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CPNMI NEWS

By Leslie Hermann

The ImagiNM state tournament and Global Finals are completed. Here are the final standings:

Challenge	St Finalist	GF Place
Anonymous EL	St Andrews Ep.	T32
ML	Koobler TM B	T37
	La Union ES	41
SL	St Andrews Ep	26
DI Improve EL	Sombra Del Monte	T30
ML	Koogler MS TA	44
SL	Belen HS	T29
Inc. Tech Ef. EL	Govnr Bent ES	T4
ML	Madison MS	34
SL	Cloudcroft HS	T14
Mys loves Co EL	Mesquite ES	38
ML	EJ Martinez MS	T44
SL	Belen HS	19T
Triplicity EL	Sombra Del Monte	32
ML	NonEx. Home Sch	17
SL	LaCueva HS	*

*Did not attend Global Finals

Please join me in congratulating all the teams and coaches on their terrific showing. The detailed scores are located on the Destination ImagiNation (DI) website and can be located by link from the CPNMI website www.cpnmi.org.

Our T-shirts and pins traded like hotcakes at Global Finals. Even at the Team Manager (TM) winddown party after closing ceremonies people were approaching our TMs and asking for the shirts off their backs!!! We have a wonderful reputation for having colorful designs on our pins and Ts. One judge offered me any pin she had for

one of our t-shirts. Some of the team t-shirts were very popular as well.

Pin and T-shirt Designs

We are now accepting pin and T-shirt designs for 2001-2002 competition year. All team members regardless of their team status or affiliation are encouraged to submit designs to CPNMI for consideration in the state design contest. The earlier you submit the designs the better. Submit your entries to CPNMI at the address printed in the left column.

2002 ImagiNM State Tournament

The board will determine dates for state tournament in August. Please send me by e-mail or phone (505) 836-0573 your school schedule as soon as possible. March or April are the months we shoot for, if there is a conflict with your spring break we need to know as early in the process as possible. We can't always accommodate everyone but we try to schedule around as many conflicts as possible.

We have also decided to self-administer our New Mexico memberships next year. What this means to you is that you send only one check/one registration form to us and we take care of sending the fees to national. We hope to have online registration available as well. Watch for

details on our website.
www.cpnmi.org

2001-2002 Destination ImagiNation Program

DI will undergo some changes for next year. The program rules should be up on line by August 2001.

www.destinationimagination.org.
Please check the website often for updates and specific details regarding membership.

Here are a few of the changes you can expect:

DI will sell passport memberships on a team basis. \$100.00 for one team or \$175.00 for 5 teams (5 pack). (These prices do not include state fees.)

The rule for 1 team per challenge per competition level is rescinded. You can now have as many teams in the same challenge as you want regardless of the team's competition level. This of course would be more important with the 5-pack membership.

Any private organization can buy a team membership; they do not have to be affiliated with a school. This is great for itinerate teachers with several schools because the rule that all or most of the team members of a team come from one school doesn't apply. The organization can recruit team members from at large. Age and competition levels still apply.

It has not yet been decided if the challenges will be available for download without a paid team membership.

These are only a few of the

changes. As I said earlier please watch the website regularly for posted changes.

Global Finals competition, will be held at University of Tennessee in Knoxville through competition year 2003.

As usual, the first place winners at state competition in each challenge/division will be eligible to continue on to Global Finals.

CPNMI Fundraisers

The board is trying to do more pre-season fundraisers. We will be advertising these events on the website regularly. Please come out and help plan these events man booths or recruit volunteers.

We have applied to participate as a vendor at the Albuquerque 4th of July celebration on Kirtland AFB.

We are looking at selling DI souvenirs and novelties like those available at State Tournament. The hours for this event are 3pm to 10:30pm (or after fireworks display). Set up will begin at 12n. We will need supplies such as tables, overhang, and people to help stock and sell the items.

We are also looking to write grant applications. We have one or two volunteers now but we could use several more people to collaborate and help in that area.

Finally we hope to lobby the state legislature to create a permanent line item in the NM budget to fund CPNMI/DI in New Mexico. Of course we need help with everything there.

All our fundraising is aimed at helping to increase NM team memberships and help with some of the expenses of the teams. The board would also like to reinstate the scholarship award of past years. Specifics will be determined at a later date when we know how much money we have raised.

So, once again we are asking that you patronize the CPNMI/DI novelty sales at the Albuquerque 4th of July celebration on Kirtland AFB, and tell your friends to do the same.

Remember we are a non-profit organization and the profits go right back into the State organization. Every member of the board is a volunteer so all the money raised is used to provide a creative problem solving competition for the DI teams of New Mexico.

Training Schedule

We have we have requested training from DI again this year. The two training sessions we requested are Team manager and Official. The dates we requested are the last two weekends of October or the first weekend of November. Watch the website for specific details as the dates get closer. Also, there is talk about doing several instant challenge fiestas/ competitions for teams. We hope to have a schedule out soon. These fiestas/competitions would be geared to team involvement and we hope to have several dates taking place throughout the state. Please contact us through the website if you would like to

volunteer and help organize and stage a fiesta in your area.

CPNMI Executive Board Openings

REGIONAL LIAISON

Northeast --These positions act as contact people in their local area to other Team Managers.

We count on them to relay information to the board about questions, suggestions, and schedules. They are members of the board and are invited to all meetings. Please contact one of our other Liaisons with specific questions and concerns you may have about the position.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

For more details speak with Leslie Hermann at 836-0573

WEBMASTER

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In Closing

Once again the Executive Board of CPNMI extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the teams and their coaches who participated this year at both state and global finals. Even though not everyone can go home with a trophy, each participant is a winner in their own right.

It is important to remember that the real goal of DI is the creative problem solving process and team-building skills that the students undergo to produce a solution to their challenge.

Everyone involved, judges, coaches, parents, board members, and sponsors deserve a loud and multiple THANK YOU!!! Your many hours of work and generosity are definitely appreciated!!!!

Please copy this newsletter and give it to all the coaches.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!!

