

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:20 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Absent: Area IV Representative-At-Large

Proxies: Gay Brasher for Chris Wolf (CFL)

Guests: Steve Clemmons, Santa Clara University

III. Minutes from May 2007 meeting were circulated

Correction: Doug Lasken should've been listed as being the Area 3 Curriculum Representative, not the OCSL President.

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

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

President Prefontaine welcomed new members to the council: Krista DeBoer, Sal Tinajero, Mikendra McCoy, and Marcus Walton, new editor.

Thanks to all the members of the 50th anniversary committee for their incredibly hard work and dedication.

Vice President of Activities Kamel

Everyone at Santa Clara U. is excited about the 2008 State Tournament. Santa

Ron Underwood has done incredible work on the 50th anniversary book. We still have a number of items of information we need to find to make the book complete.

(Note: a list of information being sought is appended to these minutes; see Appendix A)

A further list of missing information will be appended to these minutes.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Introduced new members of the committee, Gregg Osborn from Area 4 and Mikendra McCoy from Area 2.

Congress DVD is being produced, and is almost completed. The DVD will be mailed out after dues are paid.

Our most sophisticated video in terms of # of cameras and mics as well as production technique (shot 20 hours of video).

Please make sure league members pay dues on time so they can receive the DVD in a timely manner.

Now working on the Thematic Interp video; will be working on it all year, culminating in filming at the State Tournament.

At this point, Shirley Keller-Firestone was asked to speak about the State Tournament site

Letter from the Dean confirming the reservation of the campus; facilities include gym, Student Union, 75 classrooms, large tab rooms, registration to be held on campus, and judges from the university.

Steve Clemmons (representing Santa Clara): we are thrilled to be hosting; we are not holding our Spring invitational because of the tournament, but are using the Fall tournament as a testing ground for procedures used at this year's State tournament.

Vice President of Public Relations Fernandes

Upcoming meeting schedule:

Jan. 3-5: Hyatt Islandia (\$149) No reservation cards; Call 619-224-1234

Deadline Dec. 14; Group code is CHSSA

chsshyaattregencymissionbay.com

Apr. 17-21: State: 50th Anniversary Tournament

Hotels: Holiday Inn Intercontinental and Wyndham (light rail goes between the 2 properties) \$79 a night

Dinner dance is at the Holiday Inn

May 8-10: Still working on the hotel; will look into Burbank and Ontario

Treasurer Barembaum

Presented itemized report listing current inflows and outflows; we are financially sound.

Report does not include some donations; a later report will reflect these.

Recognized Brian Stephan of Bellamine, who received scholarships for winning 5 events in 3 years.

Assessment forms are online; the online form is current and is the one that should be used.

All dues checks must have the school name on the check.

Late dues checks sent to the wrong address will be charged a late fee.

Secretary Ballingall

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

Editor Walton

Looking forward to working with everyone.

Will be looking for input as well as for content to publish.

Historian Cummings

Continuing a series of biographies on coaches elected to both the CHSSA and NFL Halls of Fame; report on Gay Brasher (which Donovan asked be presented by Gay Brasher).

Donovan announced that this will be his last Council meeting, due to the health problems he is experiencing, although he will fulfill his duties as Historian for the remainder of the year.

Remarks by Cummings: has been to every tournament since 1960, been on the Council since 1963; progress of events has been exciting, and each has added something for students. 2 most troubling trends: (1) Absolutely marvelous coaches who haven't written articles for the Bulletin. (2) Curriculum: not enough interest in it and the work of the Committee by the members of the Council. Donovan commented on his concern that the Curriculum Committee was limiting itself to competition and that while the DVDs are marvelous, he hopes the group will return to speech across the curriculum. In all he has enjoyed working with everyone and thanks to all.

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Understandably, no progress on the 2011 Tournament.
Introduced new members Krista de Boer and Sal Tinajero.

Area 3 Chair Novak

Searching for 2009 site; trying to find a site in one of the two leagues that hasn't hosted lately.

Area 2 Chair Darling

Introduced Mikendra McCoy and Mark Hamilton.
Searching for 2010 site.

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

In addition to Santa Clara facilities, have a parent (from Bellarmine) who will coordinate parent judges, another to coordinate food, goodie bags.
In new business, will ask for money to pay for a "really special awards assembly."

VI. Committee Reports

Individual Events Committee (Kamel)

In new business, will have 5 By-laws revisions.
Allocations were done last night by the Area Chairs; leagues need to meet with Area Chairs to allocate qualifiers by league. Please give final copies to President, VP Activities, Secretary.
Bonuses will be available today.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Report on NFHS Debate Topic Committee meeting, hosted in San Diego, California, in August. The meeting went well, people seemed to appreciate the great weather as well as the hospitality sponsored by CHSSA (dinner on the first night). Financial report presented to Neil; including all reimbursements and donations, the total spent for the sponsored dinner as well as attendance by President Prefontaine and Chris Wolf was just under the budgeted \$2000.

Debate topic ballots were handed out to all council members; to be returned by each league president by October 12. (They will be appended to the Minutes; see Appendix B)

Discussion of LD topic rotation, and interpretation of the By-laws. Leagues may use any L-D topic they want

Debate evidence from the summer institutes online at <http://ndca.debateteams.net>

Congress Committee (Matley)

Bills and resolutions will be chosen in January based on those brought to that meeting. The topic area list and assignments for each league were distributed (Appended to the Minutes; see Appendix C).

Thanks to Committee members for their hard work.

Will have housecleaning amendments in new business.

Want leagues to consider a change in ranking Congress contestants, to move to a system similar to individual events. The change would be to use ranks for each prelim round, and then to count each ballot in semis and finals.

