

I. President DeGroff called the meeting to order at 9:16 am.

II. Roll Call

Chuck Ballingall's (Area IV Representative-at-large) proxy was Kate Shuster  
Past President Cardoza was absent.

III. Introduction of Guests

No guests were present.

IV. Corrections to the minutes of May 2004

Motion to revise By-Laws 04-01-B was seconded by Cullen, not Niemi (p.11)

***MOTION Underwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stockton: to accept the minutes as corrected.  
PASSED: unanimous.***

V. Officer Reports

President De Groff

A. Stated that "It is a privilege to be here."

He has an unbounded respect for this body; he knows that this is a competent and good group of people; he is excited by the energy of coaches, new and returning.

It is important to encourage all coaches to keep things in perspective.

We do have families, personal lives, own health to consider; we're not superhuman; physical and emotional care of ourselves is necessary.

B. Will propose an amendment to the By-Laws to change the deadline for Hall of Fame submissions to November 1 (from the end of the September meeting)

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-A: Willford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stockton**

Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph B (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the President of the CHSSA ~~by the end of roll call at the Fall Meeting each year.~~ **by November 1<sup>st</sup> each year.** Nominations may be mailed or delivered personally to the President. Nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form.

**Passed: Unanimous**

Vice President of Activities (Kamel)

A. IE Committee didn't have much to do yesterday; later in this meeting we will propose motion to change cross-examination in the extemporaneous events to conform with NFL procedures, currently a 3 minute back and forth cross-ex period.

B. IE Committee discussed Sweepstakes; we will wait until we have all events clarified; will possibly propose having separate sweepstakes awards for debate and individual events.

- C. State results will be posted on website soon.
- D. Any trophy issues from last year let me know.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

- A. Curriculum Committee had a very productive last few days.
- B. "Speaking Across the Curriculum" has gone to publication; final proofs were submitted August 15. Book is 250 pgs, a beautiful document according to Lynette Williamson. The cost will be \$20, CHSSA members will receive a discount; free books will be provided to each Area Curriculum Representative. Purchase information will be available after Oct. 1; it will be disseminated through the website.
- C. We want to continue to update and edit the Coaches Handbook. Based on coach feedback we are working on adding 2 chapters: a student handbook, and a judges handbook. (Draft copies of these chapters were handed out to the membership)
- D. Work on the student handbook was done by Tricia Cameron and Shirley Keller-Firestone.  
Keller-Firestone: We looked at various league handbooks, included material from the Coaches Handbook; tried to produce something that could be adapted to the circumstances of any program.  
Corey: sincere thanks, great job; can we receive this electronically? Prichard: yes, by email or even flash transfer
- E. Work on the judges handbook was done by Karen Jardine, Karen Meredith, Kate Shuster.  
Meredith: We borrowed things from other schools, states, again trying to produce something that could be adapted to all leagues.
- F. These documents are drafts; the Committee will be working on revising the content and look of it in future. We encourage you to send suggestions for changes.
- G. A long-term goal is to provide support for parliamentary debate.
- H. Another long-term goal is to produce instructional video tapes.  
Future competitive tapes will include instruction, and be in a 30-40 minute format.
- I. Cummings: Guidelines for three instructional activities have been handed out. We ask that the members produce a tape using one of these instructional methods in a non-speech class. We suggest that you first try the activity in your class, the video tape it, using the guidelines distributed this morning. We would like for some people to come back in January and say "I tried it" and then video it by the end of the year; try it, get comfortable with it. Rita Prichard will do all editing; just send her the raw tapes. Tapes should include student reactions; interview a variety, those who participate and those who don't. We also suggest involving other teachers in your school. CHSSA's most important mission is to increase the teaching of oral communication throughout California; should try to get tapes out to schools who don't currently do speaking in their curriculum
- J. We will also be working on event tapes, starting at Northridge, continuing through next year.

Johnson: Is there a way of knowing when updating of the Coaches Handbook happens, when change pages are available? Prichard: hopefully we can do updates through the website.

