

- I. President Prefontaine called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
- II. Paul Pinza (acting secretary for Chuck Ballingall) called roll.  
Proxies: Jennifer Kindred for Ashley Novak,  
Absent: Kathy Graber, Ashley Novak, Editor Marcus Walton (resigned), Chuck Ballingall (Paul Pinza, acting secretary)  
New Council Members: Allison Huntley, Southern California Debate League President  
Open positions: Vice President Public Relations, Editor, Area III At-Large Representative
- III. Minutes from Sept 2009 meeting were circulated (the amended minutes will be posted online):  
accepted ***M/Kamel, S/Wolf, pass unanimously***

#### **IV. Officer Reports**

##### **President Prefontaine**

Marcus Walton has resigned as Editor --- will leave position open to explore how position might be integrated into Public Relations Committee. Thanks to him for his work.

PR Committee still looking for more members. Mark Hamilton will be resigning his position effective the end of the school year.

Congratulations:

- Ashley Novak on the birth of her twins: Izzy and Willow. (She and her husband have written a blog about the event: [coovak.wordpress.com](http://coovak.wordpress.com)) Ashley is currently hospitalized and cannot receive phone calls, but her husband is reading her emails. Our good thoughts are with her.
- Rita Prichard on the marriage of her son and the winning of Placer County Teacher of the Year.
- Jennifer Kindred's eldest son graduated from high school
- Nermin Kamel on her engagement to Matt Fraser.
- Very good work done by National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) on the proposed topics. Balloting results on the China and Military deployment topics are also published. Copies passed around. Winning topic – Resolved that the U.S. Federal Government should reduce military deployment in one of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey

##### **Vice President of Activities Kamel**

**State Tournament** planning is going very well. Mark Hamilton and Mikendra McCoy have done a great job.

- All hotels are about 4-7 miles from tournament site. See [www.cahssa.org](http://www.cahssa.org) for all details.
- Coversheets have been sent to League Presidents. Oratorical Interpretation coversheets include the agreement for videotaping. They advise students to visit website to download "opt out" form and submit with registration. Thus, anyone who has used the 2009 cover, you'll need to replace it with the 2010 version. (For all other events, only the dates have changed on the coversheet.)
- One check will cover all State Tourney expenses, including dinner dance. Space at dinner dance may be a bit limited, so buy early!
- Please remind folks to submit ads earlier.

STATE DEADLINES:

- March 17 – online entry
- Mar. 20 – scripts to Area Chair
- Mar. 24 - fees postmarked or received. Can use "delivery confirmation" instead of registered mail. Please help ensure these deadlines are met.

REMINDER FOR STUDENTS:

- Parli – a different color paper will be distributed for notes in each round. These colored sheets will be the only materials allowed inside the competition room.
- All students – bring non-cell phone stopwatches to avoid confusion re: Internet usage.

**Vice President of Curriculum Prichard**

**OPP DVD:** “Instruction” section has a writing emphasis; “Special Features” section has an interview with screenwriting team of the TV show “Heroes”. OPP student finalist conducted the interview. Chris Colfer (from “Glee”) was also interviewed. The top three speeches from 2009 State Finals are also featured. Discs have been distributed to league Presidents --- please double-check inventory before you go. Next distribution is at State.

**Treasurer Barembaum**

Financial report distributed. Negative number for dinner dance due to checks deposited after September '09 meeting. Thus, that revenue appears on '09-'10 statement. Hospitality number is wrong – should be \$5,000, not \$8,500.

*Items emerging from discussion:*

Neil obtains the insurance policy for State

?: Curriculum book: -155 might be for sales of CHSSA commemorative book that was published last year, not the curriculum text. Needs to be moved to a different area of the report.

**Secretary (Pinza)**

Distributed the roster for review and revision.

**Historian Underwood**

- DVDs for all Hall Of Fame interviews (25) are ready and waiting to upload to new website.
- A few “Where are They Now?” segments in recent bulletin --- we now have a backlog.
- Internet searches have helped to make contact with prior champions.
- Will collect votes on HOF for 2010. Send the league votes to Underwood (email preferred).
- Donovan Cummings’ condition has not changed. Our good thoughts are with him.

**V. Area Chair Reports**

**Area 1 Chair, Keller-Firestone**

A-1 has the CHSSA assessments for most active schools. Only missing about seven. No news yet re: State 2012.

