

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:25 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Absent: VP Public Relations Fernandes, GGSA President Abad, Area 3 Curriculum Representative

III. Minutes from May 2008 meeting were circulated

Move to accept as presented: Keller-Firestone, seconded by Osborn

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Bob Sanders, former coach at Mt. Miguel (San Diego), distinguished coach, passed away recently

Congratulations to Nermin on her new position

Attended National Federation meeting in Austin Texas, spoke to Texas organization about their success in getting speech as a required course.

NFHS is hosting a meeting in late September regarding fund raising and grant writing; if anyone is interested in representing us there, let Sharon know.

Keller-Firestone: How did Texas get speech as a requirement?

Prefontaine: They went through the State Legislature

Hall of Fame nominations must be in by November 1

Vice President of Activities Kamel

Jan. 9-11 meeting will be at an LAX property, Radisson or Marriott
State is the April 24 weekend, hotels will be in Culver City or at LAX

League Presidents have allocations; Areas need to meet at lunch and return league qualifiers by the end of lunch.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Wrote a 3 year plan and a Mission Statement.

Have "Teaching Across the Curriculum" books for sale for \$10.

TI DVD will be previewed today.

Working on a full DVD set that will enable a new coach to have DVDs covering CHSSA events and also the ability to purchase NFL materials on NFL events.

Greg Osborn: we are working on reformatting and updating the curriculum portion of the website. Also, we would like to collect examples of approve UC course templates.

Several proposals under our 3 year plan that will be brought up under New Business.

Vice President of Public Relations Fernandes

Not present; hotel arrangements for the LA area (Jan. and May) were reported by Kamel.

Treasurer Barembaum

Scholarship winners were not notified at State Tournament, any winner who hasn't contacted Neil should do so immediately by email.
Treasurer's Report was presented.

Secretary Ballingall

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

Editor Walton

Prefontaine: a draft of the Bulletin exists, my fault that it hasn't gone out yet.
Bulletin will be sent out in the near future.

Historian Underwood

Have received collections of minutes and Bulletins.
Would like to continue Donovan's project of interviewing coaches, transferring these videos to DVD, and excerpting DVDs to produce a DVD for all members.

Read: Any chance of putting together a slide show DVD with more pictures?

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

State Tournament 2008 went well, no problems in the aftermath.

Area 2 Chair Darling

New rep at large, Ralph Driggs
Virtually certain that State 2010 will be in Bakersfield

Area 3 Chair Novak

An Area 3 coach is being sued; a script correction was required by the Area Chair, and the suit concerns this correction. Graber: As a result of the stress surrounding the suit, the coach has resigned.

State '09: April 24-26 at Culver City HS; beautiful school, great site, parking plentiful and free.
No food in immediate area, food will be on campus.

Friday traffic back and forth between hotels and school will be heavy.

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Jan Luxembourger, Director of K-12 programs at Chapman University, has contacted Suzanne with information about a Toastmaster-sponsored program for speaking across the curriculum.

2011 State Tournament will take place in Orange County, hopefully in Central OC, near John Wayne Airport.

VI. Committee Reports

Individual Events Committee (Darling)

Looked at bills remanded from previous meeting; felt that all three were unnecessary. Committee split on both new proposals.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Attended topic committee meeting in Austin, Tx.

5 topic areas: Health care, space exploration, poverty, federal elections, immigration. Ballots will be distributed by email in next few days. Should be returned to Chuck by October 6.

Parliamentary Debate – we will make sure that we have one of each type of topic, policy, value, and fact, in the first 3 preliminary rounds. After that, we will alternate topic types.

No action recommended on a prep room at this time.

We are bringing forward the computers motion. The Committee unanimously favors allowing the use of computers in rounds, for all debate events but particularly for policy debate. While the NFL hasn't finally decided to keep computers for policy debate, indications are that they will vote to allow them permanently.

Congress Committee (Matley)

Passed significant by-laws revisions; most codify current practice, but all should look at revisions carefully.

Topic areas for 2009: Handed on at this meeting. Deadline for return from leagues is Dec. 1. Each league president will receive the topic areas by email, along with templates for resolutions and bills.

Ralph Driggs, new committee member. Clark Wilson from Carter HS also met with the Congress Committee.

We are working on a Congress Tournament Manual.