K. DeGroff commended the committee for their fine work.

VP Public Relations Fernandes

- A. 34 for dinner, most ever; thanks for giving advance notice to facilitate reservations. Make sure to book rooms under CHSSA; made the agreement for this meeting; got all meeting space for free.
- B. Try to stay at State Tournament hotels to so that we can get better room rates and prices for the after-tournament dinner.
- C. Winter 2005 Meeting: Jan. 6-9, San Diego, Hyatt Islandia, rooms are \$86.
- D. State 2005: Apr. 28-May 2, Woodland Hills Marriott and Hilton, rooms are \$79, up to 4 in a room. Dinner at the Marriott, 200 rooms at Marriott, 100 at Hilton.
- E. Spring 2005 Meeting: May 12-15, San Jose Hyatt, rooms are \$75.
- F. Fall 2005: Sept. 15-18, San Jose Hyatt, rooms are \$75.

DeGroff: Kids have a much better time at the tournament hotel; When we stayed in the tournament hotel, I knew that there were other coaches in hotel, so someone would potentially spot them; when you stay in other places, not as many people watching.

Jardine: Can we check on other events in the hotel such as proms or weddings

Treasurer Barenbaum

- A. Passed out Treasurer's report
- B. Passed out lists of students who haven't yet received scholarships; please help track them down. If a student isn't on list, and should be, let Barenbaum know.  
Meyers: Vik Singh is a student at Berkeley  
Wolf: Gene Chieu is actually Gene Chien
- C. Please make sure people read instructions on assessments; I will return forms that aren't filled out or filed correctly. Personal checks aren't acceptable for assessment payments.
- D. Underwood: what's the 3<sup>rd</sup> column on the Treasurer's Report?  
Barenbaum: In both the Operations and State Tournament sections the third column should read "Estimated 04-05"
- E. Fernandes: Please donate to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, proceeds go to Curriculum Committee.  
Kamel: What are the bank charges? Barenbaum: Returned checks, ordering checks, etc.  
Kamel: Do we forward these costs? Barenbaum: We will.

***MOTION MacDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Underwood: to accept the Treasurer's Report.  
PASSED: unanimous.***

Acting Secretary Ballingall

Handed out roster for corrections

Editor Meredith

- A. Next bulletin should be mailed around beginning of October.
- B. For the Curriculum Corner: Write reviews of books, instructional tapes, anything useful to others...send to me by email, snail mail, whatever.  
Really like to spread out the writing of articles all over the state; please go back to leagues and ask people to write things; Bulletin is a great way to share ideas; fundraising, coping with "No Child Left Behind," coaching competitive events. Don't worry about deadlines, just send submissions in. There's always an upcoming Bulletin.

Historian Cummings

- A. A few notes from NFL Nationals:  
There were 1500 policy debaters at NFL Districts, 1628 in Public Forum, 2260 in LD. The UN representative's speech on oral communications (from the international public forum debate) will be available on video.  
Took an informal survey of approx. 24-30 people in i.e. tab. None are doing parliamentary debate in their programs right now; many states have many other events other than those offered at Nationals.
- B. Paid tribute to Tom Montgomery.  
Wants to thank those from leagues who attended Tom's funeral, as well as all those who sent cards. Tom's wife also sends thanks. He ran the NFL Individual Events tab room along with Cummings for the past 15 years. He helped devise the current NFL tabbing system. He even organized the first CHSSA State Tournament dance in the mid-80s. He was a marvelous coach and loved his family dearly.  
Keller-Firestone: There was nothing in the Rostrum about the memorial scholarship fund in Tom's memory, but information will be in the bulletin.
- C. 40 years ago in CHSSA:  
State Sweepstakes results: MtMiguel 1<sup>st</sup>, Grossmont 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stockton Edison & Stagg 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Expenses: \$540, held at Santa Barbara.  
The Council voted to increase league assessments to 30 per qualifier, to pay for the tournament.  
Set minimum requirement for retention of State Qualifier tournament: 8 schools competing in each event or 20 schools in tournament.
- D. 30 years ago in CHSSA:  
President was Gustafson from Mira Costa.  
State was at Cal Poly Pomona.  
Representatives at large were in charge of contacting media throughout the state to get coverage for the tournament.
- E. 20 years ago in CHSSA:  
Jim McDonnell from La Canada was President.  
Extensive discussion of sweepstakes points.  
Repealed no flow rule

