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CALIFORNIA STATE SPEECH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Point of Information: Just prior to the start of the CHSSA Council meeting, R. Prichard showed the DVD on expository speaking to the entire council. Comments were very positive and Rita and the Curriculum Committee were commended by several council members on a job well done. Rita and the Curriculum Committee plan to continue to produce additional DVDs on other speaking events. Please contact Rita for purchase of a DVD.

Meeting called to order by the President, DeGroff, at 9:50 a.m. Proxies were received for Karen Barry and Rod Landes.

Cummings stated that according to Robert's Rules, minutes from the May 2005 meeting should reflect that items were *postponed* not *tabled*.

Kamel noted that on page 12 of the minutes that there was a typo listing the number of sweepstakes at (1) instead of (10).

M/S (Wilford/McDonald) to approve minutes from May 2005 as corrected. Motion carried. Unanimous.

President's Report:

DeGroff expressed excitement for the upcoming year and hoped that everyone had a pleasant summer. He also reminded all council members that they are members of committees in addition to being representatives of their leagues. Their role on committees is vital to the success of the organization and reminded that committee members should not only attend their committees but be on time for the meetings.

The new date to submit names for the Hall of Fame is November 1, 2005. The basic criteria are that nominees have served a minimum of (15) years coaching in the state of CA.

DeGroff expressed concern that the CHSSA website could use revamping to bring it in line with other newer web sites. Interested web designers should submit their request to DeGroff by October 1.

Vice President of Activities:

Kamel stated that she is preparing for the 2006 State Tournament. C. Fernandes, R. Prichard and N. Weber are working closely with Kamel to make this an exciting event.

(The I.E. Committee report was presented by Kamel)

Vice President of Curriculum:

Prichard thanked all of the members of the Curriculum Committee for their efforts in producing the Coaches Handbook, Speaking across the Curriculum and the new DVD on Expository Speaking.

The Coaches Handbook is available at \$10 per book. Purchases should be directed to Prichard. It will sell for more if you go through the publishing company. Prichard is currently working on a distribution list for the DVD. Prior to December 1, it will be provided without additional charge to all schools paying assessments on time but after December 1, you are directed to purchase the DVD via the web site @ \$10 a DVD.

Prichard requested approval for an additional \$1,500 to continue with the DVD series for original advocacy.

M/S (Fernandes/Chertock) to approve \$1,500 for the continuation of the DVD series for original advocacy.

A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Prichard requested an additional travel day and hotel day in order that the Curriculum Committee may meet in January to continue work on the original advocacy DVD.

M/S (Wilford/Wolf) to approve one additional travel day and one additional hotel day for the Curriculum Committee to meet and work on creation of an original advocacy DVD.

A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Prichard requested \$1,450 for the cost of attendance at the February 2006 CATE (CA Association of Teachers of English) and \$300 to cover the cost of the booth at the conference. This will assist in the marketing of all curriculum materials.

M/S (Fernandes/Darling) to approve \$1,450 for the cost of attendance at the February 2006 CATE conference and \$300 to cover the cost of the booth at this conference.

A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Unanimous.

An additional \$1,000 is needed for the distribution of the expository DVD.

M/S (Stockton/Chertock) to approve \$1,000 for the distribution of the expository DVD.

A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Prichard thanked council members for their support and advised that the most cost effective methods would be used.

Vice President of Public Relations & Meeting Planner:

Fernandes reminded council members to adhere to hotel reservation deadlines to avoid an increase in hotel fees.

The next scheduled meeting will take place in San Diego at the Hyatt Islandia January 5 – January 7, 2006. Hotel conference rooms are free.

2006 State Tournament hotels are relatively close to the school. The following hotels have confirmed hotel rates for the 2006 State Tournament:

Hilton Garden 50 rooms	\$87
Courtyard Roseville	\$87
Courtyard Rockland	\$87
Fairfield	\$80
Howard Johnson	\$81.50

Rooms must be held with a major credit card. There are (50) rooms at each hotel. Dinner will be at the country club at approximately \$20 per person. Dinner will include a dance as well.