Kamel: How is it enforceable?

Matley: Restrictions on dress aren't really that specific.

Beginning in 2009, we're going to hand out comment sheets to the judge with a place for them to assign NFL points.

Presentation by former CHSSA Coach and CSSC member Don Oberti

He has written a screenplay about a group of students who learn the value of public speaking. Handing it out to each league in the hope that someone out there has the connections to get their foot in the door to get this produced.

Will be here for lunch, anyone with questions should see me.

Phone number: (559) 325-2759 or email Mikendra McCoy

The following motion was considered out of normal order to facilitate the distribution of qualifiers over lunch by the Areas.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-M: M/Kamel, S/Hamilton

Article IX , section 3, paragraph A4, p.2 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

4. Bonus entries: A bonus of seven entries per existing individual event will be added (one panel), using the following formula (Appendix G: worksheet):

a. Based on the previous three years' State Tournaments and total league entries, the number of sweepstakes points earned shall be divided by the total number of allocated league entries.

b. This number is to be used to rank the leagues in order.

c. The top seven leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.

d. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Tournament, a league must average a .75 sweepstakes points per entry or better.

e. Any bonus entry remaining shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest percentage of sweepstakes points per entry.

f. Tie-Breaker. In the event of ties between leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater percentage of sweepstakes points over the past 4 years. If still tied, then past 5 years, etc.

Graber: Can we vote on this before we consider the sweepstakes change?

Kamel: The sweepstakes points for the past 3 years won't change.

Minick: Hurts small leagues, helps big leagues; big programs are helped by more slots anyway. We would lose all of our bonuses.

Kamel: Not true. Helps small leagues. Large leagues and areas get benefits from the allocation process based on dues. Bonuses are based on performance per entry.

Minick: It's harder for small leagues because larger leagues get more entries.

Graber: It has hurt our league

Ballingall: 2 wins in debate is equivalent to making it out of the guaranteed prelim rounds, not a difficult burden.

Underwood: Ratio is to try to make it fair, and equal for everyone.

Johnson: Why are we changing something; the fact that debate does it is insufficient. What is the underlying rationale.

Kamel: Rewards leagues that are doing well and may be able to better fill their slots.

Minick: Helping bigger leagues and teams isn't fair.

Osborne: Is .5 per entry a better benchmark.

Kamel: would accept a friendly amendment (objected to, not accepted)

Johnson: If the justification is that some undeserving students are qualifying for state, that is wrong.

Wolf: The higher the ratio, the more difficult it is for smaller leagues.

motion fails: 6-17-1

Recess for lunch was declared at 11:33 a.m.; meeting to resume at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 12:43 p.m. GGSA President Abad was present.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

TI DVD was previewed

The DVD will be made available to all dues paying CHSSA schools; fill out and send waivers to Rita.

3 year plan:

Next DVD will be OPP; Curriculum Committee will need \$7000, which will pay for all production and distribution costs.

***Moved to appropriate \$7000 for the Curriculum Committee to produce the OPP DVD.
m/Ballingall s/Johnson
passes unanimously***

Would like to create a trailer for Expository and Advocacy DVDs, to be put on the website, \$2000 to be appropriated; previous trailers have been done for free. To be done by the State Tournament.

***Moved to appropriate \$2000 for the Curriculum Committee to produce the trailers.
m/Underwood s/McCoy
passes unanimously***

CATE Attendance: Would like money for attendance at the CATE Conference, and conduct a presentation. Feb. 20-22 at Santa Clara Convention Center. Also place an ad in the California English Journal

***Moved to appropriate \$670 for attendance at the CATE Conference and
buy the ad in 2 editions of the California English Journal.
m/Pettit s/Darling
passes unanimously***

A two year project to create a DVD for English teachers using excerpts from our current DVDs to teach writing skills through the of speech and oral communication principles. Also, a CD with a compilation of curriculum materials.

VII. Old Business

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-G: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Ballingall

Article III , section 11 , paragraph M, p.11 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

M. No later than three weeks prior to each State Qualifying individual events tournament, each League President shall conduct a meeting with a committee of coaches from that league for the purpose of collecting, recording, and reviewing all scripts and manuscripts entered in the State Qualifying tournament. Within one week following the review meeting, the League President will return to each school any of their scripts and manuscripts that need revision. The revised script(s) must then be returned to the President or his/her designee at least a week before the tournament. That the revision has been made will be recorded. All scripts/manuscripts will be stored by event and the entire collection will be available at each State Qualifying individual events tournament. Prior to the beginning of the semi-final round, the script/manuscript for each student advancing to the semi-final round will be verified; if no script/manuscript is available, the student will not advance to the semi-final round and the next student in order will be advanced, pending verification of his/her script/manuscript.