Also would like leagues to consider ranking down to 10th place in each round as opposed to ranking down to 12th. Please bring comments on both of these changes back to the January meeting.

Will also ask for \$500 in New Business for a person to computerize tabulation of Congress.

Ad Hoc Sweeps (Novak)

No formal meeting; discussion at breakfast; no recommendations.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

At this point, the Congress DVD was previewed.

President Prefontaine declared the meeting in recess at 11:36 a.m. to resume at 1 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:06 p.m.

VII. Invited guest speakers

Bob Zeidman, Anti-Defamation League

(Mr. Zeidman's prepared statement is appended to these Minutes; please see Appendix D)

Jewish people have long history of debate and oratory.

Passover is one of the holiest Jewish holidays.

Hope that scheduling is an oversight; don't understand reluctance of CHSSA to discuss changing the date. Several groups have attempted to contact CHSSA officers and have been unsuccessful.

Ask that CHSSA meet its own Mission Statement, and accommodate Jewish student competitors by simply changing the date of the 2008 State Tournament.

Jackie Berman, San Francisco Jewish Community Resource Council (and representing several other organizations). (Ms. Berman's prepared statement is appended to these Minutes; please see Appendix E)

Not unfamiliar with the problem of date conflicts; in fact our organization disseminates a calendar of Jewish holidays to schools and superintendents. We do ask that students not be penalized because of a conflict with a Jewish holiday.

We believe that you did not intend to schedule the tournament in conflict with Pssover, and believe that you understand the importance of the Holiday. However, efforts to contact CHSSA in June failed. We are willing to assist in finding a new date and site, review contracts, and explore the feasibility of an alternate site. Doug Lasken will propose a motion to allow 2 weeks for finding a new site; although we wonder why it should be limited to that amount of time.

Mr. Cummings expressed his appreciation to the speakers for coming to speak to us, so that we may hear their perspective.

VII. Old Business

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

Article VII , section 5 , paragraph A, page # 10-11 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

Insert new Paragraph A: ***The Vice President of Activities will by the preceding January meeting designate the due date for all State Tournament registration information to be delivered to the Area Chairperson or the Vice President of Activities. Such date shall be approximately four weeks before the start of the State Championships.***

Change current "A" to "B" and amend thusly:

B. The president of each League shall forward to the appropriate Area Chairperson by certified mail postmarked not later than ~~April 4~~ ***the designated due date***:

Change current "B" to "C" and amend thusly:

C. The coach of each contestant qualified for the State Tournament shall send notification of participation to the Area Chairperson ***with delivery confirmation by April 4 the designated due date....***Entry fees for contestants dropped from the State Tournament after ~~April 20~~ ***less than two weeks before the State Tournament*** will not be refunded.

Change current "C" to "D" and amend thusly:

D. Failure to send notification of entry on or before ~~April 4~~ ***the designated due date....***In addition, failure to send notification of entry as required on or before ~~April 4~~ ***the designated due date*** shall result in disqualification of entrant(s). ...

Renumber subsequent paragraphs.

Pinza: Old dates reflect the old State Tournament dates. April 1 is obsolete because the tournament now occurs at early as mid-April. The new provisions preserve the spirit of the By-laws by requiring a month in advance for script submissions.

Graber: This can't go into effect in 2008, since leagues have set their calendars. Some leagues won't have their qualifiers less than four weeks in advanced.

Matley: Would a firm due date be better?

Johnson: Moving target date difficult; we've made it work in the past. More pressure on league presidents. Wouldn't want to see a student disqualified because of a late submission.

Kamel: April 1 is infeasible as a due date with an April 17 tournament.
Darling: Should it read that the VP Activities will declare due dates in the previous 2007? Kamel: Yes (a friendly amendment was proposed and accepted).

Graber: Problems with calendars already set. Pinza: Date is still somewhat flexible.
Brasher: People doing this work need more time, we must give them the time to get the work done.
Hamilton: Can send scripts from semifinals on.
Minick: We thought the floating date would be helpful to people.

Move to table until after the State Tournament date is resolved. (Johnson/Graber)
Fails

Barembaum: Recommend that for this year scripts will be turned in as soon as possible; that the deadline be more flexible.

Ballingall: Friendly amendment to change the announcement of the deadlines to the preceding January meeting. Kamel: accepted.

Kamel: When are the last qualifiers involving scripts? (A few presidents indicated that they were holding tournaments March 16, no one mentioned a later date.)
Kamel: Would a March 20 deadline be feasible?

Passes, 25-1-3

Entries and scripts will be due March 18.

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 speaks in a room in which s/he is not scheduled, that contestant's scores shall not count, and other scores shall be adjusted as if the 'extra' contestant never spoke in that round. That contestant shall be ranked last in the room in which he was originally scheduled to speak.

4. If a contestant does not speak in the room in which he is scheduled,
a. The tab room shall immediately attempt to contact the coach of the absent contestant.
b. If it is discovered that the student spoke in the wrong room due to the error of a tournament official the Tournament Director or his/her designee in consultation with the appropriate tab room pit boss has the authority to order additional adjustments to scores as warranted.

Passes, unanimously

VIII. New Business

M/Lasken, S/Johnson to conduct a two week feasibility study on changing the date of the 2008 State Tournament.

M/Keller-Firestone to object to the consideration of the question, because Area 1 has followed proper procedure in setting the date of the State Tournament.

Fails, with 4 affirmative votes.

Lasken (continued): the following conditions must be met within two weeks.

1. That the hotel contracts can be voided without cost to CHSSA
2. That a suitable site can be found, which conforms with the CHSSA guidelines.
3. That a hotel room block will be found, and rates will be comparable with the current hotel arrangements.
4. The arrangement will be presented to the Executive Council for their approval by October 5.