Counsel Johnson

- A. Circulated proposal regarding protection against legal liability.  
(Proposed cover sheet has been appended to these minutes)  
Sexual content of speeches is troubling; these speeches could give rise to legal action.  
We are an unincorporated association of individuals, not a corporation. All members of counsel are CHSSA; we are all personally liable. Censorship out of the question  
Simplest possible way of putting responsibility where it belongs: parents, coaches, school administrator.  
Motion also adds language to allow CHSSA to revoke awards, scholarships., etc.  
The last paragraph of the proposed cover sheet form: CHSSA not in a position to monitor every speech, we cannot control what individuals are exposed to.  
Last sentence is an indemnity agreement; doesn't prevent use from being sued, allows us to sue the responsible party by agreement.

***MOTION Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Underwood: to accept the proposed cover sheet.***

Kamel: This is an indemnity clause vs. a release; we need to represent member coaches as well; need to protect other coaches, not just ourselves. We should investigate insurance policies which would protect us in those cases. NFL has such a policy. According to a legal professor I spoke to, someone can still show with an indemnity clause that they didn't have sufficient knowledge of what was going to happen. Also, a school administrator can't sign an indemnity; it would have to be signed by the school board.

***Motion to table by Kamel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cummings:  
VOTE: PASSED, 16-12***

- B. President DeGroff appointed an ad-hoc committee to investigate this issue:  
Chair: Kamel; Members: Marcucilli, Stockton, Chertock, Johnson, Barenbaum, Jardine.
- C. Johnson: Insurance issue has been explored, not an adequate response from our insurer; we are not covered.

VI. Area Chair Reports

Area One Chair Meyers

- A. Willford, reporting on the GGSA: Have an extra State trophy, for a 3 way tie in limited entry sweeps; have the extra trophy.  
Our league computerized i.e. tournaments last year, will try to computerize debate; makes things easier  
League website: ggasa.org. Very helpful to new coaches: ballots, etc
- B. Wolf, reporting on the CFL: Working on website coastfl.org; will include ballots, handbook, constitution.

Area Two Chair Underwood

- A. Introduced YFL President Karen Minick, SVFL President Chad Hayden, and Curriculum Rep Terry McSweeney.
- B. Looking forward to State Tournament 2006 at Sierra College.

Area Three Chair Cullen

- A. Working steadfastly on 2005 State Tournament, Becky Opsata will be here after lunch to answer questions.
- B. Introduced SCDL President Ashley Novak, WBFL Einar Johnson.
- C. Joe Marcucilli is setting up an international debate at College of Canyons in spring; debating Uzbekistan or Slovenia.

Area Four Chair Macdonald

- A. New job, now dean of students
- B. Haven't started looking for '07 State site, hopefully in OC.

VII. Committee Reports

Congress Committee Chair Stockton

- A. Copies of Congress topics distributed. The topics are: Terrorism/Security; Military/National Service; Education Assessment and Standards; Health, Agriculture and the Human Condition; Resources/Environment/Natural Disasters; Politics and Economics.
- B. Topics to be submitted are divided according leagues in the By-Laws. Bills/resolutions must be submitted by December 1. Stockton will contact all league Presidents will guidelines for writing bills and resolutions, as well as his contact info. Best to send him things at school, as a hard copy. Feel free to submit more than are required, and on subjects not listed within the topic areas. Please proofread submissions.

Debate Committee Chair Ballingall

- A. Corey reported on the Coaches Workshop.  
It was our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual workshop, organized primarily by Mary Corey, Chris Wolf, Kate Shuster, Dan Meyers; Hoon Ko and Sharon Smith graciously volunteered to present some of the policy material, and Victor Jih did the entire LD portion.  
A lot of information was disseminated. Next year, we will script individual sections of the workshop more tightly, and will try to produce our own demonstration video.  
Made a profit of \$100;18 total came; some just walked in.
- B. Wolf reported on the National Federation Policy Debate Topic meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas.  
Ballingall distributed topic ballots to league presidents; must be returned by Oct. 8.