Prefontaine: Welcome back to Shirley; congrats on your speedy recovery from a recent fall and injury. (SKF – It’s the Southern-coated genes.)

**Area 2 Chair, Darling**

- Mark Hamilton on State: Call/email him if you have questions about State, especially certain areas of the town (e.g. for those staying in non-State hotels). We will distribute a list of local restaurants.
- Catering by Bakersfield College -- we will have food service on campus all weekend, including barbecues. Snack areas for judges will also be stocked with donated food. Student store and planetarium will also be open.
- Students should not go walking more than 3-4 blocks off campus – don’t assume areas beyond that are safe for wandering.
- Kamel: Still need DJ for dinner/dance.

**Area 3 Chair Novak (represented by Jennifer Kindred)**

No report. Was given no info by Area Chair.

**Area 4 Chair Munsell**

State 2011: Cypress College all but confirmed. Hotel information will be coming soon.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**Public Relations Committee (Cardoza)**

Need 3-5 yr marketing plan – who are we for us? For public? Where do we want to go?  
Website should reflect both pillars – curriculum and competition; need to establish that public image.

Need to establish: oral communication as necessary curriculum for all students. Suggest a multi-prong PR approach to emphasize this plus the idea that speech and debate competition fosters life skills.. Some ideas:

- ~ Contacting researchers who have studied effects of speech education
- ~ Rejoining WSCA to keep contact w/ college folks
- ~ Redesign website
- ~ Reach out w/ education professional organizations (CTA, CATE, etc.). We should show that we realize our mission is shared by other groups.

*Items emerging from discussion:*

Our website doesn't have an "about us" section, just our mission statement. We have mockups of brochures on competitive speech and debate as well as speech education. Underwood suggests using a slogan: "Giving Our Future a Voice"

Prefontaine: Send other ideas to Cardoza, Underwood, or her – especially if you have alumni contacts who might be able to help our cause. (Celebrity presence at awards, those in positions of influence, etc.)

**Individual Events Committee (Darling)**

No remands.

- Discussed accommodations for students with disabilities – proposal to come
- Extemp areas: International are the same as last year.
- National has changed:
  - Rd 1 – California
  - Rd 2 - Social Issues
  - Rd 3 - Federal Politics
  - Semi-Final - Foreign Policy and Economics

There will be a proposal to clarify rules for Oratorical Interpretation re: added words.

**Debate Committee (Hamilton)**

Prep time has been omitted from Lincoln-Douglas rules – will present a fix

Public Forum Final Focus @ 2 min: will not change for State 2010; will consider in May.

System for issuing different colored paper for notes in each round of Parli will not be put in a By-Law. Will try it and see how it works. No need to legislate a color scheme.

**Congress Committee (Matley)**

State Legislation – thanks to leagues who submitted on time. We have strong pieces.

No new proposals (?!-surprise all around)

Adam Jacobi from NFL will report after lunch on the very dramatic changes for 2010 in Student Congress changes. California might consider some of the changes later, not for 2010. (such as change speech/c-x times)

### **Curriculum Committee (Prichard)**

OI DVD: finished all voice over's and have the game plan. Skills instruction will include: how to cut a script.

Remember "opt out" form referenced on OI coversheet.

Looking for suggestions from coaches of students who had success in this event

All California events will be on DVD by this time next year. Curriculum committee has brainstormed next steps. Ideas:

- Write a 9-week speech course: standards-based lessons; goal of a course as requirement for graduation. Rubrics will be developed for teacher use.
- Coaches workshop to offer at time of CHSSA meeting (CHSSA ran a workshop like this previously with great success); managerial strategies
- DVD for judge training – broad instruction for how to judge
- Develop ways to promote speech education within various content areas

### **VII. Old Business**

Kamel: No report yet about liability insurance. NFHS is more expensive than we thought. CHSSA has a company for tourney liability.

Pinza: Some districts are requiring liability insurance even for school and district sponsored events

### **VIII. New Business**

Prefo: Hall of Fame - One nomination – Carl Adams, from Area II (some other suggestions, but papers weren't submitted on time for this year)

Read: Carl is an attorney, not a teacher; has started programs; supports speech

Kamel: What does it really mean to be a Hall of Fame Coach? Maybe we need a different award for those who support speech and are providing service, but aren't "speech educators"

Pinza: Also speaks to our discussion re: mission statement.

