

COMPLAINT PBRC023

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Complaint- Debate Protocol

The PRO side should be given reasonable time to argue the reasons why they are proposing the new Bylaws, and the CON side should be given reasonable time to argue the reasons why they are opposing the new Bylaws.

The original Proposed Protocol was not fair and equal in its provisions.

- Debate topics will be taken from the master list.
- Participants' follow-up questions must keep on topic.
- Protocol limits debate to four topics
- Original Master List did not address the central issue of this debate, i.e. the reasons why PRO side is proposing the new Bylaws and the reasons why the CON side is opposing the new Bylaws.
- There is fifteen minutes allocated for audience questions; however, if the composition of the audience is skewed to one side, the question from the audience would not be fair and equal to the other side.

Requested Remedy:

It was a welcome news that the NES added the following topics to the Master List.

We request that they be the first topics of debate.

I. How serious is the financial predicament the Pacifica Foundation finds itself in?

II. Has Pacifica's democratic governance structure (instituted in 2003) been a failure?
or a success?

III. How can we be sure that this bylaws change and appointment of directors will make things better in Pacifica rather than worse?

IV. If not via this bylaws change and the installation of hand-picked directors, how

SHOULD Pacifica's obvious governance problems be fixed?

Number of topics should only be limited by the amount of time set for the debate, instead of limiting it to four topics.

There should be no audience because people have not been widely invited, if the audience is non representative to both positions, the questions from the audience will not be balanced. More important, as the corona virus is closing schools, offices and sports events in California, an abundance of caution and concern for the participants requires less people together in public places. Staff safety should be the ultimate goal of those running the election. For the staff, who must go to work every day, bringing in numbers of strangers endangers their health.

Election Inspectors Response: There is no Fair Campaign violation identified in this complaint.