

## NITOC 2017 Trivia Answers

### Speech Committee

1. Name as many Wild Card events Stoa has had over the years. (*Original Interpretation, Mars Hill Impromptu, Story-telling, Broadcasting, Motivational, Monologue, Cold Reading*)
2. What Wild Card event became a permanent event for NITOC? (*Mars Hill Impromptu*)
3. What was the first Stoa Wildcard? (*Original Interpretation*)
4. What was the most popular Wild Card? (*Cold Reading*)
5. When did NITOC start? (*2010*)
6. At the first NITOC, how many speech events were there? (*10*)
7. When was the first Wild Card? (*2012*)
8. When did Mars Hill start? (*2013*)
9. When was Mars Hill made permanent? (*2014*)
10. How many Wild Cards has Stoa offered to date? (*7*)
11. How many NITOCs offered breakout impromptu? *1*
12. When was the first national wildcard introduced as a competition event? *2012*
13. How many speech categories are offered for competition at NITOC 2017? *12*
14. What was the first NITOC to use laptops instead of paper files for extemp? *2012*

### Debate Committee

1. What was the first year that Stoa had Parliamentary debate? *2011*
2. What was Stoa's Parliamentary National Championship called before it was integrated into NITOC? *PITOC*
3. Who was the first girl/girl team to win NITOC? *McKinley-Rea Resolve*
4. What's the average number of check marks for Debate? *A: about 35% of the competitors on average for 6 prelim rounds. But we've seen some numbers as high as 50%, or even 56%. Speech is always 40%.*
5. Why was it common for debaters to say "let me iron this out" or "my opponent's argument has a wrinkle" at NITOC 2014? *Because they were using ironing boards as lecterns*
6. When was the use of evidence added as part of the LD rules? *2016*
7. Which NITOC introduced the use of double elims? *2010*
8. Which NITOC introduced two strikes? *2013*
9. What was the Team Policy topic in Stoa's first year? *Environmental Policy*
10. How many Lincoln-Douglas champions had a 3-3 prelim record at NITOC? *Two (2010: Chase Harrington, 2015: Grant Garcia)*

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### Tab Committee

1. What is the name of the computer software used in tab? *Answer: Joy of Tournaments.*
2. What is the tab term for matching debaters with similar records against each other? *Answer: Power matching.*
3. What is the tab term for scheduling two LD debates back to back? *Answer: Double-fighting.*
4. Who is the father of Stoa tab and the director for the first two NITOCs? *Answer: Dr. Van Schalin.*
5. Is the word "tab" a noun, an adjective or a verb? *Answer: All three.*
6. At which NITOC did the tab room and the tab team move three times over the course of the tournament? *Answer: San Marcos, California (2014)*
7. At which NITOC did the tab team work (briefly) without electricity? *Answer: Siloam Springs, Arkansas (2013)*
8. Which current Stoa board member is the tab expert? *Answer: Dave McKinley*
9. Which Stoa board candidate is a former NITOC tab director? *Answer: Ronette Bakke.*
10. What does the term "tab flab" mean? *Answer: It is a reference to the tendency of tab workers to increase in mass as they work long hours sitting at their computers all day and consuming various munchies which tab directors intentionally supply in vast quantities to keep the tab team at those computers.*
11. Is there a known cure for "tab flab"? *Answer: vegetables.*
12. Do tab workers actually eat vegetables? *Answer: not really . . . and only when the cookies are all gone.*
13. How is the Tournament Champion determined? *Answer: Tournament Champion is determined by combining scores from a student's performance throughout the tournament by adding up points accumulated in Speech Events, Debate Events, and Debate Speaker Ranking.*
14. What is a "picket fence?" *Answer: A student is said to have earned a "picket fence" in a speech rounds when he/she gets first place from every judge in the room. The row of ones in the tabulation software looks like a picket fence.*
15. Who staffs the Tab Room at NITOC? *Answer: The NITOC tabulation team is made up of Tab Directors and highly experienced Tab personnel from around the country?*
16. How many "paper touches" are there in the tabulation room at NITOC? *Answer: The Tabulation staff touches approximately 250,000 (a quarter of a million) pieces of paper as each piece of paper is handled several times.*
17. Who are tab orphans? *The children of tab workers who must wait long after everyone else leaves, while their parents finish in tab.*
18. What's a tie breaker, and how many tie breakers are there? *A: A tie breaker is used to, well, break ties between 2 or more competitors. The tab software will apply each tie breaker in order till the tie is broken. Their number varies, but there can be as many as 18 different tie breakers for Debate. In case a tie can't be broken, then a coin should be flipped. This is quite rare! All tie breakers are described in the tab manual.*
19. What's the one word you do not want to hear in the tab room? *A: Oops!*

