

MINUTES CCCFA STATE MEETING – WOODLAND HILLS, CA

MARCH 14TH 2025

ATTENDING (SIGNED IN):

Shauhin Davari – Orange Coast
Ryan Guy – Modesto
Rolland Petrello – Moorpark
Paul Villa – Diablo Valley
Christiaan Pipion – Irvine Valley
Daniel Cantrell – Mt SAC
Nichole Barta – LA City
Brittany Hubble – El Camino
Doug Mungin – Solano

Blake Longfellow – Orange Coast
Heather Tosta – Orange Coast
Nathan Wensko – Clovis
Devin Redding – Clovis
Justin Perkins – Saddleback
Jen Page – Cypress
Kelly Hutchinson – Cypress
Zachary White – Cypress
Dewi Hokett – Palomar

Josh Hamzehee – Santa Rosa
Robert Hawkins – Diablo Valley
Grant Tovmassian – Rio Hondo
Patricia Hughes – Rio Hondo
Edward Minassian – Rio Hondo
Jamie Whittington-Studer – Moorpark
Adam Kaminsky – Canyons
Nathan Lawless-Steele – CCSF

- I. **Call to Order** – Shauhin Davari, President
- II. **Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes** - Rolland Petrello, Secretary-Treasurer (Wensko/Barta) **MSP**
- III. **Financial Report** - Rolland Petrello, Secretary-Treasurer (Barta/Hubble) **MSP**
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **Creation of CCCFA Honorary Lamda Phi Alpha** *see attached* – (Guy/Wensko) **MSP**
 - a. **Change the name of Prose to Storytelling-** (Davari/Hamzehee) **MSF**
 - b. **Increasing Break Cume to 8 in IE's** – (Hamzehee/Wensko) **MSF**
 - c. **Eliminate Transfer Eligibility Restrictons** – (Lawless-Steele/Whittington-Studer) **MSP**
 - d. **Add “/or” to Smoking Vaping and Drinking rules** – (Lawless-Steele/Mungin) **MSP**
 - e. **Change Gendered Language in Judge Coding** – (Lawless-Steele/Petrello) **MSP**
 - f. **Judge Comments** – (Lawless-Steele/Petrello) **MSP** ADD: Judges should refrain from superficial comments about clothes, hair, makeup, or physical appearances of competitors, focusing feedback on content and other dimensions of nonverbal communication.
 - g. **E-Flowing Restriction IPDA** – (Mungin/Perkins) **MSP**
Add - “Students who chose to use electronic/digital flowing and/or to prepare their case/notes electronically/digitally may only do so using Google Docs or Google Sheets. In the instance of a protest brought forward by a judge or coach after the round regarding whether or not students have violated electronic flowing rules, students will be required to provide full Editor access to all documents and spreadsheets they used to the Ombuds/protest committee/tab room.”
 - h. **E-Flowing Restriction Parli** – (Mungin/Perkins) **MSP**
Add same as g
 - i. **E-Flowing Restriction Parli** – (Tovmassian/Mungin) **MSP**
Add - Any published information (dictionaries, magazines, etc.), which may have been consulted before the debate, cannot be brought into the debating chambers for use during the debate. Except for the notes that the debaters themselves have prepared material written by the debaters themselves during preparation time, including material typed on electronic devices and/or handwritten only during preparation time, and a copy of the NPDA “Rules of Debating and Judging,” no published materials, prepared arguments, or resources for the debaters’ use in the debate may be brought into the debating chambers. Debaters may also communicate in-round written material to one another, their competitors, and the judge(s) in the round.
In accordance with NPDA bylaws, electornic/laptop flowing by debaters in a round is acceptable for the national tournament. This excludes cutting and pasting previously prepared material as well as flowing done by anyone not in a round on a shared document.
 - j. **Judge Responsibility** – (Tovmassian/Perkins) **MSF**
Add - Judges Shall be Responsible for judging according to the rules of the event they are assigned to judge.
 - k. **Code of Conduct** – (Petrello/Longfellow) **MSP**
Add - Code of Conduct
 - A. CCCFA does not tolerate harassment.
 - B. Slurs, jokes and other verbal or physical conduct relating to a person’s race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or any characteristic or trait protected by state or federal law will be constitute harassment.
 - C. Judges are expected to respect our students identities, including their preferred pronouns, and to require students in their rounds to do the same.
- V. **2026 State – Concord Hilton** – March 11-15, 2026 - \$169 plus tax

