

Mission Statement:

The International Forensics Association seeks to promote the visibility of forensic competition in countries other than the United States toward diversifying forensics worldwide.

Benefits of affiliation status

Since its inception in 1991, the IFA has regularly held semi-annual business meetings at the NCA convention. It provides an opportunity for forensic professionals who are attending communication-related activities the opportunity to network with other communication professionals to stimulate their academic growth. Given that not all directors of forensics who attend IFA are in the communication discipline, affiliation offers NCA the chance to have other disciplines represented, often presenting, as part of the IFA convention program slot among the convention registrants. The only other meeting time is in March when the international tournament is held. The IFA meeting at NCA offers the opportunity to report on last year's tournament as not all IFA members are able to attend the international event every year and is the last opportunity prior to the tournament to make decisions and disseminate information about the upcoming tournament.

The IFA is also a 501 c (3) organization and operates with its incorporation headquarters in the state of Wyoming. Its code of conduct is governed by the charter of the National Forensics Association to guarantee the utmost professional behavior among all participants.

The international tournament regularly involves 200-300 undergraduate students, coaches, directors, and judges from around the world. Participation is currently at an all time high as it has become one of the largest single tournaments in the country. Its invitational nature insures that all students have the opportunity to attend, even those from student-run programs.

IFA regularly encourages NCA membership as NCA is already linked to the IFA website operating out of Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. Given that the organization has been affiliated with NCA for ¼ of the time NCA has existed, the rich history of IFA and NCA enhance each other.