- C. The committee will rewrite and reformat judges instructions and ballots for LD Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and Public Forum for the January meeting.
- D. Cummings: Would the committee be willing to put on workshops in other events?  
Corey: no, not the current committee members; we want to continue providing workshops for policy and LD.  
Landes: You're not interested in adding other events? Ballingall: Yes, we are. We just need more people to help us put them together.  
Corey: There are many options for expansion. We could go to a 2 day format, or a modular format. We don't want to alternate in what we present; core debate events should always be done.  
Cummings: Kate Shuster is willing to do a coaches workshop on Parliamentary Debate; Scott Wunn of NFL would help us do Public Forum (or get someone to come out); we can get a second room for these presentations.  
Fernandes: Please let her know if we need one room or two rooms.  
AV: \$260 for that alone here, Kate had free AV. It will cost \$310 in San Jose.  
Wolf: Bellarmine might be able to donate rooms and cover the AV.
- E. DeGroff commended the committee on the workshop.

At this point, the normal order of business was interrupted for a brief presentation by 2005 State Tournament host Becky Opsata, of Cal State Northridge.

- A. We have hosted many big tournaments, including NPDA Nationals, the largest tournament ever held; 1000 people at debate last year. The university knows what's coming, university is supportive.
- B. We are hosting an invitational on Dec. 4-5 (invitation was distributed).
- C. The tournament hotels for State are first class business hotels, high speed internet, etc The Marriott is very familiar with speech/debate. The Marriott and Hilton are about a mile apart. The Marriott is across street from large mall, many fast food and dining choices. The hotels are about a 15 minute drive from campus, entirely surface streets (20 min at worst).
- D. Recommend flying into Burbank airport, closest to campus.
- E. Campus doesn't have a large place for awards ceremony; could do awards at a Tri Valley HS gym; or have it outside on campus
- F. MacDonald: Parking? Opsata: Parking on campus; have to pay even on weekends, \$4 a day; will be ticketed; Friday could be tough, but relatively close. We are trying to get them to stay open on campus for food  
Meyers: there will be buses. Opsata: plenty of parking.
- G. Mac Donald: Where can you get maps? Opsata: They will be in the information packet, and are currently available at CSUN.edu
- H. Email is [becky.opsata@csun.edu](mailto:becky.opsata@csun.edu)
- I. DeGroff thanked Becky and commended Cullen and Marcucilli for their work on the tournament.

Normal order of business resumed.

Individual Events Committee Chair Kamel

Presented under the VP Activities report.

Executive Committee Chair DeGross

No business to report.

There was no Old Business.

VIII. New Business

***MOTION MacDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corey: to limit debate on each motion to 20 minutes.  
VOTE: FAILED, 11-14.***

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-B: Stockton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cullen**

Article XIII, Section 6, Paragraph A (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

Twenty-eight members shall be selected for semi-final competition based on low cumulative scores on all judges' ballots in the four preliminary sessions. Ties shall be resolved by ~~the same method used in individual events.~~ **with the following criteria:**

- 1. Greatest number of individual judges' firsts, seconds, etc. in all preliminary rounds.**
- 2. If the speakers are still tied and have met in a preliminary round, the tie shall be resolved by the judges' preference in that round.**
- 3. If ties cannot be resolved by the above methods, those tied shall advance to the semi-final round.**

Stockton: This is a housekeeping motion; the individual events tie-breaking procedure doesn't work as well in Congress.

***PASSED: unanimous***

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-C: Stockton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prichard**

Article XIII, Section 4, Paragraph D (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

The Congress Director shall meet with the Congress Committee at the winter CSSC meeting. The Congress Committee shall select ~~42~~ **8** bills/resolutions to be distributed to the coaches of qualified delegates. The Congress Director shall prepare the Student Congress Handbook inclusive of the ~~42~~ **8** selected bills/resolutions and ~~distribute an adequate number to each Area Chairperson by April 1.~~ ~~The Area Chairperson shall distribute the Handbooks and 12 bills/resolutions to the League Presidents for distribution to League qualifying contestants.~~ **have it posted online 30 days prior to the first day of the State Tournament.**

Stockton: This will improve competitors' prep time and ability to prep with more limited # of topic.