Tinajero: will this be done within Area 1? Lasken: yes

Pinza: who would vote on the change? Lasken: The Executive Council.

Keller-Firestone: had a very difficult time finding a location in Area 1 originally; not many schools big enough and willing to host the tournament. If we change the date to the last weekend of April, it will conflict with Eastern Orthodox Easter, and the Sunday of the tournament would be on Easter Sunday.

Read: Took many meetings to get Sierra College to understand the requirements.

Tinajero: Requires many meetings to get the tournament set up, particularly finding judges. Have already heard from the representatives of Santa Clara who are enthusiastic and ready to run the tournament; if we change now we lose credibility with them.

Hamilton: What message will we be sending to the hotels and to the school by breaking our agreements now?

Underwood: Why the Executive Council and not the entire Council? Kamel: More feasible to contact everyone. Underwood: Should be the entire group including the league presidents.

Graber: Was the last weekend available at Santa Clara? Keller-Firestone: Absolutely not.

Johnson: We must address this in an appropriate manner. If this is this a no harm opportunity, we should accept it, or if it's impossible, now is the time to determine that.

Cummings: Most of the arguments have assumed the result of the feasibility study ahead of time. For me the issue is do we want to set this precedent? Will we allow other organizations to ask us to conduct feasibility studies based on other conflicts?

Walton: Isn't the second weekend also part of Passover? Lasken: The first two nights are the most important, the ones the Jewish community is used to celebrating Passover.

Barembaum: Yes, the first two nights are the ones of concern; however, my family has held its Seder celebration on a night not within Passover, and others could do the same.

Brasher: We feel badly about this, but the uncertainty about the date gives people problems.

Ballingall: Do we avoid misunderstanding or continue it because we know the more specific requirements of the State Tournament, and a site that seems feasible to others might well have problems that only we understand.

Matley: GGSA looked at 5 different sites, and none were feasible.

Abad: I believe that our officers have made a good faith effort to examine alternatives; can't lose sight of the human time already spent on setting up the tournament. There will certainly be financial losses from getting out of the hotel contract. How would we get out of the hotel contract? Barembaum: According to the hotel contracts, at this point we would owe \$17,000 in cancellation fees. Lasken: It is possible that many methods could be used, including interested organizations compensating the hotel, and bringing pressure on the hotels to let CHSSA out of the contracts.

Johnson: The miscommunication issues could continue to escalate and become legal issues.

Barembaum: Issue is breaking the contract, because the contract is clear. Either compensation would occur, or pressure on the hotel.

Motion fails by voice vote.

M/Graber, S/Tinajero to post a statement of regret regarding the 2008 State Tournament date conflict on the CHSSA website (preferably the home page).

Graber: This affects many of our students and teachers. District 1 LAUSD Superintendent Larry Rubin attended the Tri Valley league meeting and stated that LAUSD was prepared to prohibit its students from attending the State Tournament because of the conflict. At this point in time LAUSD hasn't made its position clear. Any statement by CHSSA should include an apology, as it would soothe hurt feelings.

Prefontaine: Regarding the statement that CHSSA didn't contact the organizations trying to reach us: We are a volunteer organization which meets 3 times a year. I am not the spokesperson for the organization, I am the messenger. Since the Council was unable to meet, I did not engage in dialog with the various organizations. I did draft and send out a letter to a reporter, which purposely did not include an apology, because I didn't know if this was an accurate representation of the Council's position.

Matley: I am empathetic and sympathetic, but agree that the Council did everything it could within its procedures to set the date in an appropriate manner.

Graber: I think an apology is appropriate. The discussion of dates never took place.

Minick: The dates have always been clearly set in the By-laws. We chose the date and site without regard to religious considerations in the first place. As a Messianic Jew, I have always had to make these choices.

Tinajero: We have to deal with bureaucracies, school politics, students, etc. An apology has costs, and opens us up for litigation.

Lasken: An apology doesn't reveal any additional facts, and no litigation could occur as a result of the apology.

Prefontaine: To attorneys (and Council members) Johnson and Abad: Is an apology putting us at risk of litigation?

Johnson: Possibly, yes.

M/Pinza, S/Read, to remand to Executive Committee.

Underwood: The January meeting is too late, if it does go to Executive committee, it needs to be now.

Motion fails by voice vote.

M/Kamel, S/Walton, to remand to Graber's motion to an ad hoc committee to write an appropriate response within a week, and to handle all further correspondence under the direction of the President.

Motion passes, 16-11

The Committee, as appointed by the President, will consist of: Graber (chair), Kamel, Lasken, Keller-Firestone, Walton.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-A: M/Kamel, S/Hamilton

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

h. Manuscript Requirements: Photocopies of interpretation selections including title pages (and table of contents if from an anthology) and the publisher page must be submitted with each contestant's entry to the State Qualifying Tournament. Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles **or similar script publisher** need not have a publisher page, **but must provide proof of being commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed. Such proof may be in the form of a receipt for purchase which shows above criteria have been met.** Each page used in the interpretation must be copied in its entirety. Words not used in the cutting must not be crossed out. The portion(s) of the author's work being used in the interpretation must be highlighted. League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson proper photocopies of all contestant interpretations which have qualified for the State Tournament.

Barembaum: Would these additional companies allow for the use of eBooks? Kamel: No, these companies publish movie scripts.

Graber: Companies exist which allow people to download the script. Kamel: No, people need to obtain the original hard copy.