The May 2006 spring council meeting will be at the LAX Radisson Hotel, May 11 – 13, @ \$87 per room.

The fall 2006 meeting will be at the LAX Radisson Hotel, September 13 – 16, 2006.

Historian:

Cummings applauded Prichard and the Curriculum Committee on the excellent expository DVD.

Cummings suggested that hard copies of all original event speeches be made available to all leagues. Only those speeches with student signatures on the cover sheets would be included. Council expressed general support for the idea.

Cummings also reported on the NFL survey of debate events. Specific results will be available in the Fall CA Speech Bulletin. He also encouraged members to read the spotlight on Mary Ritter.

Cummings recapped for council members highlights of the minutes of previous CSSC meetings (from 40, 30 and 20 years ago). Cummings would like to locate a copy of the minutes from January 1986, May 1986, September 1995, January 1996 and May 1996. If you have a copy, please send directly to Cummings.

He reminded the council that (40) years ago the beginning balance of the organization was \$265!

Treasurer's Report:

CHSSA financial report was distributed by Treasurer, Barenbaum. He noted that there was a slight increase in miscellaneous income as well as miscellaneous expenditures.

Editor's Report:

Editor Meredith stated that there would be a fall bulletin available through regular mail, with the possibility of an email edition in the future. Meredith stated that she would post information on the Montgomery Scholarship in the Bulletin. Donations should be sent to Treasurer Barenbaum.

Editor Meredith requested that all coaches consider contributing articles to the Bulletin. These could include book reviews, class room activities, etc. Photos are welcome.

Area One Chair Report:

Area Chair Keller-Firestone announced that a site is being sought for the 2008 State Tournament. Keller-Firestone asked for suggestions from the council for the 2008 State Tournament site. Diablo Valley College and Santa Clara University were given.

Area Two Chair Report:

Area Chair Darling introduced new League President for Sacramento Valley, June Read.

Darling thanked Rita Prichard for her hard work on the 2006 State Tournament.

Read stated that the cafeteria at Sierra College (site of the 2006 State Tournament) will be open on Friday until 8 pm, Saturday 7 am – 8 pm, and Sunday 10 am – 2pm. The bookstore will also be open Friday through Sunday.

Read described student interest in creating a DVD collage of candid shots across the board from the 2006 State Tournament. Read anticipated that an uncut version of the DVD could be shown at the awards ceremony. Kamel requested that the DVD information be sent to her over the holiday break to be included in the tournament handbook.

Area Three Chair:

Area III Chair, Novak, introduced Jennifer Kindred, new Marmonte League President.

Novak stated that a league boundary issue would be coming up at today's meeting.

Area Four Chair:

Dr. Macdonald, Area IV Chair, introduced the new San Diego Imperial Valley President, Greg Osborn.

A site for the 2007 State Tournament has been acquired at Chapman College and the 2011 State Tournament will be held at Cypress College.

Orange County League President, Molly Chertock stated that hotel locations for the 2007 State Tournament should be reasonably close and would have more information for council members at the spring meeting. Disneyland may be an option for 2007. Chertock stated that food service would be brought to campus.

Congress Committee:

Chair Stockton distributed 2005 – 2006 Congress topics and asked League Presidents to check the constitution for writing bills and resolutions specific to your area. The deadline for submission of resolutions and bills is December 1, 2005.

Stockton also previewed a bylaw proposal that gives the Congress Committee the power to modify, adjust and write bills and resolutions for the State Tournament. Stockton explained that this is something that the Congress Committee has been doing all along. Discussion on this item will take place under new business.

Debate Committee Report:

Chair Ballingall distributed 2005/06 synopsis of the problem areas for the 2006/07 Policy Debate topic. He reminded leagues to be sure to sign their ballots and send them by the October 18 deadline.

Ballingall recapped Federation Debate activities of the past summer and described upcoming events in San Diego. Macdonald suggested that school fees be used to assist defray costs of attendance at Federation Conferences. Ballingall will report again in January 2006.