Darling: IE Committee felt that leagues have their own procedures in place and that new procedures are unnecessary.

Motion fails by voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-H: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Pettit

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph A1h, p.10 (new text 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 need not have a publisher page. 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.

All **introductory and** transitional ~~and updating~~ material shall be typewritten or printed neatly and inserted into the selection and underlined.

Unpublished material used for introductions and transitions of interpretations shall be the original work of the contestant. Published materials used for introductions and transitions of interpretations shall follow all manuscript requirements.

Introductions and transitions ~~and other added material~~ must not change the author's intent.

Darling: IE Committee wished to keep the current language.

Kamel: added material that changes the author's intent is already illegal.

Graber: who decides author's intent? Prefontaine: Protest committee.

Graber: can author's intent be changed by interpretation? Kamel: Interpretation can change the author's intent.

Motion fails by voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-L: M/Novak, S/Pinza

Article IX, section 2, paragraph A1d, p.3 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)
 Article IX, section 2, paragraph B1d, p.5
 Article IX, section 2, paragraph C1d, p.6
 Article IX, section 2, paragraph D1d, p.7
 Article IX, section 3, paragraph A1g, p.9
 Article IX, section 3, paragraph B1g, p.11
 Article IX, section 3, paragraph C1g, p.14
 Article IX, section 3, paragraph D1g, p.16
 Violations of general and/or specific rules, except as noted, shall **be penalized by a lowering of one rank unless otherwise noted.** ~~result in the contestant being ranked no higher than seventh (7th) place in the round(s) in which the violation occurs, and/or being disqualified.~~

Minick: Committee reports that this should not be passed.

DeBoer: The things that are currently penalized with receiving last place are all things that would give a student a competitive advantage, so they should continue to be penalized with a last place ranking.

motion fails by voice vote

VIII. New Business

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-09-A M/Kamel, S/Hamilton

Article VII, section 3, paragraph B, p.2 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

B. Distribution of Student Congress entries: There shall be ninety entrants in Congress plus twelve presiding officer entrants. Twenty-one entrants in Congress shall be allotted to each Area. Each League will be allotted one presiding officer entrant. A bonus of six entries for Student Congress will be added (one per House) using the following formula:

1. Based on the previous three years' State Tournaments and total league entries, the number of sweepstakes points earned shall be divided by the total number of allocated league entries.
2. This number is to be used to rank the leagues in order.
3. The top six leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.
- 4. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Tournament, a league must average a .75 sweepstakes points per entry or better.**
- 5. Any bonus entry remaining shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest percentage of sweepstakes points per entry.**
- 6. Tie-Breaker. In the event of ties between leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater percentage of sweepstakes points over the past 4 years. If still tied, then past 5 years, etc.**

fails by voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-09-B M/Kamel, S/Osborne

Article VII, section 4, paragraph H3, p.8 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)
 3. No student may participate in more than one individual event at the State Tournament. Should an individual qualify in more than one event, s/he shall choose which qualification s/he shall retain and so inform the League president and/or the Area Chairperson no more than three days after the qualification tournament. ~~This rule does not apply to debate with the exception that a student may not qualify for the State Tournament in both policy debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate. A student may compete in one individual event and one type of debate at the State Tournament. Students may double enter at the State Tournament in Parliamentary debate and an Individual Event or Public Forum and an Individual Event.~~ Students in congress at the State Tournament may not compete in either individual events or either type of debate, and vice versa. If an Area Chairperson is not notified of a student's choice of individual events, the Area Chairperson shall select the event for the student and notify the League president of the decision.

Kamel: Very large number of double qualifiers; several logistical problems with conflicts.

Graber: Would hurt debate more than I.E.s; kids in my league would give up debate rather than I.E.

Minick: Students would still be able to double enter in league and at qualifiers; double qualifying hurt my student at State this year.