Motion passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-B: M/Kamel, S/Novak

Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph A, p.1 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

4. Preparation: Preparation shall be made without consultation and without references to prepared notes. Students may consult published **or electronic sources**, books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles there from, provided **that**:

- a. they are originals, **printouts** or ~~xeroxed~~ copies of the originals;
- b. that original article, **print** or copy is intact and uncut;
- c. there is no written material on that original, **print** or copy;
- d. topical index without annotation may be present.

No other material shall be allowed in the extemp prep room other than stated above. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs and outlines shall be barred from the extemp prep room. Underlining or highlighting in materials will be allowed if done in only one color on each article or copy.

No electrical retrieval device may be used.

The preparation room shall be proctored at all times to enforce these rules. **Extemp boxes shall not be searched unless directed by the Tournament Director or designee.**

5. The State Tournament Director will designate a time and place for all extemp competitors and their coaches to check in extemp materials. At the time of check-in coaches and students will sign a certification that their extemp materials are in accordance with the above criteria. Students who are found after check-in time to be in violation will risk disqualification.

Matley: We should allow extemp room proctors to search extemp boxes, as happens at Nationals.

Johnson: Last year, many students were caught with illegal materials, we should continue to allow boxes to be searched.

De Boer: We should put the onus on the coach and trust the coaches to be honest and will enforce the rules.

Kamel: Should be uniformity in procedure; different leagues do different things in their extemp prep room.

Hamilton: How will those of us working in tab be able to do this?

Kamel: We will make it work logistically.

Graber: Allowing printouts from the internet reflects reality, but students would be able to cut and paste.

Johnson: Why allow electronic publications? Students should have to deal with printed materials also.

Minick: Allowing on-line sources allows for schools to use expensive periodicals or ones published far away.

M/Barembaum S/Johnson to divide the motion, to consider the "search provision" of the original motion separately.

Motion (without the search provision) passes, voice vote

Consideration of motion regarding searches:

Friendly amendment by Chamberlain, accepted by Kamel, so that the motion in question would read as follows: “**Extemp boxes shall not be searched during prep time unless directed by the Tournament Director or designee.**”

Motion passes, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-C: M/Kamel, S/Novak

Article IX, Section 3, Paragraph A1, B1, C1, D1 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):
c. Time: Interpretations shall be no more than ten minutes in performance including introductory and transitional materials. There is no minimum time limit. Exceeding this time limit by more than 30 seconds shall be penalized by a lowering of one rank. ~~Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this time limit due to audience reaction.~~ **For each final round, a tournament official, or designee shall serve as the official timer, and will have the discretion of waiving time violations for contestants exceeding the time limit due to audience reactions. This may be extended to the semi-final round at the discretion of the tournament director or designee.**

Pinza: Judges are in the best position to determine who went overtime and for what reason.

Minick: Judges don't understand the violations, don't always mark them.

Johnson: Shouldn't be micromanaging everything; judges should make decisions in the round. 30 second rule is in itself ridiculous. They're being encouraged now to go 10:30.

Brasher: Not coaching students to go over time period.

Minick: All we need is the time from the judges.

Graber: Do we have enough tournament officials? Kamel: Yes. Graber: And will we make sure they don't have students in the round? Kamel: Yes.

Brasher: Sometimes speeches are reacted to differently.

Abad: Only really comes into play in semis and finals, which large audiences.

Motion passes, 15-7-3

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-D: M/Kamel, S/Osborn

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

b. Introductory, explanatory and connective material must not exceed one-third of the total presentation. **No more than 150 of these words may be embedded within the contestant's selections.**

Graber: Would this take place during the script checking phase? Kamel: Yes.

Motion passes, voice

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-E: M/Barembaum, S/Kamel

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph D2c, p.17 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

The thematic selections must be interpreted from a manuscript in the **hand or** hands of the contestant. . . must hold the manuscript in his/her own **hand or** hands at all times.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-F: M/Barembaum, S/Kamel

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph D2a, p.17 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

The contestant is to present a program of interpretation based on a theme of his/her choice. **A theme is an abstract statement or theory. Topics are not themes. 'True Love' is a topic. 'True love cannot exist in the modern world' is a theme.**

M/Kamel, S/Novak to remand to IE Committee, passes unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-G: M/Kamel, S/Keller-Firestone

Article XIV, Section 2, paragraph D1 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

Those coaches involved in the operation of the State Tournament shall be credited the equivalent of 12 rounds of judging. Each coach not involved in the operation of the state tournament will be required to judge a minimum of **eight** rounds and may be required to judge more in the event of severe judge shortages. Coaches with more than **five** contestants will be required to judge a minimum of **eight** additional rounds or be required to provide additional qualified judges according to the following schedule:

Entry exceeds 5 = 1 additional judge
Entry exceeds 10 = 2 additional judges
Entry exceeds 15 = 3 additional judges
Entry exceeds 20 = 4 additional judges
Entry exceeds 25 = 5 additional judges
Entry exceeds 30 = 6 additional judges
Entry exceeds 35 = 7 additional judges
Entry exceeds 40 = 8 additional judges
Entry exceeds 45 = 9 additional judges
Entry exceeds 50 = 10 additional judges

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-H: M/Kamel, S/Novak

Article VII, Section 4, p.4-5 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

B. League presidents by the January CHSSA meeting will have on file with the Vice-President Activities their league's procedures for administering their state qualifier(s). These procedures should include at minimum provisions for entry, paneling, tabulation and protest. In the event of a protest, the league will be held to these guidelines by the protest committee. In the event of a protest for which the submitted procedures do not apply the protest committee will use the CHSSA bylaws, to the extent possible, to rule on the protest. It will be the league president's affirmative duty to distribute copies of league procedures and CHSSA bylaws to all member schools.