Ballingall also updated Council on People Speak program and deadlines. He reported that the Debate Committee is continuing to seek ways of clarifying debate ballots regarding speaker points.

Individual Event Committee:

Chair Kamel reported that all relative issues were discussed at the Executive Council meeting.

Ad Hoc Legal Council Report:

Kamel reported that the search is on going.

Bylaw Report:

Chertock stated that she is currently working on this.

Old Business:

M/S (Macdonald/Keller-Firestone) to limit discussion on all Old Business to ten minutes per agenda item.

A brief discussion ensued regarding time limitations.

M/S (Chertock/Macdonald) to call the question. Motion carried.

M/S (Barenbaum/Chertock) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-C, delete from Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph B6, Page 2.

Specific Revision:

Strike out:

“Speakers shall remain outside the contest room until the time for each to draw. After speaking.” Capitalize the succeeding “t.”

Barenbaum discussed advantages of first speakers and equity issues. Question called. A hand vote taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-C.

(24) Aye. (1) Nay. (1) Abstention (Macdonald).). Motion carried.

M/S (Johnson/Barenbaum) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-D to delete from Article II, Section I, Page 1 and add Article II, Section I, Page 1:

Specific Revision:

Delete the following language from Section 1 effective for elections in 2006 on:
They may be elected for more than one term but must declare for candidacy at the winter meeting of the CSSC prior to the spring meeting when elections are conducted. Only those people who declare may be elected at the spring meeting.

Replace with the following:

They may be elected for more than one term and must declare for candidacy by no later than the time the election will be held.

Johnson explained rationale of motion which would allow more time for people to run for state office.

Chertock called the question. A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-D.

(17) Aye. (7) Nay. (2) Abstentions. Motion carried.

M/S (Johnson/Barenbaum) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-E to delete Article VII, Section 4, paragraph C, page 4.

Specific Revision:

Delete the referenced paragraph.

Johnson explained that this Bylaw Revision would bring the Bylaws in to compliance with practices approved at a previous Council meeting. The requirement to have (5) schools participate in every event in order to qualify in that event was dropped because it discouraged new programs and might lead to leagues disappearing.

Brief discussion ensued. Suggestion given to remand to committee.

M/S (Macdonald/Stockton) to remand to committee of Area Chairs.

A voice vote was taken to remand to committee of Area Chairs. Motion carried.
 Unanimous.

M/S (Chertock/Macdonald) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-F by deleting Article VII, Section H, paragraph 3, page 5:

Specific Revision:

This rule does not apply to debate with the exception that a student may not qualify for the State Tournament in both policy and LD Debate. A student may compete in one individual and one type of debate event at the State Tournament.

Replace with:

No student may participate in any more than one event at the State Tournament.

Cummings stated that the present system does favor debaters in the accumulation of sweepstakes points.

Wolf expressed concern that Council should not be the ruling body to determine if students should be limited to entering one or more events at the State Tournament

Obsborn voiced equity concerns.

M/S (Kamel/Wolf) to extend discussion on this agenda time an additional (1) minute.

A hand vote was taken. (13) Aye. (13) Nay. (1) Abstention (Read). Motion failed.

The question was called. A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-F. (9) Aye. (17) Nay. (1) Abstention (Kindred). Motion failed.

M/S (Chertock/MacDonald) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-G, Article VII, Section H, paragraph 3, page 5:

Specific Revision:

Delete:

No student may participate in more than one individual event at the State Tournament. Should an individual qualify in more than one event...

Change to:

No student may participate in any more than one individual event per pattern (2 individual events total) at the State Tournament. Should an individual qualify in any more than two events, one per pattern...

Chertock stated that any student should be allowed to participate in any two individual events. The tournament schedule could accommodate this through the patterns already established.

Read explained that this item was discussed in length at the committee level and the committee consensus was that if a student could not enter two debate events then they should not be allowed to enter two individual events.

Osborn felt this would offer more opportunities to students.