Comings: How many bills? DeGroff: Currently we use 2 bills in each prelim, 1 in each semis, 2 in finals. This would change to one bill per session, eliminating one bill and the parliamentary procedure of moving from one to another.

Cummings: Are these numbers of bills/resolutions per session in the by-laws? Stockton: no, the numbers are implied.

Cummings: would you make it clear that they'll only be debating one? Stockton: yes

*Passes: voce*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-D: Stockton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fernandes**

Article XIII, Section 6, Paragraph E (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):  
The two semi-final sessions shall consist of ~~one hour and twenty~~ **ninety** minutes each.

Makes the session time the same as the final round; another housekeeping change.

*Passes: unanimous*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-E: Stockton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meredith**

Article XIII, Section 8, Paragraph E (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):  
**Each scorer shall choose 1<sup>st</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> best speaker for each semi-final session and for the final session.**

Stockton: Again, this is housekeeping; we already instruct judges to do this.

*Passes: unanimous*

***MOTION Macdonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barenbaum: to suspend the rules and consider a motion out of the normal order.***

***MOTION Prichard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Willford: that the Curriculum Committee be allowed an extra day at the Jan meeting in SD, and that they be given an amount of no more than \$1500 for the purpose of constructing instructional and educational tapes for the good of the organization.***

Barenbaum: is this money for equipment or services? Prichard: for the services; we will do our best to get everything for as little money as possible.

*Passes: unanimous*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-F: Kamel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minick**

Article IX, Section 6 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

**Public Forum will be held at the 2005 State Tournament with 32 entries using the April 2005 NFL topic. Each Area will be given 8 entries to be divided amongst their member leagues based on the allocation tables. Furthermore, Public Forum and Parliamentary debate will be double flighted so that Public Forum is Flight "A" and Parli is Flight "B." Parli students will prep during the Public Forum round. Judges will be given an evaluation form after each round so that they may provide CHSSA with feedback on each form of debate. Parli and Contro rounds will start with Round 3 of LD/Team and continue in the debate pattern. For 2005 CHSSA will adopt NFL rules for this event.**

Underwood: Nothing is going to be taken away, we are only equalizing entries in the events.

Kamel: NFL support means this event will grow; we should at least continue to support it.

CSUN will have rooms; I will personally guarantee there are enough judges there. This allows us to look at both events evenly, the judges can help us evaluate them. Our students have been successful at state and national level.

Keller-Firestone: How many additional judges will be needed?

Chertock: Concerned about relying on lay judges; the two events are similar; they may not understand the differences. Kamel: Some leagues do it, no problems; judges adapt.

Macdonald: Concerned about judges and number of rounds required of coaches who are judging. Adding entries doesn't necessarily add judges.

Landes: According to NFL, Public Forum should be judged by lay people

Meyers: As a body, we decided that this should be a demonstration event, this makes it a full event.

Underwood: We're adding to and making it more equal; this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we've had it. Our lay judges don't have problem distinguishing between the two.

Wolf: At last meeting we made a definitive decision to keep as demo; this is a backdoor way to change decision. Focusing on pragmatics is shortsided; CSUN is big enough but what about future sites; also wonder about judges being able to evaluate the educational value of the events; judges see the end not the process; judges cant really evaluate everything that goes into the process; we're the professionals, we should be the ones to decide.

Minick: If we double-flight, doesn't that save judges? If this still is an experimental event the questionnaire can have any number of things on it

Johnson: Last meeting, Public Forum failed on a 50-50 vote; motion to reconsider refused;

Cardoza prevented motion from be revoted on; a great number of coaches in California believe it has educational value; how can we determine validity of an event by dangling 1 state qualifier; should respect wishes of coaches who want this event. We should seek feedback from any source.

***MOTION Willford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Underwood: Friendly amendment, to end the bylaw change at "based on the allocation tables."***

*Friendly amendment accepted by the author and the second.*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-F: Kamel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minick (as amended)**

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Meyers: Student interest and desires don't equate to what's best for them. What does it mean to have an experimental event? We're saying that there's no difference between an experimental event and a permanent event.