In the event that a league chooses not to submit state qualification procedures qualification tournaments shall be run according to the State Tournament rules as closely as possible.

1. Single judges may be used in preliminary rounds if an insufficient number of judges is available.
2. At least three judges shall be used in semi-final and final rounds of qualification tournaments.
3. At least two preliminary rounds shall precede the final round in any event.
4. Fee schedules to cover the costs of tournaments and League expenses may be set by the sponsoring League.
5. Suitable awards may be presented by the League.
6. Rules for all events shall be the State Tournament rules as set by these By Laws.
7. The method of tabulation of event results shall be as close as possible to the method outlined for the State Tournament.
8. Leagues may appeal 1-7 above to the CHSSA President.

C. 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 three weeks prior to any state qualification tournament. The League President shall notify a coach of any rule violations no later than one week prior to the tournament. Any corrections necessary for a script to be legal for State Tournament competition must be delivered to and approved by the League President prior to the first round of the State Qualification Tournament in order for the student to compete.

(Subsequent sections to be re-lettered, C to D, D to E, etc.)

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-I: M/Kamel, S/Keller-Firestone

Article II, Section 3, p.1 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

Individuals wishing to run for Area Chairperson must declare their candidacy to the CHSSA President ~~by the no less than three weeks prior to the state tournament conclusion of the Winter meeting of the CSSC.~~ Those declaring their candidacy must be affiliated with a school from within that Area. Those individuals will provide to the President no later than ~~April 4~~ **three weeks prior to the state tournament** of that year a statement of no more than 200 words. Each candidate's statement will be printed on a ballot and posted on the CHSSA website. The member schools of each Area will then popularly elect Chairpersons at the State Tournament through a ballot box at registration. Schools not attending the State Tournament may submit their ballots by mail. The CHSSA Historian or his/her designee should handle ballot collection. **Write in candidates will be accepted.**

Walton: Should there be a deadline for mail-in ballots?

Kamel: The deadline would be the State Tournament.

Passes, unanimously

M/Matley S/Minick to authorize no more than \$500 for Ticha Patanarapelers to attend the State Tournament to assist in the computer operations for the Congress Tab Room.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-J: M/Matley, S/Cummings

Article XIII, Section 7, p.4 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

E. At the conclusion of the final session the members shall elect the Outstanding Presiding Officer (1st) and the Superior Presiding Officer (2nd). A tie shall be resolved by a vote cast by the **judges** ~~official parliamentarian.~~

Article XIII, Sections 16-18 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

~~Section 16. Parliamentarians. Parliamentarians for the preliminary sessions shall be presiding officers not serving at that time. Parliamentarians for the semifinal session and for the final sessions shall be a qualified adult designated by the Congress Director.~~

Section **16** ~~17~~. Area Chairpersons shall prepare registration cards for Congress, the same as for individual events and debate.

Section **17** ~~18~~. The Vice President Activities shall prepare a tally sheet, seating forms, and master tabulating sheet for Congress.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-K: M/Matley, S/Cummings

Article XIII, Section 5, p.2 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

~~B. The Presiding Officers and Parliamentarians shall be randomly assigned from one House to another for each of the four preliminary sessions.~~

Presiding officers assigned to each session shall serve one-half a session and then exchange with another presiding officer who shall have been acting as the parliamentarian for that house, that session.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-L: M/Matley, S/Cummings

Article XIII, Section 5, p.3 (new text in bold, old text stricken):

~~C. Presiding officers for the first preliminary round shall be assigned randomly and adjusted to avoid the following:~~

1. Contestants from the same school.
2. Contestants from the same league.
3. Contestants from the same area.

~~Presiding officers shall be assigned for succeeding rounds following in the precedence to avoid:~~

1. Contestants from the same school.
2. Contestants with the best ranks from the preceding rounds.
3. Contestants from the same league.
4. Contestants who have competed against each other in preceding rounds.
5. Contestants from the same area.

~~**DG.** Presiding officers shall begin each session by reading a bill/resolution assigned by the Congress Committee and shall call for an affirmative speaker to begin the discussion.~~

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-M: M/Matley, S/Osborn

Article XIII, Section 6, p.3

~~C. Four presiding officers shall be elected by the combined popular votes of all congresspersons at the end of each preliminary session. Each judge will vote for the best presiding officer of each round. Judges' votes will be used only in the event of a tie in the student voting at the end of preliminary sessions.~~

Four presiding officers shall be selected for the semifinal round based on the following criteria: Students in each of the preliminary sessions will vote for the best presiding officer in that session. The presiding officer with the greatest number of votes in each session will be given a win. The four presiding officers with the most wins will advance to the semifinal round. Ties shall be broken in the following precedence:

1. Total number of votes in preliminary rounds
2. Total number of votes head-to-head
3. Greatest number of judges' ballots
4. Special election by all semifinalists and qualifying presiding officers.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-09-M, continued

Passes, unanimously

M/Cummings S/Underwood

Move to suspend the rules so that we have a special recognition ceremony for previously inducted Hall of Famers, instead of the recognition of any new Hall of Fame member, and that CHSSA would pay the expenses of any of those members who wish to attend the Dinner-Dance.

Graber: Why not still allow a new member? Cummings: Really can only do one or the other, can't give both proper recognition. McCoy: Could do special recognition at the final rounds. Minick: Should make the ceremony special.

M/Hamilton, S/Graber: Divide the motion

First part of motion: No Hall of Famers this year

Fails, voice vote

Second part of motion: Pay for the cost of attending the dinner dance for any Hall of Famers who wish to attend.

Passes, unanimously

The meeting was adjourned by President Prefontaine at 4:30 p.m.
Submitted by Chuck Ballingall, CHSSA Secretary.