M/S (Wilford/Frazier) to call the question. A hand vote was taken. (18) Aye. (4) Nay. (2) Abstentions (Chertock/Darling). Motion carried.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-G.

(3) Aye. (19) Nay. (1) Abstention. Motion failed.

M/S (Ballingall/Wolf) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-W to change Article XI, Section 1 & 5, page 1& 8 to:

Specific Revision:

Bold = to add wording; Strike Over = to delete wording.

Section 1. Resolutions.

*E. Responsibility: Each team or individual in Policy Debate, Parliamentary Debate, **Public Forum Debate** and Lincoln-Douglas Debate shall be prepared to uphold both sides of the debate resolution.*

Section 5. Public Forum Debate.

A. Length and order of speeches. 1st Affirmative Speaker = 4 minutes.

1st Negative Speaker ~~other team~~ = 4 minutes

Crossfire between First Speakers = 3 minutes

2nd Affirmative Speaker = 4 minutes

2nd Negative Speaker ~~other team~~ = 4 minutes

Crossfire between Second Speakers = 3 minutes

Summary (First Affirmative Speaker) = 2 minutes

Grand Crossfire (All speakers) = 3 minutes

Final Focus (Second Affirmative Speaker) = 1 minutes

Final Focus (Second Negative Speaker ~~other team~~) = 1 minute

Ballingall explained that this would eliminate the coin toss which takes places at the beginning of each round. Having teams change sides often became problematic for judges filling out their ballots. It also meant that some teams might go only affirmative or only negative for an entire tournament.

Wolf reported that his league had discussed the issue and believed that the coin toss helped to equal out other speaker issues.

Kamel and Johnson stated that the current system lends to complications and added mistakes with the coin toss.

M/S (Chertock/Frasier) to call the question. Motion carried by consensus of Council.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-W.

(22) Aye. (2) Nay. (1) Abstention (Minick). Motion carried.

M/S (Ballingall/Wolf) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-X to add Article XI, Section 2, paragraph 3, page 4; Article XI, Section 3, paragraph E, page 6 and Article XI, Section 5, paragraph F, page 10:

Specific Revision:

Competitors in Policy Debate, Lincoln Douglas, and Public Forum may use laptops during the round. Any use of the laptops to communicate with anyone outside the round for the purpose of securing arguments or evidence is unethical and prohibited.

Audience members may not use laptops or other digital devices to take notes during the debate.

M/S (Johnson/Barenbaum) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-BB to add Article XI, Section 2, paragraph J, page 4 and also add Article XI, Section 3, paragraph E, page and Article XI, Section 5, paragraph F, page 10.

Specific Revision:

Prohibition of computer use.

Debaters shall not utilize computers for any reason during the debate round.

Point of Information: As both of the previous motions X & BB dealt with the use of computers in debate rounds, it was the consensus of the Council to discuss and vote on these items as one agenda item.

Frazier stated that it was important to encourage student use of computers in order to remain current in educational practices. He also expressed concern for ADA compliancy. Control of importing/downloading information was of concern Frazier.

Barenbaum stated that violations would be difficult to detect and confirm.

Johnson stated that if computers were to be allowed in the rooms they would need to be checked at the start of each round.

M/S (Wolf/Minnick) to extend (3) minutes for additional discussion. Motion failed.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-BB.

(18) Aye. (8) Nay. Motion carried.

Ballingall withdrew Bylaw Revision 05/05-X from consideration.

M/S (Johnson/Barenbaum) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05/-AA by addition of Article XI, Section 2, paragraph D & E, page 2 and Article XI, Section 4, paragraph E, page 7.

Specific Revision:

In section 2: paragraphs D & E:

In place of "should be discouraged" insert the words "is prohibited."

In Section 4, paragraph E:

In place of “should be discouraged” insert the words “is prohibited.”

Johnson argued that this rule would make debate more like real life experiences such as the courtroom.

Kamel expressed that use of the word “prohibited” without a penalty opens up gray areas. Frazier concurred and pointed out that the issue would still be in the hands of the judges to interpret.

