debating.
- Rachel: Can we routinely nominate someone at June AGM?
- Chris: We should do it during the year, possibly at the National Championships.
- Liz: Likes the idea of presenting it at Nationals.
- Award to be given to teacher, anyone can be nominated possibly.

MOTION to have nominations for this year's Willis S. McLeese award to the QSDA executive by email by December 1st ; the winner will be decided by the executive and awarded at the National Championships.

Moved: Liana

Seconded: Louise.

CARRIED Unanimously.

15. Additional Amendments to By-Laws

The following proposed amendments will be tabled to the next meeting:

- Clause 83. Change “top ten individual speakers” to “top five individual speakers”.
- Clause 4. Change entire clause to read “ Schools who have not joined the QSDA in the past five years shall have their fee waived.”

16. Election of Secretary

No election at this time as adopted by-laws allow for Executive to appoint someone.

17. Other Business

No other business.

18. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Moved: Jeff

Seconded: Ryan

CARRIED Unanimously.