

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:29 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Proxies: Hoon Ko for Paul Pinza, Sean Mumper for Chris Wolf, Rod Landes for Karen Minick

Absent: Jennifer Kindred, Area 1 Curriculum Representative; SCDL President; Steve Caperton, CBSR President

III. Minutes from January 2009 meeting were circulated (the amended minutes will be posted online)

*Approve as amended M/Underwood S/Landes, passes*

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Thanks to all in Area 3 for putting on the tournament.

Thanks to all who worked in the tab room and those who supervised the major tab room areas.

Thanks to Carmendale, Natalie and Donovan for being founders of the State Tournament.

Thanks to Nermin and Ron for their work on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

Hotel accommodations and the Dinner-Dance went well.

Tournament protests:

1. Before the tournament: A student who overqualified (qualified in too many events).  
Decision: That the league needed to resolve the issue.
2. Involved the termination of a Congress session by a tournament official due to a timing misunderstanding. A student was denied the ability to speak. This was a violation of the By-laws and the procedures for Congress. The protest was upheld. It was decided to give the student a score based on the average of his other speeches.
3. A student who performed the HI piece "Hamlet II." He had added 22 words from Coolio's "Gangster Paradise." 2 judges recognized the addition. The student said that the words were in the script but they were not in the script he turned in. The student was disqualified.
4. A student used his jacket to portray sexual behavior in his HI, "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga." The judges confirmed the use of the jacket in that way. The decision was made to give the student a rank of 7 in the round.

Perhaps we need a By-law clarifying the rule that a prop may not be extraneous to the body.

Sharon read a letter from Natalie Weber informing the Council that she will no longer be coordinating the Dinner-Dance. The letter included a brief history of the event, and included a significant contribution to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund to further speech education in California.

Sharon then read a letter from Carmendale Fernandes announcing her retirement from the Council, expressing her appreciation to the Council, and including a significant contribution to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund.

Sharon: With Carmendale's retirement, we will need to reactivate the Public Relations Committee, as it is defined in the By-laws. We need to fight for our survival during these trying times.

Vice President of Activities Kamel

We did a number of different things this year, will be posting an evaluation of the tournament on Survey Monkey.

We were much more online this year; fewer things printed; debate tab is ready to go to a cardless tab; IE tab is moving in that direction. Thanks to Brent Hinkle for his hard work. Congress is also moving to computer tabbing.

Thanks to Einar Johnson for his incredible work on judges and on the tournament overall. Thanks to Dan Carter for doing a great job as a coach. Tab and judges rooms were terrific, food went well.

Carmendale, Natalie and Donovan were greatly missed. They all helped before the tournament, and gave amazing guidance and advice.

Thanks to the League Presidents and Area Chairs for their help. The Protest Committee does a great job, and looks after the interests of the students. Thanks to Reid Niemi, Derek Yuill, David Matley, Chuck Ballingall, Ralph Driggs, June Read, Ron Underwood and many others for their help in running the State Tournament.

Thanks to Rita and Eugene and the video crew, and thanks for getting the DVDs for Carmendale, Natalie and Donovan finished so quickly.

Ron, thanks for the incredible work on the book, and Matt Fraser for his assistance both before and at the tournament.

Thanks to Hoon Ko, who was in charge of judge assignments, and who helped in many other ways.

Thanks to all others who helped.

Thanks to the Bakersfield league, for all the hard work they've already done on State 2010.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Introduced new member from Area 3, Marianne Rosen.

Did significant work on the OPP DVD,

Showed the Council the DVD collection currently packaged for sale. Approximately \$750 worth of DVDs sold during the tournament; thanks to Shirley K-F and Suzanne for their help in selling the DVDs.

The TI DVD cannot be sold. The release is online on the CAHSSA.org website. Any other member schools wishing to obtain the DVD must first fill out the release form.

The OPP DVD will be the best one yet. Over 20 hours of footage. Unfortunately, some schools did not obtain release signatures for their students, which meant they were unable to participate (even though many students from these schools were excited to participate).

Thanks to Ashley Novak, who found 2 Executive Producers for the TV show Heroes, who were interviewed by an OPP student. Thanks to Mikendra McCoy's former student, an actor in the new FOX series, "Glee," who was interviewed for the DVD.

The DVD will be previewed in September and distributed in January. Please encourage members to pay dues by December so DVDs may be delivered in a timely fashion.

CATE: Gay Brasher will attend the September meeting to report on her CATE presentation.

3 year plan. Our last DVD as part of the plan will be on Oratorical Interpretation.

Also will continue to work on the "Teaching a Forgotten Standard" DVD.