Prefo: For league votes – bio will be emailed to presidents to conduct that vote. Each league has two votes.

Prefo: **Regarding proposed changes to By-Laws --** Please try to submit By-Law change proposals by the announced deadline; it really helps committee work.

### **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-A: M/Hamilton S/Munsell**

(housekeeping) \*add prep time to LD – 3 min\* addition to Article XI, Section 3, Paragraph B, pg. 4

#### **B. Preparation Time**

1. **"No more than three minutes of total preparation time shall be allowed each debater during the debate"**
2. Each individual may allocate this time as s/he sees fit during the round, utilizing time prior to speeches for his/her side.
3. Speakers may not use prep time to make prefacing remarks to their speeches. A speaker's time begins when she/he begins to speak.
  - a. No individual may forfeit cross-examination time to gain additional preparation time. Preparation time begins for an individual as soon as the previous speaker has finished with a speech or cross-examination.

Johnson: NFL is at 4 min. Do we want to consider change?

Hamilton: Would want local leagues to discuss. Ballots say 3 min.  
Call for question/ Keller-Firestone

***Motion Passes, unanimous***

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-B: M/ Munsell S/ Patanapelers**

\*add verification of enrollment to Principal's signature on State entry form\*

A contestant must be a bona fide student at the school s/he represents at the state qualification tournament. Bona fide student means the student has not graduated and is enrolled in and passing at least four classes at the school s/he represents. **The registrar or principal must sign the entry form verifying that all entrants are eligible to receive a diploma at the school they are representing at the State Championship.**

Barembaum, Pinza: Clash and Ramana

Hamilton: Middle College programs; technically enrolled at the high school

Wolfe: This may be the wrong place in the By-Laws

Cardoza: Recommend issue be sent to ad hoc committee to address this and report in May

Prefo: Appointment of Ad Hoc committee: Munsell, Chair, Pinza.

Prefo: Consider who is exempt.

Kamel: In the meantime, this tourney has problems: recommend as a resolution that student must be in a comprehensive, continuation, or home school program. Student should not be considered eligible if he/she is competing under enrichment program (these programs often have students from various schools.

Johnson, Cardoza: Object to use of resolution to legislate. By-Laws are clear.

Prefo: It is within the purview of the Area Chair to reject application for membership.

***Remand to ad hoc committee*** [Munsell, Chair and Pinza]

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-C: M/Read S/Underwood**

\*house-keep: clarify e-submission of results as acceptable.\*

The president of each league shall forward each of the following to the appropriate Area Chairperson by certified mail postmarked no later than the designated date **or by electronic mail no later than the designated date.**

1. A list of all qualifiers and alternates in each event **as shown on the spreadsheet distributed by the VP Activities no later than the designated date.**
2. League approved copies of all advocacy, expository, oratory, **and** prose/poetry, ~~(and thematic interpretation~~ scripts for the qualifying contestants **and alternates** along with approved copies of all photocopy materials for dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, oratorical interpretation, thematic interpretation, and duo interpretation for the qualifying contestants **and alternates** ~~(Copies of all materials for alternates shall be retained by the League Presidents and brought to the State Tournament)~~ **shall be sent by conventional mail no later than the designated date or delivered in person.**
3. Tournament record and tabulation sheets for each event at the state qualification tournaments.

Language cleaned up by Council – all friendly amends accepted.

Johnson: Won't we have to copy lots of scripts for everyone who could be "alternate"?

Kamel: Make arrangements with your Area Chair regarding how far down the alternate list scripts must be copied and submitted

***Passes, voice vote, 2 nay (Cardoza, Pritchard), 2 abstention (Matley, Johnson)***

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-D: M/Read S/Paranpelers**

*\*to allow for schools who can't get a check to be entered without penalty\**

Failure to send notification of entry on or before **the designated due date may at the discretion of the Area Chair** result in a \$150 fine for the offending school. In addition, failure to send notification of entry as required on or before **the designated due date may** result in disqualification of entrant(s) **at the discretion of the Area Chair**. ~~If a school district should be experiencing financial difficulties, a photocopy of the original date of submission/request for the entry fees must be sent to the Area Chairperson with a district letter explaining the situation to avoid disqualification or late fees. If this requirement is met, the coach shall have to within 10 days of the tournament to submit the proper fees and paper work.~~ The Area Chairperson shall then be authorized to substitute alternates. Both the coach of the disqualified entrant(s) and the alternate(s) shall be notified by telephone immediately.