Kim Jones: (Handed out a copy of the letter she previously wrote for the Bulletin opposing elimination of double entry) Double entry is the basis of our program; the educational benefits of allowing double entry far outweigh any logistical problems. The skills for speech and debate are complementary, and debaters shouldn't be forced to specialize. This will change fundamentally the educational nature of the activity.

Pettit: Banning double entry will trickle down to leagues.

Read: Individual leagues will decide.

Barembaum: Nothing in this bill will keep any individual student (debater or speaker) from competing at State. Students won't decide to drop one event in a gamble they're good enough to qualify in that event.

deBoer: Students already specialize; we go to NFLs and students can only choose one event, kids don't quit the other event.

Wolf: The kids who will quit won't be the really good ones, but the ones that are uncertain about their skills. Fairness: most fair to allow students to choose what they want to do, develop their abilities. It's not a preference for debaters, given the additional debate events that have become available. CHSSA should be about allowing students to achieve to the best of their ability.

Caperton: There were logistical problems last year, ue to double entry.

Johnson: If this passes, we won't have the ability in our league to fill all of our qualifying slots.

Osborne: Director and pit bosses are in favor. If leagues can't fill spots, they should receive fewer qualifiers. Unfair to allow debaters double enter but not individual events students.

Ballingall: Logistics aren't a good reason.

Underwood: Done this for 50 years, shouldn't drop it because of some logistical problems. This is a championship tournament; you want as close as what you want to your best.

Kamel: Logistical problems were severe; speaking positions are meaningless; debaters were first or last, always had preferential positions. Won't trickle down to leagues; hasn't in I.E. Big schools that benefit, helps them in sweepstakes. Get more kids in there. Let's try it for one year.

Wolf: Small leagues will suffer on the bonuses because outstanding kids who can double enter won't earn sweepstakes points for your leagues. Room shortage problems at Santa Clara exaggerated the logistical problems.

Walton: Are we trying to find the "true" champion or perhaps trying to extend the benefits of competition to more students? Unfair to make Nermin go through what she has to do to make this work.

Kamel: 90 students in Congress, single-entered.

Pinza: Should honor the wishes of the member coaches; I've heard 5 leagues object to this motion based on the wishes of the league coaches.

Prichard: Would devastate extemp in our league, since extempers double qualified with team debate must go in their team event.

Kim Jones: This doesn't hurt small schools. The one year experiment we undertake should be at a school with plenty of rooms. NFL shouldn't have eliminated double entry.

motion fails, 13-15

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-09-E M/Hamilton, S/Wolf

Article XI, section 2, paragraph J, p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

Article XI, section 3, paragraph E3, p.7

Article XI, section 5, paragraph F1, p.10

~~Debaters shall not utilize computers for any reason during debate round.~~ **Debaters shall not be allowed to utilize the internet during rounds, internet devices must be disabled.**

By motion, debate was limited to 20 minutes.

Motion to divide the motion by Ballingall, second by Osborn

Policy debate (Article XI, section 2, paragraph J, p.4):

Pinza: Whatever policy we adopt we should allow IEPs.

Jones: Can internet access be proven?

Barembaum: Unenforceable.

Kamel: Many things we can't enforce. In Texas, students sit facing the wall, judges can see.

Minick: Problematic on evidence challenges.

Jones: Lobbied very hard to allow the use at NFL; during the round cards are being cut, seeing this happen.

Wolf: Evidence must be on hard copy anyway. Can formulate guidelines for ethical behavior.

Matley: Just a matter of time that we have to go electronic. Waste of resources, expense in traveling.

DeBoer: Could we require that evidence be on a memory stick or flashdrive.

Walton: Need a reason to ban a piece of technology or a tool. Concerns over speaking style, privileging elite schools, never heard an accusation of internet being accessed. No different from banning pens.

Driggs: Nothing in this prevents use of computers outside the round.

Kamel: Laptops are available for \$200, every camp releases their evidence. Gives access the same way. Shouldn't fight the future; computers are the future.

Prichard: Why would you have tubs on a plane? Nationals, circuits, State.

Read: School library may have them available. \$200 may still be too much.

Walton: Not just the plane, its about the space in the van. We shouldn't be dictating the tools a coach chooses to use.

Wolf: Benefits to having the computer in the round, including flowing. Sharing the flows is the benefit. Have to address communications skills with the use of the laptop.