APPENDICES TO THESE MINUTES

Appendix A: 50th Anniversary Booklet information

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APPENDIX A: Hall of Fame booklet information needs

Presidents/Hall of Fame

NEEDS.....

Have absolutely nothing on the following:

- 1. Pics from State**
- 2."Famous" alumni**
- 3. League history**

Sandy Gray
George Armstrong
Larry Mushrush
Bro. Mc Guire
Richard Gustafson
Ted Moore

**1st/2nd Place winners
missing from.....**

1958

1959

1962

1963

1984

ALSO..

69 -No Sweeps 1.2.3

71 - No Cong Pos 1.2.

72 - No congress 1.2.3

87 - No sweeps 1.2.3

95 -No Cong PO 1.2.

96 - No sweeps 1.2.3

02 - No sweeps or PO

03 " "

05 - No sweeps 1.2.3

Partial lackings on the following:

Bob Stockton Some bio...NO PIC

Day Hanks Some bio.....NO PIC

Tom Roper Some bio....NO PIC

Robert Jones Some bio....NO PIC

Suzanne Munsell NO BIO.....

Bill Black Some bio.....NO PIC

George Lorbeer Limited bio...NO PIC

Jim McDonnell NO PIC

Chuck Vogler Limited bio....Very bad pic

Sandra Starke/McGuire Limited bio...Poor pic

Sharon Prefontaine Limited bio....Poor pic.....

David Mezzera Limited bio....Poor pic.....

Chuck Johnson Limited bio....NO PIC

Tommie Lindsey Limited bio...Poor pic.....

Jack Stafford Limited bio....Poor pic

Chuck Ballingall Need more current pic

Kim Jones Need useable pic

John Cardoza Limited bioNeed more current pic...

Sharon Smith Limited bio...No pic

Shirley Keller-Firestone Need current photo

Gertrude Baccus - Need Photo

Ernie Polletti Need Photo

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Appendix B: Policy debate topic ballot

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROBLEM AREAS FOR 2008-2009

PROBLEM AREA I: HEALTH CARE

Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a universal health care system in the United States.

Health care is the most important domestic issue facing policymakers in the United States today. This topic offers an opportunity to expose students to divergent views on a crucial topic. The ongoing national debate over health care in the United States centers on three key problems: cost, quality and access. Total spending on health care has been rising at about twice the rate of national income, increasing from 2.5 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 1970 to 16.2 percent today. Currently the United States spends about \$2 trillion on health care, or \$6,500 per year per person. This is \$477 billion a year more than any other developed country. Despite spending much more, 47 million Americans have no health insurance. Affirmative positions would include cases dealing with single pay systems, international models, programs to fill in the lapses in coverage, Medicare and Medicaid expansion and others. Negative positions could include substantial case debate on empirical problems associated with existing single payer systems programs, state solutions, problems with rationing and the high cost of health care. Negatives would explore competitiveness, political scenarios, federalism, spending and trade off positions, as well as host of critical arguments on increased governmental intervention. As the 2008 election nears, the issue of national health care will only continue to grow increasingly important in the media and in the public debate throughout the country. *Author: Christa Bieker, NCPA.*

PROBLEM AREA II: AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its domestic agricultural subsidies.

Agricultural subsidies—cash payments to food and fiber producers or their market equivalent—affect every person in the United States. Globalization assures that these subsidies affect the economies of virtually every nation of the world. The U.S. spends \$8 billion per year on these payments to farmers, and this money exponentially distorts the world food market. In the wake of Congress' attempted renewal of the Farm Bill in 2007, an abundance of congressional testimony, media coverage, and scholarly analysis has been published. Affirmative case areas may include generally decreasing subsidies to all crops, such as federally-supported crop insurance, or reforming all farm payments. Students may also advocate limiting subsidies for specific crops such as sugar or corn. Advantages may be completely domestic by decreasing the tax burden on consumers or improving nutritional values of foods. International scenarios may include decreasing the risk of famine, and the regional instability that often ensues, in developing nations. Environmental issues include pollution and loss of genetic diversity as well as the risks of genetically-modified crops. Negative ground may include economic arguments including the market capitalization of land prices and shifting planting decisions of farmers, employment, productivity, and food security of domestic producers. Negative teams would have access to politics scenarios as well as counterplans such as WTO executive action. The topic lends itself to a variety of critical arguments including the Maoism versus capitalism debate or the importance of an agrarian society. *Authors: Russell Kirkscey and Zane Schwarzlose, Texas.*

PROBLEM AREA III: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.

The demand for energy worldwide is expected to grow over 50 percent by 2030, and most economies are fundamentally fossil-fuel based. International competition for these fossil fuels is growing intense and access to oil especially is often located in places that are geographically hard to reach and geopolitically challenging. The United States federal government needs to articulate a sound and sustainable energy policy that pursues alternative energy resources, so that it has access to available, sustainable, and secure sources that move the country away from its addiction to fossil fuels.

Affirmative plans would require the use of incentives to promote alternative energy sources, including but not limited to solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, and nuclear power, as well as, biofuels, hydrogen fuels, new technologies, and conservation measures. Negative approaches to the topic would include a number of case specific solvency debates, the problems and impacts of using government incentives, and many different disadvantage scenarios such as foreign policy implications of decreasing oil imports, collapse of economies such as those of the Middle East and Russia, and relations disadvantages, as well as, a good number of disadvantages specific to particular affirmative solutions. Counterplan ground might include states/private industry, as well as, international solutions, and critical argumentation might include capitalism and the environment. Current federal policy tends to support big oil and other fossil fuel companies; ultimately, our very civilization will pay a high price for our lack of oversight and action on the issue of energy. *Authors: Pam McComas and Cindy Burgett, Kansas.*

PROBLEM AREA IV: CENTRAL ASIA

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its foreign assistance to one or more countries in Central Asia.