Will work over the summer with Eugene on a DVD for judges instructions. May possibly be able to produce a custom bundle for leagues.

Prefontaine: Anyone with suggestions, feel free to see or email Rita with them.

#### Treasurer Barembaum

The Treasurer's Report was presented (it is a work in progress; not all State Tournament expenses have been submitted).

Many students have requested scholarships.

Please let me know if anyone else needs refunds of judge deposits (or should NOT receive them).

Pettit: Hosting State in 2 years; what will be paid for.

Kamel: In this case, more money was needed for food, and the expenses were approved in advance; in the other case, the money was spent and then approval was asked.

Barembaum: Also, in the previous case, documentation for expenses was inadequate.

Johnson: Money being allotted to feed judges was inadequate.

Kamel: Really important to get donated food.

#### Secretary Ballingall

Updated roster will be emailed soon.

#### Editor Walton

The Bulletin will come out in late August. The first issue will be sent out to every high school in California.

We should include a permission to use students' photographic images as part of the State registration process (so we may use photographs in the Bulletin, on the website, etc).

Graber: We should have an article documenting the value of speech activities in the college admissions process.

Read: Could include information about students and the large scholarships they receive. Would be willing to put something together if people will send me information.

Ko: People need to be willing to take time in the summer to do work on this.

Historian Underwood

Thanks to Nermin for the hundreds of hours spent on the layout and proofreading of the book.

Hall of Fame interview tapes originally done by Donovan have been converted to DVD; a “highlight DVD” will hopefully be produced by Fall.

Continuing to work on “Where are they now” for past State Champions.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books have been mailed to all living Hall of Famers. Trying to track down family members of deceased members so they may receive books.

Hall of Fame vote: both candidates received well over 90% of the votes cast.

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 3 Chair Novak

Thanks to everyone who has been thanked previously.

Prior to the tournament, sent out emails to a number of friends inviting them to judge; still receiving emails expressing how impressed they were with the tournament and the participants.

Area 2 Chair Darling

Thanks to all League Presidents for the excellent work done on scripts.

STATE TOURNAMENT DATES HAVE CHANGED: April 16, 17 and 18 at Bakersfield College. Deadline for entries has been moved to March 17. Scripts are due to Area Chairs by March 20. Deadline for fees is March 24.

Hamilton: September meeting will be in Bakersfield; tournament sites will be close to hotels. It is expensive to fly into Bakersfield. Train is a possibility. We are looking into a shuttle from hotels to tournament sites.

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Still trying to get a site; hoping to either Orange Coast College or Cypress College.

Hoping to submit for approval in the fall a draft memorandum of understanding for tournament hosts and leagues outlining expectations and obligations of hosts.

Concerns over judge ethics and behavior. Several problems at the recent tournament.

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

Major problem with scripts this year was that cover sheets as submitted weren't 2-sided.

Looking for a site for 2012.

VI. Committee Reports

Individual Events Committee (Darling)

Will be presenting By-laws change to drop scripts from Expos and OPP.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Considered motion remanded to us regarding Parli topic suggestion; the Committee felt that the current process works fine.

Pettit: Leagues can certainly suggest topics.

Driggs: Don't recall any student voice a negative opinion of the topics.

Read: I remember students voicing negative opinions.

We will propose a by-laws amendment to mandate that each judging panel in every round of every event will have a chairperson, so as to ensure that judges follow the rules.

Evidence exchange: our intent to write a rule in September to mandate that when asked in cross ex/prep, teams must surrender said evidence.

Will also present a housekeeping motion regarding protests.

Congress Committee (Matley)

We are trying to move forward on computerized tabulation. We've been trying to move onto Joy of Tournaments for 2 years. The current system can (and has) led to errors.

We will be presenting several By-laws amendments. One problem is that a number of the PO's that come to State are not qualified. They need to be better coaches/trained.

Read: Our league is struggling with the PO issue as well.

Matley: Important to increase the quality of PO's, as well as the respect they're given at the tournament.

Pettit: What about the intimidation of younger PO's.

Osborn: Rules are simplified, PO's just need to be better trained.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

Nothing to add to officer report.

DECLARATIONS FOR OFFICE:

Prefontaine (President), Kamel (VP Activities), Prichard (VP Curriculum). No others.

Meeting was declared in recess at 11:35 a.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

VII. Old Business

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-10-A: M/Johnson, S/Barembaum**  
(regarding signature sheet for debate events; remanded to the Executive Committee)

Executive Committee met and decided to adopt a signature sheet (similar to NFL) for all events. It will include signatures by students, coach, and administrator, indicating that students are aware of the competition rules. The form will be posted online for all State Tournament entries.

