

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:38 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Absent: Janet Hansen (Area 1 Curriculum), Erik Miller (SCDL President), Doug Lasken, OCSL President

Proxies: Hoon Ko for Dave Matley (Area 1); Ron Underwood for Rod Landes (Area 2); Amy Van for Einar Johnson (Area 3); Ticha Patanarapelers for David Chamberlain (Area 4); (a proxy was presented for Tim Case to represent Janet Hansen but Tim Case was absent).

Guests: Mark Hamilton (incoming Southern Valley President)

III. Minutes from January 2007 meeting were circulated; p.1, State Tournament 2007 (Santa Clara University) should read State Tournament 2008.

Move to accept as corrected: M/Stockton, S/Cummings, passes unanimously

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Thanked people working on State Tournament (Suzanne Munsell, Nermin Kamel, Sal Tinajero, all those who worked.)

Passed around a newspaper article honoring Carmendale Fernandes.

Read a letter from a new coach (Judy Myers, St. Francis, Sacramento) praising the quality and value of the DVDs produced by the CHSSA Curriculum Committee.

Recognized Karen Meredith for her many years of service editing the Bulletin.

Read letter from Dr. Andara Macdonald upon her retirement from the Council thanking the members of the CSSC.

Protests:

1. Pre-tournament: a speech virtually created from the words of a selection; IE Committee is looking into rules to better address this.

2. Tournament:

a. Different speech from script; disqualified

b. Speech that was used last school year; disqualified

Leagues should be aware of these scripts in violation.

Vice President of Activities Kamel

Thanks to all involved; Ron Underwood, Hoon Ko helped tremendously with organization. Sal Tinajero, Fullerton parents, Ken Marks, Suzanne Munsell. Doug Kresse at Fullerton College was willing to make rooms on his campus available the entire weekend. Pit bosses did an excellent job. Thanks to Carmendale and Natalie for setting up the dinner dance; and to Rita for Awards.

Online results posted were incorrect. Explanation: 2 computers were used to tab I.E.s at the tournament; the results on these computers were merged to a 3rd computer, which hadn't been set up to deal with in-round speaking violations.

No individual student results were affected; only some changes in sweepstakes, which were as follows:

Division "A"

Announced

1st San Dieguito (28 points)

2nd Analy (8 points)

3rd Homestead (7 points)

Corrected

1st San Dieguito (28 points)

2nd Damien (8 points)

3rd Analy (8 points)

Division "AA"

Announced

1st Arcadia (15 points)

2nd Granite Bay (15 points)

Corrected

1st Granite Bay (16 points)

2nd Arcadia (14 points)

Division "AAA"

As announced; no changes

Concern for State Tournament continues to be judging; need to increase coach judging commitments, will be proposed in September.

Problem in tab rooms with people leaving before the end of the tournament, particularly in I.E.

Vice President of Public Relations Fernandes

Thanks to all coaches and students for a great year at the State Tournament hotels.

Natalie wishes to thank Bob Stockton, Shirley and Jerry for their help at the dinner dance.

According to tournament host Melan Jaich, the Dean (new President) of Santa Clara is very enthusiastic about hosting.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

Sept. 13-16: San Jose Holiday Inn Intercontinental (\$79); deadline Aug 30

Jan. 3-5: Hyatt Islandia (\$149)

Apr. 17-21: State (here at the Holiday Inn) 50th Anniv. Tournament

Wyndham (light rail goes between the 2 properties) \$79

May Still working on the hotel; will look into Burbank

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Will be given under Curriculum Committee

Treasurer Barenbaum

Presented itemized report (as emailed before the meeting), listing current inflows and outflows; we are financially sound.

Tournament Champions should email Neil to make contact, even if they aren't seniors. One school presented a personal check, which bounced. Asks for permission to assess the late fee and not accept the school's check for next year's membership until the matter is resolved. **Approved without objection.**

Prichard: Did the DVD offer reduce schools paying late fees? NB: Probably not; number of schools paying late didn't really diminish.

Secretary Ballingall

A roster was distributed and people were asked to provide current information.

Editor Meredith

Thanks to all who worked in IE Tab (also on behalf of Derek Yuill); thanks to Brent Hinkle. Thanks to Suzanne, Sal, Mr. Miller parent in charge of timers)

CATE Conference: many helped set up and "man" the booth; probably won't buy a booth again, not as cost effective; will make presentations in the future.

Resigning as Editor; will have an edition before the end of the year. Thanks to all for all the help you've given in my 18 years of serving on the Council.

Historian Cummings

Attended every tournament since 1960

Worked in every tab room since Santa Barbara; Nermin and Karen have excelled at running the tournament.

Reported on various changes made by CHSSA in previous years:

76-77: A year of many changes

Sandra Gray was President, USC hosted the Tournament

86-87: Donovan was President; First Hall of Fame

As part of an ongoing series of reports on members of both the NFL and California Halls of Fame: report on Donovan Cummings.

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

State Tournament: Santa Clara U, April 18-20; coach and host is Melan Jaich, who wants registration at hotel, not on campus.

Natalie is already working on the dinner.