Economic instability, oil wars, nuclear terrorism, cultural conflict, and superpower intervention are examples of debate critical to Central Asia. Unlike the Middle East, which has been embroiled in conflict for thousands of years, this critical region of the world has remained dormant under the forceful rule of now fallen empires. At this critical impasse, the countries of Central Asia find themselves inheritors of the world's largest untapped oil reserve and the possessors of new-found freedom, projecting them onto the global forefront. This untapped potential for economic prosperity and democratic liberalism is threatened by growing cultural and ethnic conflict, the pull of geopolitical posturing by the US, China, and Russia, and a fledgling democracy that is untested, fragile and quickly regressing toward despotism. Yet these troubles remain correctable should progressive policy be implemented. As we struggle to solve terrorism, manage the looming oil crisis and promote democracy, this region presents opportunity for unparalleled success or perilous loss. Unknown to most Americans, Central Asia is playing an immeasurable role in our economic and foreign policy future. Balanced affirmative and negative ground exist in the debate of Central Asia. Possible affirmatives include democracy promotion, reduction of oil dependence on Russia, economic and infrastructure development, counter-terrorism, election monitoring, and other assistance programs. Negatives could explore problems with expanded U.S. presence in the region, oil dependence arguments, relations with regional actors (Russia, China, India, Pakistan, and Iran to name a few), counterplans such as UN, NGO's, regional actors, and a host of critical arguments against imperialism, power promotion, and capitalism. Central Asia is like a young Middle East. Although we don't have a chance to go back and change what has happened to the Middle East, this topic can allow productive discussion about how not to let that same fate befall Central Asia. *Authors: Tom Lietz and Ruth Kay, Michigan.*

PROBLEM AREA V: IMMIGRATION

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its restriction of immigration to the United States.

In a myriad of post-9/11 political issues, none has been at the forefront of more controversy than United

States immigration policy. In the wake of the major defeat of President Bush's recent immigration proposal, we stand at a crossroads in determining the future of foreign citizens who wish to immigrate to the United States. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services estimates over 35.2 million immigrants are currently living in the United States with another 2.9 million citizenship applications submitted per year. Affirmatives would be able to alter existing policies including the PATRIOT Act and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, create new policies or organizations to process immigration related issues, grant amnesty, increase asylum in one or more areas, and increase approved visa applications, among others. Disadvantages would include terrorism, crime, politics, economy, disease, drugs, social fragmentation, social services, cultural dilution, and hegemony, among others. The negative could also argue that the states or other nations are better suited to address immigration issues. Nongovernmental organizations like the UN or Amnesty International could be better suited to address global issues like refugee crises. Never far from the headlines, immigration offers an incredibly rich area for discussion. *Authors: Matthew Murrell and Heather Hayes, Texas.*

**Minutes from the
California High School Speech Association
NFHS BALLOT FOR TOPIC SELECTION**

Proposed Topic Areas and Resolutions for 2008-2009

Rank the topic areas 1 (best) through 5. The two areas receiving the *lowest* totals will be placed on the second ballot to select the 2008-09 debate topic.

_____ **I. HEALTH CARE**

Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a universal health care system in the United States.

_____ **II. AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its domestic agricultural subsidies.

_____ **III. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.

_____ **IV. CENTRAL ASIA**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its foreign assistance to one or more countries in Central Asia.

_____ **V. IMMIGRATION**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially decrease its restriction of immigration to the United States.

Name: _____

League: _____

Please return to Chuck Ballingall by October 12, 2007

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Appendix C: Congress topics

Topic Areas for State Tournament 2008

Bills must be in David Matley’s hands by December 1st—emailed and hard copies must be submitted. Please attach emailed copies in Microsoft Word format.

Mail legislation to:
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All Leagues must submit one bill and one resolution from each of their assigned topic areas. **ONLY ONE BILL OR RESOLUTION PER PAGE DOUBLE SPACED PLEASE.**

Please include the following information on each piece of legislation:

- Title of legislation
- Area you represent
- Name of league
- Topic Area of legislation

<i>Example</i>	Topic Area 4: Health & Welfare
A Bill to Provide Comprehensive Health Care	
Submitted by Area 3 Mar Monte League	

1. Federal Politics

Election reform, congressional ethics, crime and punishment, lobby reform, PACS, redistricting, electoral reform, electronic voting machines, campaign finance reform

2. Transportation and Infrastructure

High speed rail, bridges and highways, underground utilities (ie. NY steam pipe disaster), airline traffic

3. Immigration

Amnesty, guest worker programs, border security, outsourcing, enforcement, social services, visas, naturalization

4. Health and Welfare

Veteran’s benefits/incentives, universal health care, medicare, social security, pandemics, pharmaceuticals, poverty

5. Environmental Policy

Alternative energy, land use, pollution, water issues, endangered species, global warming,

6. International Conflicts

China-US, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Russia, War on Terror, Venezuela, Darfur, Israel/Palestinian