- VI. Bids for 2027 State – Warner Center** - \$173 plus tax – *Note: After tournament, the hotel reneged on this offer and increased costs dramatically. We are seeking a new bid to present to the organization*
- VII. Elections**
President-Elect – Christian Pipion – **Accepted by Acclamation**
Secretary Treasurer – Rolland Petrello – **Accepted by Acclamation**
- VIII. Adjourned**

Lambda Phi Alpha ΛΦΑ – The CCCFA Honor Society



Lambda Phi Alpha

CCCFA HONOR'S SOCIETY

MOTION BY: Ryan Guy - Modesto Junior College

Starting at the 2026 State Tournament, CCCFA will induct participants into a new honor society for California Community College Forensics Students. This society, tentatively named "**Lambda Phi Alpha** ΛΦΑ" will help honor the work and effort students put forth to prepare and participate in the state championship. Members inducted at the associate level (or higher) would receive a pin as well as a certificate notating their level of membership.

In order to fund the aforementioned honors, the tournament should impose a \$4 induction fee for each student entered into the state tournament. The responsibility of ordering the pins and printing certificates would be added to the President's duties.

Lambda Phi Alpha (Λόγος, Φωνή, Αρετή)

- Meaning: **Reason, Voice, Excellence**
- Moto: " Excellence through Voice and Reason"
- Letters: Λόγος, Φωνή, Αρετή,
- **Greek Letters:** ΛΦΑ (*Lambda Phi Alpha*)



[View the live document to leave comments](#)

Rationale:

Attending the state tournament is a significant commitment for the typical California Community College student. It means being absent from school and work for at least 4 days (often 5). As a championship tournament it also represents a significant preparation commitment.

Most students who participate in the tournament do not earn awards. While this is the nature of competition, it means the memories are the main keepsake that most students take with them from this tournament. The establishment of the honor society would give participants a physical keepsake (pin and certificate) as well as a bullet point they can add to their resumes and list of accomplishments. It would also enable CCCFA to build more connections with alumni. This could help facilitate better networking opportunities for students and support of the organization.

Proposed Membership Levels

Member:

Completion of at least one semester participating in forensic activities on a California Community College forensics team.

- *Note: Once a college forms a $\Lambda\Phi A$ chapter, they could induct students at this level on their home campus. To advance beyond this level, a student would need to participate in the CCCFA tournament.*

Associate Member:

Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.

Full Member

Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.

Completion of two or more semesters of active forensic competition.

Evidence of competitive success at regional, state, or national tournaments.

Distinguished Member:

Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.

Completion of three or more semesters of active forensic competition.

Consistent high-level competitive success (e.g., multiple awards at regional, state, or championship level competitions like Phi Rho Pi or the CCCFA State Championship).

Demonstrated leadership, such as serving as a team captain, club officer, or providing significant mentorship or peer-coaching.

Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3

Alumni/Honorary Member

Alumni: Graduated members who have maintained an exemplary record of contribution to forensics post-graduation.

Honorary: Faculty, coaches, judges, or community leaders who have significantly contributed to the advancement of forensics education and student development in the State of California.

Considerations:

While there are other national honor societies for forensics (Phi Rho Pi, Pi Kappa Delta) there is not a specific honor society for California Community College Forensics Competitors. Further the CCCFA is one of the largest forensics associations in the entire country (based on our number of members and participants). It is also worth noting that not every student who attends the CCCFA tournament gets the opportunity to attend and join PRP or PKD. This gives them the chance to still participate in a forensics honor society.