Kamel: Event has some value; so it should continue; equal treatment allows fair evaluation; student desire is good, brings kids in; "the last shot" is a great way to develop thinking skills; issue is always judges, we need to work at fixing the judging problem

Keller-Firestone: This is a reconsideration of the motion last spring, which would've been allowed

*Passes: voce*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-G: Willford/Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Underwood**

Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph A7 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

Finals: For the final contest or the qualifying round at the qualifier, each speaker shall be assigned a position in the speaking order. Drawing shall take place at twelve-minute intervals. Thirty minutes after speaker one has drawn, the last speaker shall enter the contest room. First speaker shall deliver a speech and the last speaker will listen and may take notes. At the conclusion of the first speaker's speech, last speaker ~~shall pose a question of not more than one minute in length. First speaker shall have two minutes to answer.~~ **will cross-examine the first speaker according to the procedure followed at the NFL National Tournament.** Upon the conclusion of the first speaker's answer, last speaker shall return to the prep room and first speaker shall stay to listen and question the second speaker. Second speaker shall question speaker three, etc. Questioners may take notes during the speaker's speech but may not use them in questioning.

*Passes: unanimous*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-H: Meyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keller-Firestone**

Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph A2 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

The CSSC shall determine ~~one year~~ **at least fourteen months** in advance the events which shall be offered at any **subsequent** the State Tournament from among the following:

Meyers: This forces debate on changes in the events on the merits of those events, not on logistics; gives hosts ample time to make room adjustments.

***MOTION Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jardine: table and remand to the Executive Committee along with proposed By-laws revision 04-05-D.***

*Vote: passes, 16-7 (04-09-H tabled)*

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-I: Meyers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stockton**

Article II, Section 4 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

For the purpose of conducting meetings and any and all business, the presence of a quorum shall be established at the roll call, which quorum shall be sufficient for the continuance of the meeting and conduct of business until such time as the meeting is adjourned. Should the members present at any time after the establishment of a quorum be fewer than ~~three-fourths~~ **two thirds** of the **total** voting membership **possible**, the meeting may continue at the discretion of a majority of the members present, ~~and~~ **but** business may **no longer** be conducted ~~provided that a majority or other proper number of the established quorum concur in the passage of motions~~ **until a quorum is re-established.**

Kamel: 1/3 of the members could prevent the passage of a motion just by leaving.

***MOTION Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Macdonald: to amend: "Business may be conducted at CHSSA meetings through 3:30 p.m., to conduct business beyond that time, a quorum must be present."***

Landes: The specified meeting time is not long enough.

Stockton: Flying out of LA, or San Jose, it becomes difficult to stay.

Wolf: There are later flights out of San Jose.

Johnson: 3:30 is usual time it breaks up; people should stay at least until this time; this guarantees we're going to be here.

Kamel: 3:30 too early

Meyers: There are 2 different issues; we should decide what an appropriate quorum is.

***Motion to Amend Fails: voce***

***Vote on 04-09-I: Passes, 18-6***

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-J: Underwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minick**

Article VII, Section 4, Paragraph H3 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

No student may participate in more than one individual event at the State Tournament. Should an individual qualify in more than one event, s/he shall choose which qualification s/he shall retain and so inform the League president and/or the Area Chairperson no more than three days after the qualification tournament. This rule does not apply to debate with the exception that a student may not qualify for the State Tournament in both policy debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate. A student may compete in one individual event and one type of debate at the State Tournament. **Students may double enter at the State Tournament in Parliamentary debate and an Individual Event or Public Forum and an Individual Event.** Students in congress at the State Tournament may not compete in either individual events or either type of debate, and vice versa. If an Area Chairperson is not notified of a student's choice of individual events, the Area Chairperson shall select the event for the student and notify the League president of the decision.

*Passes: voce*

***MOTION Underwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Minick: "At the State Championship Tournament, sweepstakes points should be awarded for Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate"***

Note: This was originally presented as MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-K, but because there wasn't a citation for a specific By-Laws change (Article, Section, etc.) I changed this to a general motion.

