**Northern California Forensics Association Fall Coaches Conference- August 16 & 17, 2019**

The Northern California Forensics Association’s (NCFA) Coaches Conference is an all- day event designed to improve the teaching, coaching, collaboration and health of Forensics Educators. This year we will be focusing on increasing financial stability for small and new programs, determining the creation of a season long sweepstakes award system, including solidifying new scheduling around that system, establishing hosting criteria for the season long sweeps tournaments, and supporting non-league tournaments on alternative weekends. Finally, we will discuss creating an end-of-season award honoring Tony Bernacchi.

**Participation:** Unlike last year, I think it would be better to avoid breaking into smaller groups. Most of the requests for discussion were oriented around hosting, scheduling, and building regional camaraderie at tournaments. The scheduling issue has been an ongoing issue for a couple of years. As such, we should work to finalize issues around tournament scheduling once and for all. I believe doing so will help stabilize participation at tournaments and help form a stronger foundation for smaller teams to increase participation. There will be a morning and afternoon business meeting where we will discuss these issues.

I am still taking ideas, requests, and volunteers to lead workshops or discussion items during the meeting. Please contact me at [drlopez@hartnell.edu](mailto:drlopez@hartnell.edu) or on the NCFA coaches’ facebook page

**Campus Maps** You can find a campus map at the following address: <https://www.csus.edu/campusmap/>

**Lodging:** Sacramento can be an expensive place for hotels. However, I did find a couple of deals. There’s a Travelodge Sacramento about 5 miles east of campus and an America’s Best Value Inn about 6.5 miles to the West, if you are looking for some cheaper options. For other options I recommend checking out the website Jared put together for the conference: <https://www.hornetdebate.com/>

It’s a great resource.

**Costs:** There is no registration cost for the conference. Currently, NCFA can only guarantee to cover lunch for the conference on Saturday.

***Friday Registration/Activity*- Friday August 16th *6:00 PM @ Oishi Sushi and Karaoke bar in Sacramento:*** Friday registration with sushi and singing...maybe only one of those things.

**Post-Conference Activity- Saturday Aug. 17 *Downtown and Vine:*** A small tapas style establishment near multiple retail shops so we can have a few bites and walk around a bit.

**Location-Saturday- Mendocino Hall:** Please see the conference website for information on parking at the school and the location of the hall: <https://www.hornetdebate.com/>

**Additional Information:** Anyone seeking additional information should contact me at [drlopez@hartnell.edu](mailto:drlopez@hartnell.edu) or Jared at mrjared@gmail.com

**Tentative Schedule**

**Friday, August, 16**

6:00PM- Oishii Sushi and karaoke

**Saturday, August 17**

**8:15AM:** On-site registration ( Coffee provided by me)

**8:45AM:** Morning Business meeting

1. Initial proposal for season long league schedule from the president
   1. Will include proposal for MAFL style league to fill in during non-league tournament
2. Discussion on hosting criteria for league tournaments including standards for
   1. Events held
   2. Wellness/food/community
3. Financial Viability Plan presented by Blake Longfellow of DVC
4. Proposal of the Tony Bernacchi award by Paul Villa

**12 -1:00 PM:** Lunch

**1:15- 3PM**:

1. Continuation of any unresolved discussion from the morning meeting
2. President’s proposal to create a recruitment hub for forensics programs

**Morning Business Meeting Agenda**

I. Proposal for Season Long Sweepstakes awards (9-11 A.M.)

A. Establishing points criteria

B. Establishing the new schedule

1. Introduction of MAFL model to Northern California

C. Establishing hosting criteria for “official” NCFA tournaments

1. Community Building and Wellness

II. Introduction of Financial Viability plan by Blake Longfellow (11-1130 A.M.)

III. Tony Bernacchi Award Introduced by Paul Villa (1130 A.M.-1200 P.M.)

**Afternoon Business Meeting Agenda**

I. Executive Council Reports (115-215 P.M.)

A. President’s Report

1. Question of compensation for president’s hotel at spring champs
2. Introduction of the Recruitment hub.
3. Introduction of issues concerning accessibility at tournaments, and establishing clarity for

B. Vice President’s Report

C. Secretary’s Report

D. Treasurer’s Report

II. Virtual Elements of tournaments (215-3 P.M.

1. Paperless posting and balloting
2. Virtual topic announce

III. Finalization and voting on establishing season long sweepstakes, corresponding schedule and hosting criteria (3 P.M.-resolution)