Wolf stated that it was the coaches’ responsibility to explain to students as to why oral prompting in debate is an effective tool.

Ballingall pointed out that the penalty automatic forfeit could be much too harsh for a team that allows a word to slip at the wrong moment.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-A.

(7) Aye. (19) Nay. Motion failed.

M/S (Johnson/Hayden) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-CC by addition of Article XI, Section 4, paragraph G(s), page 8.

Specific Revision:

Add words “except rebuttal speeches” at end of sentence.

Johnson reported that his league was generally in favor of this item. Ballingall stated that the Debate Committee was opposed to this item. Scharns expressed that more points of information in parli would be helpful rather than fewer. Wolf stated that he felt that the current system was adequate and that his league was against the change.

Johnson called the question.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-CC.

(2) Aye. (20) Nay. (3) Abstentions (Darling, Barenbaum, Keller-Firestone) Motion failed.

M/S (Willford/Kamel) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-EE by deletion of Article X, Section 1, paragraph A, Line D & E, page 1.

Specific Revision:

Revise Wording to: Contestants with the same selection in OI, DI, HI & Duo.

Additional Revision: Drop Consideration D to 5th Consideration and move Consideration E to 4th.

Brief discussion ensued. Willford explained that the use of topics in OO and OA was often vague and poorly maintained.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-EE.
(16) Aye. (6) Nay. Motion carried.

Point of Information: Bylaw Revision 05/05-GG was withdrawn because it was a duplication of Bylaw Revision 05/05-HH.

M/S (Wolf/Hayden) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-HH by addition of new wording.

Specific Revision:

A decided motion may not be reintroduced for at least one calendar year; nor may a motion that is similar in intent be brought before the CSSC within one calendar year. This decision will be at the discretion of the President.

Wolf stated that the organization too often passes revisions hastily and then changes them again at the next meeting. This revision would allow the governing body to make choices and live with those changes for a calendar year.

Johnson argued that this revision would create artificial limits to debate and that is not what CHSSA should be about. The organization does make mistakes from time to time and should be allowed to correct those mistakes no matter when they are discovered.

M/S (Willford/Chertock) to call the question.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-HH.

(2) Aye. (20) Nay. (1) Abstention (Barenbaum). Motion failed.

M/(Kamel) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-LL by addition of new wording.

Kamel stated that this had been revised and would be introduced under New Business.
Motion withdrawn.

M/S (Kamel/Novak) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-MM with deletion of wording under Article XIV, Section 8, paragraph E4 and addition of new wording.

Specific Revision:

*Article XIV, Section 8C, add “not” before “including the chair.”
Add “however, every reasonable effort shall be made to have all four Area Chairs present before protest is heard,” to the end of the paragraph.
Part II, strike Section 8E4: “In the absence of a quorum to appeal.”*

Part III, 8E9, should begin: “The decision and rationale of the committee shall be a.) presented in writing to the affected parties, b.) added to appendix and remainder of paragraph to stay the same.”

Kamel stated that this revision would bring transparency to Council activities and also promote a better understanding of how changes in the Bylaws occur.

Chertock called the question.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/05-MM.

(14) Aye. (6) Nay. (7) abstentions. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item I: Discussion of Flintridge LaCanada Sacred Heart Academy’s request to have the CSSC exercise its judicial powers in determining the boundaries between the SCDL and the TVFL.

M/S (Willford/Graber) to remove the time limitation for this specific agenda item. A voice vote was taken. By unanimous consent, motion failed.

Time limit to remain in effect at ten minutes per agenda item.

DeGroff introduced two CHSSA guests, Tom Curtis and Robert Brown, parents of students from Flintridge LaCanada Sacred Heart Academy.

Mr. Curtis explained how FLSA was a new program and struggling to attract new students. By allowing FLSA to compete in the TVFL, greater interest amongst students could be generated.

M/S (Willford/Fernandes) to extend time limitation an additional two minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Brown described the excitement of FLSA students at the possibility of competing in the TVFL.