Appendix C, continued

Area 1

Coast Forensic League--Areas: 1,3,5

Golden Gate Speech Association--Areas: 2,4,6

Area 2

Southern Valley League --Areas: 1,3

Sacramento League--Areas: 2,5

Yosemite Forensic League--Areas: 4,6

Area 3

Southern California League--Areas: 1,3,6

Tri-Valley League--Areas: 2,4

Western Bay League--Areas : 1,2,5

Mar Monte League--Areas: 3,6

Area 4

San Diego Imperial Valley League--Areas: 2,5

Citrus Belt League--Areas: 1,6

Orange County Speech League--Areas: 4,3

Appendix D, Prepared statement of Mr. Bob Zeidman, Anti Defamation League, presented before the CHSSA Council on September 15, 2007.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg
Stephen Breyer
Dianne Feinstein
Barbara Boxer
Alan Dershowitz
Bob Dylan
Paul Simon
Elie Wiesel
Golda Meir
Abba Eban
Bella Abzug
Gloria Steinem
Theodore Herzl
Felix Frankfurter
Benjamin Cardozo
Louis Brandeis
Samuel Gompers
Benjamin Disraeli
Anne Frank
Ayn Rand
Maimonides
Rabbi Akiva
Rabbi Hillel
Jesus
Moses

The Jewish people have a long tradition of discussion and debate and oratory going back thousands of years all the way to Moses who debated with the Pharaoh of Egypt to release his people from slavery. The Passover holiday celebrates the culmination of that debate – freedom for the Jewish people. It is one of the most joyous, and significant, holidays in Jewish tradition. A time for families to gather together to eat and pray and enjoy our much cherished freedom. And it is a reminder that throughout history there have been those who continued to oppress us and attempted to take our freedom away.

I come here representing the Anti-Defamation League, a national Jewish organization that battles against discrimination toward all people. I have recently learned that CHSSA has scheduled its 2008 championship during the first nights of Passover. I believe, and hope, that this was simply an oversight.

However, I don't understand the reluctance of CHSSA to even consider a change to the schedule to accommodate Jewish students or even to discuss the issue. For several months CHSSA officers have been contacted by

Anti-Defamation League, Pacific Southwest Region
Anti-Defamation League, Central Northwest Region
Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco
Jewish Community Relations Council of Los Angeles
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
Northern California Board of Rabbis
Southern California Board of Rabbis

West Valley Rabbinic Task Force
Dr. David Long, the California Secretary of Education

None of these groups have received a reply. We have been ignored entirely. Only two days ago were we given even these two short time slots to address you.

I ask only that you live up to the goals of your own mission statement.

Goal #7: "peaceful resolution of conflict."

Goal #8: "establishing understanding among members of a diverse society."

Goals 1-10: When it says "every child," that must mean even the Jewish ones.

Set an example for the students and for yourselves by being true to your mission. Resolve this conflict, establish an understanding of the Jewish community, and allow the Jewish students to participate by simply changing the date of your championship.

Appendix E, Prepared statement of Ms. Jackie Berman, Education Specialist for the Jewish Community Relations Council in the Bay Area, presented before the CHSSA Council on September 15, 2007.REMARKS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION STATE COUNCIL

September 15, 2007

Thank you very much for allowing me to address you today. I am Jackie Berman, Education Specialist for the Jewish Community Relations Council in the Bay Area. Today, I am also representing the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California, which as you can see in the small print at the bottom of the page includes the entire organized Jewish community of California.

The problem of conflict of dates between planned school events and important Jewish religious observances is not new to us. I spend a portion of my time helping schools resolve problems resulting from their having inadvertently planned important one-time-only events on the same day or night of such an observance. To avoid such problems, our JCRC twice a year sends a *Seven Year Calendar of Major Jewish Religious Observances* to every Superintendent and Principal in our service area. We ask in a cover letter that teachers and others be informed of these dates. Of course, we recognize that sometimes, maybe many times, this information is not well disseminated. In our cover letter we ask schools to make reasonable accommodation to the needs of Jewish students, so that they will not be penalized for their inability to participate in important school events because of a religious observance. Usually this means providing for a make-up test, or for an assignment to be turned in a day or two after the normal deadline. The Educational Testing Service provides for monitored testing on days other than Saturday for students who are traditionally observant of the Sabbath.

The concept of not penalizing students for religious observance is appropriate for our democratic, pluralistic society and is recognized in the education code in section 48205 that states in part:

“(7) (b) A pupil absent from school under this section [religious observance, among others] shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefor. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.”

One-time-only events such as back to school night, certain field trips, science/ecology camps, regional band competitions present a different problem and in these cases we work with schools to handle the logistics of changing a date when a conflict occurs. Clearly, the conflict of the scheduled CHSSA’s state championship is such a one-time-only event.

We believe that you, the members of CHSSA’s State Council, did not purposely schedule the 2008 championship during the first nights of Passover, and that you are aware of the importance of the Passover as a family observance to the Jewish community throughout the state. We understand the difficulty of what we are asking you to do—to change the date of the 2008 championship. However, we do not understand what seems to be an unwillingness to even explore the possibility of changing the date. Our Jewish Community Relations Council sent an email letter (attached,) to you last June, when we first became aware of the problem. In it I offered my services in exploring the logistics of a date change. We received no reply whatsoever to that communiqué. As a matter of fact, we have received no reply to any

of our written communiqués, nor has the Los Angeles JCRC, nor the Anti Defamation League. We believe it is very unfortunate that because of absence of communication, this matter has been allowed to fester for 3 ½ months and feelings on both sides have been hurt. But, this is not a time to look back at what might have been if we had been able to deal with this issue during the last 3 ½ months; now that we are communicating, let's look forward.

There is still time to explore the possibility of changing the date. I will work with you to make the necessary phone calls, to help find attorneys to volunteer to review the contracts and, in-short, do a thorough job of determining whether or not it is at all feasible to reschedule the championship for a time that will be inclusive of all. Your wonderful students and coaches—all of whom work so hard to enrich our state with their intellect and enthusiasm dedicated to exploring the issues and moral values of our society—deserve no less.