Miller: The two events don't deserve the same sweepstakes points as policy debate; students in policy spend more time preparing.

Meyers: What does it mean to have an experimental event; they are treated the same; Public Forum in no way is an experimental event.

Wolf: Abuse of the legislative format; You've found a back door way through a series of other motions to get what you want in Public Forum.

Chertok: If the points based on debate, I'm concerned over what those points will be; too much power to debate events; kids in Parliamentary and Public Forum work hard, but duo kids don't get double points

Willford: sweepstakes complicated, these new events totally change sweepstakes altogether; the whole playing field has shifted.

***MOTION Willford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stockton: to refer the issue to the Debate Committee***

*Passes: voce*

***MOTION Cummings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shuster: "That each league send the topics used for Parliamentary Debate at each league tournament to the CHSSA webmaster to be posted throughout the season on our website.***

Cummings: This will help us avoid reusing topics at State; it's also nice to share topics. There are a finite number of resolutions

Shuster: Helpful for information gathering; don't necessarily want to avoid topic repetition.

Johnson: 1. what happens if people don't comply (what is penalty) 2. Shouldn't have canned cases. The more topics out there, kids can prepare, better not to have topics out in advance. If a league doesn't post their topics, they have a potential advantage.

Shuster: Students should write briefs and cases; topic archives that have 1000s of motions, variety already exists online.

Meyers: This would give people an idea of how to write topics, proposes a friendly amendment that "All leagues make an effort to share any limited prep event topics through the website" (not accepted by Cummings)

Corey: Logistical issues: whose job is it to collect, compile, post... do we want webmaster dealing with it?

Jardine: This shouldn't be a mandate; we should publish the suggestion to share topics.

***Fails: voce***

Landes: Comment regarding the Webmaster... who is it? Can we meet them? Can we talk to them about the website?

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-L: Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Underwood**

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph D1 (e) (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

No selection shall be the contestant's own work; the contestant shall suggest the thoughts, emotions, the ideas and the purposes of the author. No costumes or props [the use of something extraneous to the body] ~~with the exception of the intact manuscript,~~ shall be permitted in thematic interpretation. Although gestures or pantomime may be used, they should be used with restraint.

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph D2 (c) (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

Performance: ~~The thematic selections must be interpreted from a manuscript in the hands of the contestant.~~ Introductory, explanatory, and connective material shall include the name of the author and title of each selection and appropriate source cites, and must be delivered in the contestant's own words.

***Remanded to the Individual Events Committee***

**MOTION TO REVISE BY-LAWS 04-09-N: Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jardine**

Article XI, Section 4, Paragraph E (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

**E. Prompt Commencement of Round; No Discussion of Judging Philosophy.**

**1. The Round will commence within five minutes after all debaters and judges have arrived in the room. If any debater(s) is/are responsible for any delay beyond five minutes, the judge(s) will warn that/those debater(s) that the round must begin and that the judge(s) will commence to time the delay and that any delay time will be deducted from the first constructive speech of the participant(s) responsible for the infraction. The Judge(s) shall deduct the computed time consistent with the warning if the offending party(ies) has/have not immediately completed preparation to allow the round to begin. If both sides are responsible for delay both sides will be given the same warning and shall both be subject to the same penalty pursuant to the foregoing terms.**

**2. Students shall not ask for disclosure at any time, and judges shall not disclose, judging philosophy or judging "paradigm". Any time expended by a student in asking for judging philosophy or "paradigm", either before, during, or after, the five minute set up time, shall be warned that any further effort to address judging philosophy will be timed and deducted from the first constructive speech of the participant responsible for the infraction. The Judge(s) shall deduct the computed time consistent with the warning if the offending party continues such inquiry. If both sides are responsible for an infraction of this provision, then both sides will be given the same warning and shall both be subject to the same penalty pursuant to the foregoing terms.**

Johnson: Spread debate occurs at the State Tournament; students don't go to the State Tournament to compete against it; I intend to try to fix policy debate through a series of motions. When I debated I never asked about judge philosophy; We don't allow students to ask in DI, in real life attorneys don't ask judges in court; we do a lot of things in policy debate based on competitive advantage; asking for a judging philosophy facilitates spread debate.

