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OPEN DISCUSSION FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT/PUBLICITY

Discussion centered on the following issues:

1. Clarification of what was meant by the 11th statement under category C. It was suggested by a few individuals that the forensic community might benefit if all national tournaments were ranked according to levels of competition similar to the PGA type of championship. This was not supported by everyone in the group due to the complexity and problems with the basic concept.
2. Extensive discussion dealt with the factor of the source of financial support for the forensic program. Positive factors were mentioned for funds from the department, student activity funds, and a combination of department funds, student activity funds, and alumni support. A number of individuals expressed the view that it was difficult to apply a generalized position since each school/program is unique. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that each program needs to investigate all avenues of funding to secure the best support possible.