



Quebec Student Debating Association
Annual General Meeting
Selwyn House – Thursday, June 20, 2013

1. Call to Order

Chris George calls the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call, Introduce QSDA Executive and all Coaches, Identify Voting members (1 per member school in 2012-13)

Present:

Chris George	Lower Canada College, President (Proxy for Loyola and St. George's)
Jonathan Bracewell	Selwyn House, Vice-President
Sarah Campbell	Kells Academy
Michael Chung	Kells Academy
Christina Orlando	ECS
Katie Rochford	Trafalgar, QSDA Director

Regrets:

Isabelle Fahmy	Treasurer, QSDA
Denis Brault	Loyola
Tina Grivas	WIC
Melissa Onofrio	The Study
Donna Gold	St. George's
Emerson Thomas	Bialik
Mary Kate Jackson	Trafalgar
Sandy Cross	St. Thomas
Stephanie Coull	Sacred Heart

Voting members are indicated in bold above. The chair determined that quorum was established.

3. Adopt minutes from September 5, 2012

Jonathan moves to adopt the minutes.

Sarah seconds.

All in favour. Carried

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4. Business Arising from Minutes of September 5, 2013

No business arising.

5. Membership Update

Lost 7 members (John Rennie, Queen of Angels, Villa Maria, Lester B. Pearson, Beaconsfield, Centennial, Westwood) and added 3 (Sacred Heart, Kells Academy, College Francais).

6. Financial Update

- financial statements for 2012-13
 - Closing bank balance \$5524.34 (approximate)
 - Money is used for activity fees (paying for judges transportaion, banners, website) and insurance.

Motion to accept the financial statement from 2012-13.

Moved by Jonathan, seconded by Sarah. All in favour. Motion carried.

• Budget for 2013-14

Motion to set the registration fee for 2013-14 at \$125.

Jonathan moves, Christina seconded. All in favour. Carried.

Motion to set the webmaster Michael Soares' remuneration to \$600 in recognition of his outstanding service.

Christina moves, Jonathan seconded. All in favour. Carried.

7. Report on recent National Championships – Jon

The championships were held in Calgary, AB. Quebec was very successful. The top Quebec team (11th). Top Quebec speaker was won by Yasmeeen Dajani. Three QSDA students tried out for the Worlds debating team. One student, Karl Valentini, made the development team.

Attending schools: Selwyn House, WIC, Kells Academy, The Study. Quebec is on to host the Oxford Cup in 2014 (Selwyn House, Chaired by Jon)

The host of National Championships has the right to use conferral judging or not if they see fit. Next year's Nationals will be in Winnipeg, MB on Apr 11th-13th

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8. Report on recent National Championships – Chris

Six teams went to junior championships: LCC, ECS, Kuper, Royal West and Loyola. Great time was had by all. No team may go to both Junior and Senior nationals in the same year. Next year Junior Nationals will be in Toronto, ON.

9. Proposal for Provincials - Chris

Significant problems with getting judges on weekdays for provincials. Other provinces do a full, elaborate provincial tournament. Teachers missing multiple school days for both junior and senior provincials. Debaters will have to choose between Junior or Senior, though this is not a big concern.

Discussion:

Having only one prepared round at provincials would take away practice that students get for Nationals' two prepared rounds. We could have two prepared rounds if we have 6 rounds total.

Tournament Format: Jon proposes we have two prepared rounds Friday night, four bracketed rounds on Saturday. For the first year, do not have final.

Cap: Every school may send up to four teams in whatever (senior/junior) combination and send more if space remains.

Motion to accept the proposal for provincials with the changes listed above.

Jon moves, Sarah seconded. All in favour. Carried.

10. Review calendar of events and hosting schedule

- first junior tournament at Loyola on September 23rd
- Marianopolis on Sat. Oct. 5
- Oxford Cup Qualifier at McGill – Oct. 25-26
- Study is tentatively on for November 1st.
- Trafalgar is tentatively thinking of hosting before December.
- Kells Academy will host a junior tournament in mid-January.

Candidates for hosting: WIC, Kuper

Motion to change the Oxford Cup Qualifier back to be the highest ranking Quebec teams at the McGill Tournament.

Jon moves. Katie seconded. All in favour. Carried.

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National Seminar

Quebec sent 4 students from LCC to the National Seminar. It was very hastily put together but the kids did enjoy themselves. It was run in BP style.

Next year's National Seminar is in Saskatoon, SK. Travel funding has been restored meaning that flights will be paid for and at least one adult will have flight paid for. Only registration fee will need to be paid for.

11. Election of Board of Directors

Jon nominates Chris George for President. Chris George is acclaimed.

Katie nominates Jonathan Bracewell for Vice President. Jonathan Bracewell is acclaimed.

Jonathan nominates Isabelle Fahmy for Treasurer. Isabelle Fahmy is acclaimed.

Sarah nominates Mike Chung for Secretary. Mike Chung is acclaimed.

Jonathan nominates Katie Rochford for Director-at-large. Katie Rochford is acclaimed.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Adjournment

Christina moves to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 PM. Carried.

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