Will try to get judges from San Jose State.

Congratulations to Janet Willford on her new baby, she is leaving the Council.

Area 2 Chair Darling

Introduced Mark Hamilton, new Southern Valley President.
Thanks to Ron Underwood for all his help at State.

Area 3 Chair Novak

Thanks to Ron Underwood for doing registration at State; we are looking for a 2009 site.

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Thanks to outgoing Area 4 Chair Andara Macdonald for her many years of dedicated service and leadership to Area 4 and CHSSA

Reflected on State Tournament experiences.
Hosting the tournament really helped our league; future judges, bringing people together.

Thanks to:

Immediate Past OCSL President Molly Chertock (El Modena HS) for her belief that our league was capable of accomplishing this enormous task.

Ken Marks (Pacifica HS) for his coordination of the goody bag project.

Sal Tinajero along with the Fullerton Union HS administration, staff, and parents for their commitment to excellence and tireless efforts to provide us wonderful facilities and hospitality when no place else in Orange County would.

Nise Frye (Cal State Fullerton) and Doug Kresse (Fullerton College) for supplying the bulk of our college judges. Additional kudos are due to Doug for securing the use of the Fullerton College campus as an auxiliary facility.

The rest of the OCSL schools whose coaches, alumni, and parents served as community judges and local area liaisons.

The student volunteers from Fullerton and Esperanza High Schools for acting as timers, ballot stuffers, and campus clean-up crews.

All the coaches from outside of our league who cheerfully picked up extra ballots when we were short on judges.

The student competitors for their exceptional behavior and resiliency under sometimes very trying circumstances.

Carmendale Fernandes and Natalie Weber for their expertise in taking care of our hotel and dinner dance arrangements.

Assistant Coaches Steve Pettit (Esperanza HS), Ticha Patanarapelers (Katella HS), and Pam Chant (Fullerton HS) for being outstanding troubleshooters and problem solvers.

Gregg Munsell for his help with the filming of the final round of Student Congress for the upcoming DVD (and for putting up with me during this crazy year!).

Sharon Prefontaine and Nermin Kamel for their unwavering support during very stressful times.

VI. Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Sweeps (Novak)

Discussion continues; will meet in Sept. on Sat. at 7:30 a.m.

Congress Committee (Stockton)

Area chairs: Need representation on the Congress Committee, esp. from Area 2.

We will present a housekeeping item in New Business.

Several things for the Sept. agenda; PO award selection; possible way for selecting new champion (go to a total cum to determine champion).

Asked all to please have topic areas for Sept meeting

2 leagues that didn't meet Dec. 1 deadline for Congress Bills: SDIVSL, CFL

Stockton is retiring; David Matley will be taking over Congress Committee.

Pinza: did Committee like the change in the final rd procedure? Stockton: there was some discussion, will continue. An issue with a guest judge leaving in the middle of the round.

Congress still using cards and computer, looking into advancing the use of the computer.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Thank all those who helped in tab room; and to the other Pit Bosses.

No pending business.

Discussed

1. Concern that came back from judging houses about teams hearing judge philosophies and then leaving the room, possibly to talk to a coach. At this point, we don't feel that it happens much and aren't sure that it constitutes a major problem. No action taken.

2. Discussion about the number of entries in Parli & Public Forum; no business before the committee.

3. Will revisit the laptop question once NFL resolves their position.
4. California is hosting the National Policy HS Debate Topic Committee Meeting in San Diego this August 3-5 at the Town and Country Inn; all are invited.

Sharon: Please complete State Tournament surveys before leaving the meeting.

Barenbaum: In answer to an earlier question by Cummings, our membership has been 249 schools in CHSSA for the past couple of years.

President Prefontaine declared the meeting in recess at 11:48 a.m. to resume at 1 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:09 p.m.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

Hoping Advocacy DVD would cut down people paying late fees; 100 schools out of 250 members still paid late fees (about the same as previously).

Will try to post a link to the trailer for the Congress video on the website.

Coaches Handbooks—copies available here, on the CHSSA website.

CATE Conference – future will be presenting only, no booth; next year is March 7, Long Beach (probably won't attend giving State Qualifier conflicts)

Thanks to Karen for chairing CATE efforts and to Chad for attending and staffing booth.

Congress DVD – 2 DVD set; thanks to Bob Stockton for sharing tab room; intend to dedicate to Bob DeGroff (past CHSSA President and Congress Committee chair)

Thank Greg Munsell, who provided additional camera help for us at State.

Thanks to Doug Kresse for making Fullerton College available and for being there the entire weekend.

Individual Events Committee (Kamel)

Discussed many, many, many items (take back to leagues)

Extemp files: how to allow for materials taken off the internet

Double entries

What to do with speakers who speak in the wrong room (presently student gets a no show); what if student made a good faith effort, was misdirected by the tab room

TI: Violations: title and author not included: Presidents let them go through, watch more carefully

Citations on quoted material are sometimes inadequate

Time violations (if time indicated but violation not checked, still a violation?)

Grace period (30 seconds); students are using it as a part of speech time

Created scripts: words randomly taken from a work

Are e-books/internet sources legal? What constitutes national distribution?