***Passes voice vote, 1 nay***

Meeting recessed at 11:30a.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:00p.m.

Adam Jacobi of NFL spoke on the many changes to Student Congress at the national level:

BACKGROUND:

- Sandra Maguire was on a committee beginning in 2006 to create standardization and, thus, make training new district councilors in Congress easier.
- Before, even with standardization, there were 20 different ways for students to qualify to Nationals. Thus, structure was revised.

There was a need to create a "universal currency" for tabulating Congress results (like ranks in speech, W/L in debate). Base system was too complex, students tried to "play the game"

1. CHANGE IN RANKING SYSTEM: Judges consider outside factors besides speeches. (Also create a ballot a la debate that includes places for comments and instructions on Congress standards.) New ballot:

<http://www.nflonline.org/uploads/AboutNFL/Congress%20NFL%20District%20Tournament%20Evaluation%20Forms.pdf>

2. CHANGE TO SPEECH TIMES: Still 3 minutes for speech +1 for CX, but First Negative gets 3+2. (Note: new ballot will ask judge to evaluate questions and answers)

Past practice was 20 students in a chamber: Sessions were 3 hours plus 10 minutes per new students.

3. CHANGE IN SETTING OF PRIORITY: "Recency" is now an official 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. Priority will be reset with each new P.O.
4. CHANGE IN SEATING: There will be a new seating chart with each session and it will address students' needs/ accommodations under American Disabilities Act.
5. CHANGE OF JUDGES: There will be a new panel of judges in each session.
6. CHANGE IN SCORING: 2010 Nationals **will use ranks, not student voting** for results. However, students will vote for winners of separate awards: Leadership Bowl (votes from prelims thru Finals). Districts don't need to switch to rankings until 2011 qualification. (They may opt for a student vote after judge ranks determine "nominees". Student ballot would be ranked similar to judge ballot.
7. CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: New Procedures for congress at Nationals: Prelims will be held Day 1 and 2: There will be four prelim half-day sessions. There will be no committees – [instead, a coach group will review legislation and determine top 35 for the docket. Best of 35 = semi's. Stennis Center creates Finals. All this before May.]
  - Day 1: Students propose agendas for all prelim rounds.
  - Prelims – 2 judges per session, plus ranks.

- Semi's panel = ?
  - Finals panel = 9 judges includes Stennis Center folks (4 or less) + coaches (Congress questionnaire with registration form to see qualifications for Congress)
8. **CHANGE IN JUDGES' ASSIGNMENTS:** Judges can now do Congress for only two days, and then go to something else.

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-E: M/Pinza S/Johnson**

\*add 150 word rule to O.I. to be consist with other interp events - housekeeping\*

*Passes, unanimous*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-01-F: M/Kamel S/Darling**

\*establish an accommodations policy for individuals with disabilities\*

Addition to the end of Article VII, new Section 3 (keep current Section 3, renumber as 4 and continue renumbering), Pa:

**1. Competitors with an IEP or 504 plan requiring special accommodations must submit such requests in writing to the Vice President of Activities no later than the State entry deadline.**

**2. The competitor's school shall be financially responsible for any costs incurred by the organization in meeting the needs of the student(s) or adult(s) representing said school.**

Read: We shouldn't mention IEP or 504 because we risk a challenge based on perceived disadvantage to those without special accommodations ("this kid has special treatment while others don't")

Johnson: Are we also obligated under ADA to accommodate adults who might be observers or judges?

Kamel: ADA says we don't have to make special accommodations for all, just students, but the schools are responsible for meeting requirements of IEPs/504s and are responsible for the costs. We need make "reasonable" accommodations when given adequate time.

Prefo: What, if any, will be the penalty to competitors/coaches/schools who don't meet deadline? We will need to think about that.

*Passes, voice vote, 1 abstain*

**IX. For the good of the order:**

May meeting is in LA on May 7-8. – will look for alternates to Radisson LAX

Nominees: Jennifer Kindred for Area 3 Chair; all other incumbents have been nominated in their respective positions.

**X. Meeting adjourned at 1:46p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Paul Pinza  
For Chuck Ballingall  
CHSSA Secretary