

Argumentation and Forensics Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Present: Ryan Rigda (Chair), Aimee Miller, Amy Pierce, Johnathen Hart, Scott Jensen,

- I. Awards
 - a. Top Paper Award: Heather Walters, Missouri State University (not present), “Powering Progress: Ethical public debate about artificial intelligence and the environment.”
 - b. Top Panel Award: Aimee Miller (present), Kevin Barge (not present), Nichell McNabb, (not present), Shelly Schaefer Hinck (not present), Ashley Ann Hinck (not present) with their panel, “Civil argumentation and activism in an ear of incivility.”
- II. Introduction of next year’s theme
 - a. Theme: Translate
- III. Ideas for submission and recruitment for division
 - a. Connect with Political Communication division
 - b. Urban Debate League
 - c. Talk to forensics community about recordings
 - d. Panel Ideas
 - i. Interdisciplinary homes for tenuous programs
 - ii. Rhetoric programs
 - iii. Coaching burnout
 - iv. Growing programs
 - v. In honor of...
- IV. Nomination/election for new Vice Chair
 - a. With no nominations, Ryan Rigda agreed to serve as Vice-Chair again
 - b. Ryan Rigda nominated Johnathen Hart for secretary (accepted)
- V. Call for reviewers:
 - a. Kristi Scholten
 - b. Ryan Rigda
 - c. Scott Jensen
 - d. Amy Pierce
 - e. Heather Walters
 - f. Aimee Miller