

Minutes of Pre-Council Worlds 2010

Meeting called to order at 5.45pm by Chair

Chair: Welcome to the Pre-Council of Koc Worlds 2010. Only regional and country representatives are to sit at the table. Would like to acknowledge newly elected Registrar, Steven Johnson, Secretary, Afiq Nasir and Equity Officer, Masako Suzuki.

Roll Call by Registrar (Steven Johnson)

Registrar: Clarifying on voting status. Universities claiming observer status may participate in the meeting however by Article 7, observers get no votes.

Russia: Please clarify on Russia's status. Last year we sent three universities and 16 teams and four universities this year.

Registrar: Clarifies that the country has advanced from E-status to D-status. Countries can only upgrade from one status to another per year.

New Zealand: New Zealand currently is C-status. We sent three universities last year and three this year. Asking for advancement.

Registrar: Otago is noted. New Zealand is now B status.

Netherlands. Three in Cork last year.

Registrar: Noted.

Chair takes over.

Chair: The pre-council today will be doing institutional review and minus one review by the organizing committee.

Can Okar: No problems from the organization committee about minus one and also the grandfather rule.

Can Okar clarifies on grandfather rule.

No contests.

Speaker Review

ESL/EFL participation

Jens: 150 teams are tentatively eligible for ESL/EFL. We are still working on some cases.

Appeals will occur tomorrow. However it is very hard to find out about certain cases.

There are over 270 interviews and we have worked hard to get it done. There is not enough information from the registration process. We will propose later on what can be included in registration to help with the process. There are 30 people who have not yet conducted interviews. We have posted the list in the lobby to inform every one of the interviews. Last classification is after round 6. This is to allow for the tab to work out speaker tabs. We will schedule appeals during the day.

Chair asks for questions.

Ireland: Appeals go to committee?

Jens: Yes.

Chair asks about proposals for ESL/EFL.

Jens: We have tried to rephrase article 31. We cannot get around quality of language due to inexistence of tests. We would like to host a meeting on ESL/EFL as well as to discuss about the committee.

Chair clarifies to members to join the meeting for discussions to avoid the issue being discussed in Council.

Chair states that there will be meetings regarding the future of worlds. In keeping with diversity and fairness, a two issues will be discussed; registration, logistics and team caps and secondly, on increasing the breaking cap. The meeting will be scheduled after pre-council if we finish early. The Chair suggests to come with ideas and motions.

Ireland: Is this a meeting?

Chair: Yes, to finalize issues.

England: Where is the meeting?

Chair: A7

Netherlands: Suggest having the meeting tomorrow to give time to think about it.

Chair: We want to start ball rolling today and continue discussion tomorrow. Are there any other businesses?

England: What is the status of positions in the committee?

Chair: Due to the circumstances, the Chair can appoint new members. The previous committee apologizes for not being able to attend council. I would like to thank the new committee members for taking on the positions. Before ending, I would like to invite the two hosts to pass their bid documents to all delegates.

De La Salle University and University of Toronto proceed to distribute documents.

Chair confirms all members have received the materials.

Registrar requests for contact sheets and confirms all delegates have signed up.

Documents passed to Secretary.

Indonesia: We have issues with institution recognition.

Chair: Can bring up at council. Any other questions?

Registrar requests Indonesia to meet after Pre-Council.

Chair: Hart House will pass the rest of the bid documents over the next few days.

Chair calls meeting to end at 6.11pm.