The cost would be minimal. After design, die stuck enamel pins go for ~\$2 - \$3 each (plus processing and handling). Certificates could be printed on cardstock. If membership is cost prohibitive, the association can solicit donations and establish a fund to cover the expense. Alumni and honorary memberships could also have a slightly higher induction cost (~\$10 + optional donation) to fund future goals of the honor society.

Initial and Future Goals:

- Establishment of a LPA standing committee
 - Chaired by the current CCCFA president (or designee).
 - This group would help draft a charter before the 2026 tournament.
 - After ratification, they would serve as a faculty advisory committee to the student governance board.
- Establishment of a student governance board.
 - Students would hold elections and take on leadership roles.
 - Students would collaborate with the standing committee to craft a charter and a set of transparent bylaws for future years.
 - This group of students would be considered "Founding Members" of the honor society.
- Potential certification by [The Association of College Honor Societies](#)
 - [Comes with perks](#)
 - Does take 5 years, \$500, and requires 501(c)3 status.
- Alumni Networking Activities
 - Private Discord Server
 - Mixer events
 - Email directory / listserv

DRAFT Founding Charter

Preamble

Lambda Phi Alpha (ΛΦΑ) is established by the California Community College Forensics Association (CCCFA) to recognize and honor California community college students for their achievements and dedication to excellence in competitive forensics.

Name and Motto

- **Name:** Lambda Phi Alpha (ΛΦΑ)
- **Motto:** "Excellence through Voice and Reason"
- **Letters and Meaning:**
 - Λόγος (Logos): Reason
 - Φωνή (Phone): Voice
 - Ἀρετή (Arete): Excellence

Purpose

Lambda Phi Alpha honors student efforts and achievements in forensics, encourages ongoing participation, and supports academic and professional advancement.

Membership Levels and Criteria

Member:

- Completion of at least one semester participating in forensics activities.
- Advancement beyond this level requires participation at the CCCFA State Tournament.

Associate Member:

- Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.

Full Member:

- Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.
- Completion of two or more semesters of active forensic competition.
- Evidence of competitive success at regional, state, or national tournaments.

Distinguished Member:

- Participation at the CCCFA State Championship.
- Completion of three or more semesters of active forensic competition.
- Evidence of consistent high-level competitive success at regional, state, or championship tournaments.

- Demonstrated leadership such as serving as a team captain, club officer, or providing significant mentorship or peer-coaching.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Alumni/Honorary Member:

- **Alumni:** Graduates who have continued exemplary contributions to forensic communities post-graduation.
- **Honorary:** Individuals recognized for significant contributions to forensic education through coaching, judging, or service.

Student Leadership and Governance

Students shall elect officers annually at the CCCFA State Championship. The elected positions include:

- **Chair:** Leads meetings, coordinates student initiatives, represents student interests to the CCCFA, and collaborates with the CCCFA President.
- **Vice Chair:** Assists the Chairperson, organizes induction ceremonies, oversees member engagement, and assumes the Chair's responsibilities if absent.
- **Recorder:** Maintains accurate records of meetings, membership rosters /college chapters, official documents, and coordinates communication among members.
- **Membership & Outreach Officer:** Organizes events promoting membership, publicizes activities, and fosters alumni relationships.

Induction and Recognition

- Inductions will occur annually at the CCCFA State Championship
- Members will receive official pins and certificates indicating their membership level.

Funding and Administration

- A \$4 induction fee per student entered in the CCCFA State Tournament will fund pins, certificates, and administrative costs.
- The incoming chair would receive a gavel, ordered from our trophy provider, to honor their work.
- The CCCFA President (or designee) will oversee ordering and distributing pins and certificates.

Ratification

This charter will become effective at the CCCFA State Tournament in 2026, upon approval by CCCFA membership at the business meeting.