M/S (Kamel/Graber) to extend time limitation an additional five minutes. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst Council members and Brown and Curtis.

A hand vote was taken to create a committee of League Presidents from northern CA to review the boundaries in southern CA that are under dispute.

(17) Aye. (7) Nay. (1) Abstention. Motion carried.

An additional discussion followed on whether to allow FLSA to compete in the league of their choice for the 2005/06 school year until boundary issue permanently resolved.

A hand vote was taken. (6) Aye. (12) Nay. (7) Abstentions. Motion failed.

President Graber of the TVFL stated that the vote to allow FLSA in to TVFL had not been taken according to League Bylaws. She requested ten days to conduct this vote and would forward the results of President DeGroff.

Brown and Curtis were advised to prepare their protest if the results of the vote were not acceptable. This protest should be sent directly to President DeGroff.

M/S (Barenbaum/Keller-Firestone) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-A of addition to Article V, Section 3, paragraph C3, page 2.

Specific Revision:

Add “along Interstate 5 to the western city limit of Glendale, north along the western city limit of Glendale” between “north” and “to the northern city limit of Glendale.”

M/ (Wolf) to remand to ad hoc committee of northern league presidents.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

M/S (Kamel/Novak) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-B by addition of wording to Bylaw Article II, Section 7, paragraph F, page 9 and additional wording to Article III, Section 1, paragraph Q, page 2.

Specific Revision:

F. The Treasurer shall on the first of each month forward to the president an updated list of schools who have paid CHSSA dues for that school year, and the amounts which each school has paid.

Q. The president shall by the fifth of each month forward to all Area Chairs, League Presidents and the webmaster (for posting) an updated list of schools who have paid CHSSA dues for that school year and the amounts each school has paid.

Kamel points out that this will bring transparency to CHSSA activities. Kamel stated that this would allow schools to verify their information. Those schools that might choose not to review this information may exercise that right as well.

Barenbaum stated that this information is already available from Area Chairs and that the Bylaw Revision is unnecessary

Kamel emphasized that the more people who have opportunity to review the list of paid schools the more accurate the information will be.

Cummings stated that F & Q are two separate agenda items and that possibly a separate vote should be conducted for each item.

A voice vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-B **paragraph F**.
Motion carried.

Johnson requested clarification stated for Bylaw Revision, paragraph Q.

Clarification stated as “The President by the fifth of each month shall forward to all Area Chairs and League Presidents an updated list of schools who have paid CHSSA dues for that year and the amounts each school has paid. A list of paid schools will be sent to the webmaster for posting.”

M/S (Johnson/Macdonald) to call the question. A hand vote was taken. (19) Aye. (4) Motion carried.

A voice vote was taken on **paragraph Q** of 05/09-B as amended.

(18) Aye. (5) Nay. Motion carried.

Point of Information: Prior to meeting, Bylaw Revision 05/09-C was withdrawn from the agenda.

M/S (Cummings/Stockton) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-D, Article I, Section 2, paragraph D, page 3.

Specific Revision:

*A motion to substitute fifty for the thirty-five so that the sentence reads:
Travel by private auto shall be compensated at the rate of fifty cents per mile.*

Cummings pointed out the increased cost of fuel. Macdonald asked Treasurer Barenbaum if the current budget could absorb the mileage increase allowance.

M/(Willford) to call the question.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-D.

(21) Aye. (1) Nay. (1) Abstention. Motion carried.

M/S (Stockton/Chertock) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-E with addition of wording to Article XIII, Section 4, paragraph D, page 2.

Specific Revision:

The Congress Committee will write/design all legislation for the State Tournament or select from any bills submitted to them with right to modify or revise submitted material.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-E.

(23) Aye. (0) Nay. Motion carried.

M/S (Kamel/Minnick) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-F by addition of wording to Article IX, Section 1, paragraph A2, page 1.

Specific Revision:

Add a new number 2 and renumber.