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### Stoa History

1. Counting this year, how many different States has NITOC been in? (6 – California, Colorado, Arkansas, South Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee)
2. In the “Year of the Fires” NITOC, what were the different facilities the tournament occurred in? (Point Loma, Travel Lodge Hotel and Conference Center, San Diego State)
3. What was Stoa’s official first year? (2009)
4. Where was the largest ever homeschool speech and debate tournament held (hint: It was a NITOC)? (According to my sources, it was NITOC 2012 at Focus on the Family)
5. What were NITOC trophies made of in 2012? Colorado rocks and crystals
6. What Guinness Book Record did Stoa competitors break at NITOC 2015? longest selfies relay chain
7. What was the graphic on the t-shirt from the first NITOC? A Stoa, a car with a surfboard on top and a palm tree.
8. Name a family who has had multiple NITOC Champions. Rose, McKinley, Harrington, Murphy, Ford, Garcia
9. Who was the first Stoa USA President? Scott York
10. How many states were represented in Stoa in 2017? 33
11. If Scott York is considered the George Washington of Stoa, who is the William Bradford? (Lars Jorgensen)
12. What natural disasters have hit past NITOC's? tornado, fire
13. Where were we when the NITOC social was held in a gym with no electricity? JBU, Siloam Springs

### Stoa Organization

1. What is the Stoa motto? Speak Boldly. Change the World for Christ.
2. What is the Stoa verse? “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” Romans 11:36 (NASB)
3. What does Stoa mean? In the same way that stoa existed to provide a place for public speaking, debate and the exercise of rhetorical skills, Stoa exists to provide locally-organized opportunities for friendly forensics competition in public speaking and debate for privately educated Christian homeschooled students.
4. Who may compete in NITOC? (3 answers)
  - a. Students with two check-marks
  - b. The top two students in each state, if not two check-marks
  - c. Open to students from all Christian homeschool speech & debate leagues
5. Name three academic skills cultivated by speech & debate. Logic, critical thinking, research, write, research, organize
6. Name three personal skills cultivated by speech & debate. Goal setting, confidence, consideration of others, leadership
7. Name three relational skills cultivated by speech & debate. Persuasion, working with others, receive criticism
8. What does NITOC mean? National Invitational Tournament of Champions
9. What is the Stoa government model? Limited central government and local control
10. How many states are represented at NITOC this year? 28
11. How many tournaments did Stoa host in 2016-17? 126
12. How many people are staffing NITOC 2017? Over 200

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### **Union University/Jackson, TN**

1. When was Union University founded? *1823 (the oldest institution affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention)*
2. What is the Union University mascot? *bulldog*
3. What is the mascot's name? *Buster*
4. Union University claims a football legend. Who is it? *Coach Paul Bear Bryant, former head coach at the University of Alabama, was the assistant coach at Union University in Jackson.*
5. What is Tennessee's nickname? *The Volunteer State*
6. What is Tennessee's capital? *Nashville*
7. What is Tennessee's motto? *Agriculture & Commerce*
8. This rockabilly legend calls Jackson home. *Carl Perkins, blue suede shoes man*
9. What famous café began in Jackson, TN? *Hard Rock Café*
10. This light and crispy snack calls Jackson, TN home. *Pringles*