Kamel: 1. Interp and debate different, Interpers aren't trying to convince, debaters are trying to persuade; Allows debaters to better understand audience, improves quality of the persuasion; good spread debate can be an incredible display of mental chess.

2. Spread debate will continue, the entire nation does it, we won't change that ; different lawyers argue differently in front of judges based on their philosophy; it's valuable to teach kids how to adapt.

Minick: Why did the debate committee decide not to recommend this motion?

Wolf: 1. It won't quicken tournament, delays don't come from judge philosophy;

2. Coaching students to adapt improves communication; judges will have a better time judging and will make better decisions. 3. DI is a prepared speech, can't be changed based on the judge; 4. Both teams hear the paradigm, how can it be unfair?

Meyers: This puts control in the hands of the judges; doesn't preclude fast debate; Actually the current system slows the debate down because 2 judges tell the teams they prefer slow debate.

Jardine: Not too much of a stretch between this and IEs; problem with consistency and fairness; no one should be able to ask; when I do judge debate, get annoyed when I get asked.

Landes: Transcends into the real world; people don't ask what we need to do to win.

*Fails: voce*

IX. Good of the Order

A. Shuster presented information on "The People Speak" initiative, sponsored by The UN Foundation. A school can organize several different types of presentations about topics set by the foundation, if the audience is between 50-99 people, the school gets \$250. If more than 100 people are present, the school gets \$500.

The catch: grant applications must be submitted by October 8.

B. DeGroff thanked all for their cooperation

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Submitted,

Chuck Ballingall  
Acting Secretary

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION

DRAMATIC/HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Added Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripts for all prepared individual events with appropriate cover sheets shall be sent to the League President by certified mail or hand-delivered at least ten days prior to any State Qualifying Tournament. The League President shall notify a coach of any rule violations. Any corrections necessary for a script to be legal for State Tournament competition must be delivered to the League President prior to the first round of the State Qualifying Tournament in order for a student to compete.

Scripts and cover sheets are due to the League President on \_\_\_\_\_.

COACH, STUDENT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR must sign below:

The Coach, parent or guardian, student, and school administrator have each read the materials contained in the attached speech.

The Coach and student signing below each state that to the best of each of their knowledge, this speech meets all requirements as outlined in the CHSSA Constitution and ByLaws and they each acknowledge that failure to adhere to the above shall result in disqualification of this entry, in CHSSA's sole and exclusive discretion, either before, during, or after completion of, the State Tournament, upon discovery of such failure to adhere to the requirements above. The undersigned agree that CHSSA may revoke, and reclaim, in its sole discretion, awards, honors, and/or scholarships bestowed upon the student signing below in the event of, and upon, such disqualification.

The parent and/or guardian signing below approves of the use of the materials contained in the attached speech by the student whose name appears above.

The school administrator approves the materials contained in the attached speech to represent \_\_\_\_\_ High School.

The Coach, student, parent or guardian, and school administrator signing below also each state that he/she understands that the attached speech will be presented to general audiences predominantly comprised of minors, potentially including pre-teens, and that any material in the attached speech, or any physical gestures or actions that might be used in delivery of the attached speech, which could be considered inappropriate for any member of such audiences could possibly result, whether rightfully or wrongfully, in legal action by an audience member and/or an audience member's parents. Each such signatory also understands that CHSSA is not in a position to monitor the propriety of any given speech, or of the manner of delivery of any given speech, for any given audience at the State Tournament and that CHSSA relies on the review, supervision, and judgment of Coaches, students, parents/guardians, and school administrators in this regard. In addition, each of the signatories below agree to defend and hold CHSSA harmless from any legal action that may be initiated as a consequence of the delivery of the attached speech at the State Tournament.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coach

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian\*

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Administrator

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If signed by only one parent or guardian, such parent or guardian represents that he/she if parent, is either a single parent or is authorized to give permission on behalf of both parents, or, if guardian, is the appointed guardian of the above-named student.

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