Pettit: Take flows from computer and better teach our students.

Johnson: 2 computers per team is a have-have not issue. Must have a printer.

Newton: Already unequal, helps to level the playing field.

motion passes 20-7-1

Lincoln-Douglas (Article XI, section 3, paragraph E3, p.7):

Minick: Not the same issues, with the use of evidence. Extremely different types of debate.

Hamilton: What is the benefit? Flow, reference materials, philosophers.

Matley: Can't imagine how it would help any of my kids to access information.

Kamel: LD is evolving, more information is necessary and relevant. What is the fear of a laptop?

Won't hurt anything.

Pinza: If there is an economic inequity issue, we should have some debate events without computers.

Johnson: Shouldn't become like policy.

Graber: Should preserve oratorical skills.

Walton: Can't win at State Tournament with bad speaking skills.

motion fails, 9-18-1

Public forum (Article XI, section 5, paragraph F1, p.10):

motion fails, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-09-C M/Kamel, S/Minick

Article XIV, section 3, paragraph A, p.3 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

A. Grand Sweepstakes: Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the schools gathering the highest number of points on the basis of the point system outlined below. Awards of appropriate size shall be given according to the following guidelines:

1. Three schools with ~~an~~ **a total** entry of ~~four~~ **nine** or fewer will be given suitable awards of recognition based on **total** sweepstakes points earned.

These awards shall be labeled "~~Division A Sweepstakes Awards~~" "**Small Entry Sweepstakes.**"

2. Five schools ~~with an entry of not less than five and not more than seventeen~~ will be given suitable awards of recognition based on sweepstakes points earned **solely from the individual events**. These awards shall be labeled "~~Division AA Sweepstakes Awards~~" "**Speech Sweepstakes.**"

3. Five schools ~~with an entry greater than seventeen~~ will be given suitable awards of recognition based on sweepstakes points earned **in debate events only**. These awards shall be labeled "~~Division AAA Sweepstakes Awards~~" "**Debate Sweepstakes.**"

Kamel: Debate skews the sweepstakes points. Small schools sweeps can be dominated by a school with one successful debate entry.

Matley: This will wipe out the middle entry schools.

Barembaum: Possible for a school to drop an entry and get a sweepstakes award.

Underwood: Is it possible for a small school to win 3 awards? Kamel: Yes

Pinza: Based on previous sweepstakes awards, one successful debate entry doesn't give enough points to win small school sweepstakes.

Osborne: The middle entry category is a good category and should be preserved.

Wolf: 662 speech points awarded, 406 debate points. Also perform relatively well in speech events. Should promote diverse programs.

Graber: Must have entries in debate and speech to qualify for Grand Sweepstakes Award.

motion fails, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-09-D M/Kamel, S/Graber

Article XIV, section 3, paragraph B, p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

B. Sweepstakes points:

1. Finalists in individual/duo events contests will be awarded sweepstakes points as follows:

Individual Events:

1st = **9** ~~7~~ points

2nd = **8** ~~6~~ point

3rd = **7** ~~5~~ points

4th = **6** ~~4~~ points

Duo Events:

11 ~~10~~ points

10 ~~9~~ points

9 ~~8~~ points

8 ~~7~~ points

~~all other contestants in the round =~~

~~3 points each~~ ~~4 points each~~

5th = **5 points**

6 points

6th = **4 points**

5 points

7th = 3 points

4 points

Kamel: Fair to make I.E. sweeps points worth half of team debate. More I.E. schools than debate schools.

Wolf: This will disadvantage schools that excel in both.

Ballingall: Team debaters speak for over 200 minutes, prepared events speakers speak for 50 minutes.

deBoer: Debate heavy schools cannot win without speech;

Pinza: AAA and AA sweepstakes schools in the past were balanced; very few received awards based solely on debate and even a few more based solely on individual events.

Osborne: The two don't be equal; each round, competes against 5 or 6 other speakers, debates against one other team at a time.

Kim Jones: Team championships are more important than anything.

Kamel: Speech and debate should be more equal.

Matley: This is about a few schools contending for the Grand Championship; we should promote schools doing both.

Motion fails, 5-17-4

Hall of Fame nominations are due to Sharon by November 1.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Chuck Ballingall
CHSSA Secretary