2. *Eleven topics will be written for each round of each extemporaneous speaking event. The topics for each round will be in a distinct topic area not to be used in any other round for the duration of the tournament. The topic areas by round will be determined by the individual events committee and announced at the January meeting.*

Kamel reported that this item was recommended by the IE Committee. The process would involve selecting general topic areas at the January meeting to be announced statewide. This could be accomplished by posting to the web site.

M/S (Meredith/Willford) to call the question. Motion carried.

A voice vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-F.

By unanimous consent, motion carried.

Motion to approve Bylaw 05/09-G was withdrawn by Kamel.

M/S (Kamel/Minick) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-H by deletion of wording to Article VII, Section 3, paragraph 3, page 2 and Article VII, Section 3B, paragraph 4, page 3.

M/S (Johnson/Chertock) to postpone this item until January 2006 meeting.

Point of Clarification: Wolf stated that this item should be reviewed again and resubmitted in typed form.

A voice vote was taken.

By unanimous consent of Council, Bylaw Change 05/09-H will be postponed to the January 2006 meeting.

M/S (Johnson/Barenbaum) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-I by deletion of wording to Article IX, Section 3, paragraph D1(e) and Article IX, section 3, paragraph D2c. This Bylaw Revision also includes addition to wording of Article IX, Section 3, paragraph D1(e) and Article IX, Section 3, paragraph D2(2).

Specific Revision:

Noted Paragraphs:

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph D1(e):

No selection shall be the contestant's own work; the contestant shall suggest the thoughts, emotions, the ideas and the purposes of the author. The intact manuscript may be used by the contestant as a prop so long as it remains in the contestant's hands at all times. Other than the manuscript, no costumes or props (the use of something extraneous to the body) shall be permitted in thematic interpretation. Although gestures or pantomime may be used, they should be used with restraint.

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph D2c:

Performance: The contestant's manuscript may only contain text from the selection and introductory materials and shall contain nothing else, including, but not limited to, any materials that would be intended for use as a visual aid. 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. The contestant may interpret the selection by referencing the manuscript or may give the selection solely by memory without reference to the manuscript, but in either event must hold the manuscript in his/her hands at all times.

IE Committee discussed Bylaw Revision 05/09-I at length and believed that it made the wording too complicated and most of it was already contained in the Bylaws.

Graber stated that her league would probably find the revision helpful in clarifying manuscript issues.

It was stated that perhaps better judge training might help prevent misunderstandings of manuscript use.

A hand vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-I.

(18) Aye. (1) Nay. (2) Abstentions. Motion carried.

M/S (Johnson/Kamel) to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-J with deletion of wording to Article IX, Section 1, paragraph A5 and Article IX, Section 1, paragraph B5. The Bylaw Revision also includes addition of wording to Article IX, Section 1, paragraph A5 and Article IX, Section 1, paragraph B5.

Specific Revision:

New Paragraphs:

Article IX, Section I, Paragraph A5.

5. Time: Contestants shall not speak more than seven minutes. There is no minimum time. Each contestant shall be given time signals at least for the final two minutes, one minute, and half minute of the contestant's speech. If these minimal time signals are not provided then the contestant may not be penalized for going over the time limit. If these minimal time signals have been provided and the contestant exceeds the time limit by more than 15 seconds then he/she shall be penalized by a lowering of one rank.

Article IX, Section I, Paragraph B5.

5. Time: Contestants shall not speak more than five minutes. There is no minimum time. Each contestant shall be given time signals at least for the final two minutes, one minute, and half minute of the contestant's speech. If these minimal time signals are not provided then the contestant may not be penalized for going over the time limit. If these minimal time signals have been provided and the contestant exceeds the time limit by more than 15 seconds then he/she shall be penalized by a lowering of one rank.

Willford called the question. A voice vote was taken to approve Bylaw Revision 05/09-J.

By unanimous consent, motion carried.

Adjournment:

A voice vote was taken to adjourn meeting. By consensus, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Bob DeGross,
PRESIDENT

Date