How to provide proof of scripts from Script City that they are actually from SC

TI: using 1/3 original words to create their own piece

What do we do if a kid is DQd? Went back to every ballot and bumped up students in the previous rounds.

Prichard: revisit who can film our students; several other crews there

Larry McCarthy of ChampCraft donated extemporaneous topics this year.

VII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

VIII. New Business

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-05-A: M/Darling, S/Underwood

Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph A1, Page 1 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

1. CSSC members shall meet with and participate in the activities of a committee of their choice, **so long as each Area is represented. In the event that an Area is unrepresented on any standing committee, the Area Chair will assign a representative from their Area to fill the vacancy.**

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-05-B: M/Pinza, S/Underwood

Article VII, Section 5, Paragraph A, Page 10 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

A. The president of each League shall forward to the appropriate Area Chairperson by certified mail postmarked not later than ~~April 4~~ **thirty (30) calendar days before the start of the State Tournament.**

Graber: Should certified mail be required?

It was pointed out that some leagues haven't even finished qualifiers 30 days before the State Tournament, given the new earlier tournament dates.

Without objection, remanded to IE Committee

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-05-C: M/Pinza, S/Fernandes

Article XIV, Section 1, Paragraph B3, C3, Page 1 & 2 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

B.

~~3. Prepare all contestant cards and other required documents for the State Tournament and submit the cards and documents to the Vice President Activities.~~

C.

3. The Vice President-Activities shall prepare all contestant cards and other required documents for the State Tournament.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-05-D: M/Pinza, S/Graber

Article III, Section 5, Paragraph A4, Page 6 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

~~4. distributing to League presidents all required materials for registration and entry in the State Tournament.~~

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-05-E: M/Pinza, S/Munsell

Article X, Section 2, Paragraph A, Page 2 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

3. If a contestant is added to the ballot that is NOT on the posting, that contestant's scores shall not count, and other scores shall be adjusted as if the 'extra' student never spoke in that round.

4. "No shows" are recorded as such, kept in the tournament, but shall not be allowed to advance further in the tournament.

a. The tab room shall immediately contact the coach of the absent contestant.

b. Once the coach has been consulted and the circumstances surrounding the "no show" have been thoroughly investigated, the Tournament Director or his/her designee has the authority to order additional adjustments to scores if warranted.

Wolf: Tournament Director would have authority to further adjust scores...what does this mean?

Graber: How many times did this happen this year? Kamel: 2, coach gave wrong number; tab room gave student wrong information

Without objection, remanded to IE Committee

M/Kamel, S/Wolf:

To provide \$1500 to Brent Hinkle of Joy of Tournaments (\$500 stipend, \$1000 for expenses), for the 2008 State Tournament

Underwood: does the computer make a difference?

Ballingall: Yes Meredith: Yes, so much labor saved; we can eventually decrease tab staffs

Kamel: Brent's presence makes a major difference, his presence is a major bargain

Passes, unanimously

M/Kamel, S/Fernandes:

For the Council to authorize a book detailing the history of CHSSA, under the direction of VP Activities Kamel, with a budget of \$7250, to be paid for in part by raising school fees at the State Tournament from \$20 per school to \$30 per school.

Passes, voce

M/Prichard, S/Underwood:

For the Council to approve the following method of distributing the Student Congress DVD, currently being produced by the Curriculum Committee:

It will be provided as a benefit of membership to all paid CHSSA member schools ('07-'08 school year), whether the payment is made on time or not.

Passes, unanimously

M/Prichard, S/Munsell:

To authorize the Curriculum Committee to begin work on the 2008 DVD, with Thematic Interpretation as the subject. The Committee will meet on Thursday and Friday in September to organize and plan the content.

Prichard: There will be copyright issues; we won't be able to distribute the DVD to non-members.

Prichard: We will meet in September to organize as opposed to January, since the hotel rooms in September are less expensive.

Passes, unanimously

M/Prichard, S/Munsell:

For the Council to authorize a budget for the Thematic Interpretation DVD of \$7000.

Prichard: Videographer's expenses run about \$500, as does actual distribution of the DVD.

Pinza: Can we afford this outlay given the current state of our budget? Barenbaum: Yes.

Willford: These DVDs are some of the best things we do.

Passes, unanimously

Graber: 1. Why are ISBN numbers required on Joy of Tournaments entry? 2. OI speakers should be listed along with titles for the purposes of paneling.

Kamel: Authors are already listed for OI; impossible to panel using them in addition to speech titles.

Election of 2007-2008 Officers:

Candidates declared:

For President, Sharon Prefontaine

For Vice President Activities, Nermin Kamel

For Vice President Curriculum, Rita Prichard

Motion to elect all declared candidates by white ballot:

Passes, unanimously

IX. Good of the order

Kamel: Regarding the 50th Anniversary book project:

Must be at publisher by mid-January

Please get us all information by the end of June

Sept. meeting: rough draft of the book

Address for Ron Underwood, who along with Donovan Cummings will also be working on the book project:

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Submitted by Chuck Ballingall, CHSSA Secretary.