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-10-B: M/ Read, S/ Underwood**  
(regarding Parliamentary Debate topics; remanded to the Debate Committee)

Ballingall: Debate Committee opposes this resolution.  
Nothing to preclude leagues currently from providing input.  
Debate Committee is satisfied with the current process.

Pettit: Finite deadline for Parli topics could be tough because we want the topics to be current events.  
Nothing precludes leagues from sending in suggestions.

Motion withdrawn by Read.

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-10-G: M/ Barembaum, S/ Keller-Firestone**  
(proposal to assess all schools a flat \$100 fee regardless of school population; discussion postponed to this meeting)

Barembaum: 1. Fairer; no reason for large enrollment schools with small programs to pay more. 2. Easier to calculate and administer. 3. Does represent a fee increase; average fee is currently \$90.

Graber: How will this affect allocations? Need a study to determine. Should know in advance.

Kamel: It can change allocations in either direction depending on the year. Should favor this because of fairness.

Underwood: It carries out original intent of the system.

SKF: Would make life easier for Area Chairs.

Pettit: OCSL mainly in favor (one school opposed); can help encourage new schools, either large or small. Makes it easier for new coaches to do forms.

Abad: Looked at Area 1; wouldn't make any drastic changes in allocations.

Johnson: If you are going to allocate based on people, it should be based on squad size anyway, which is impractical.

Hamilton: It will increase our fees approximately \$10 per school, which our schools are against.

Read: Becomes simple to do. Coaches don't want \$100 judging deposit to be included in this.

Barembaum: Judging deposit not included in this.

Barembaum: New assessment form will be posted by the end of June.

*Passes, 26-2*

VIII. New Business

Election of officers:

*Motion to accept slate of officers: Keller-Firestone, Second:Johnson  
Passes, unanimously*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-A: M/Ballingall, S/Ko**

Article XIV, section 8, paragraph F, p.7 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):  
F. Challenges in debate shall follow procedures **for that debate event** outlined in ~~Article  
IV, Section 7, C4~~ **Article XI.**

Housekeeping amendment.

*Passes, unanimously*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-B: M/Matley, S/Johnson**

Article XIV, section 3 paragraph C, p.5 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

**Establish the Bob DeGroff Presiding Officer awards for the two final round  
presiding officers. The winning presiding officer will receive a monetary  
award of \$500 and a large gavel. The runner-up presiding officer shall  
receive a monetary award of \$200 and a finalist plaque.**

**All presiding officers shall receive a complimentary gavel necessary to  
preside over congress sessions before the start of the first round.  
This shall replace all current final round awards and scholarships for the  
presiding officers.**

Kamel: Issue in giving additional money to PO over anything else (already give \$150). Also, how should we honor other people who have served the council?

Johnson: PO's are necessary for the proper functioning of the Congress competition. This would attract better competitors, which would also help the efficient management of the Congress tournament.

Underwood: In essence, the PO has a better shot to win the \$150. I don't like the extra money.

Matley: Congress Committee feels like the PO serves a unique function.

Graber: Could cause decrease in quality among actual Congress speakers.

McCoy: Support this because the goals are important.

Johnson: Our league allows Congress competitors to serve as PO's as well. A bad PO can destroy the entire session.

Walton: Do we really want to encourage students to enter because of the monetary award?

Graber: Accept a friendly amendment to change the award to \$300?

Matley: Congress Committee likes the \$500; don't feel it will overly attract students. Not comfortable with friendly amendment.

Kamel: Sends the wrong message.

Landes: Motion to divide the motion, as follows: (S/Kamel)

Part 1:

**Establish the Bob DeGross Presiding Officer awards for the two final round presiding officers. The winning presiding officer will receive a large gavel. The runner-up presiding officer shall receive a finalist plaque.**

**All presiding officers shall receive a complimentary gavel necessary to preside over congress sessions before the start of the first round. This shall replace all current final round awards and scholarships for the presiding officers.**

Part 2: Monetary awards

*Motion to divide passes, unanimously*

*Part 1 passes unanimously*

Part 2 (monetary awards)

Johnson: we need an attention grabber. The PO's run the State Tournament. They are crucial to its successful functioning.

Matley: Not a great deal of money; Council should pay this.

Barembaum: Amendment 2010-2014 (accepted by Matley)

Graber: Why a cash prize, not a scholarship. Student will be more attracted to it.

Kamel: Sponsorship is a great idea. Congress Committee should look for sponsorships.

Matley: Paying students because they are serving CHSSA.

Ballingall: If you need more PO's, compensate them.

Driggs: Displaying more than just speaking skills

*Vote on part 2: passes by voice vote.*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-C: M/Matley, S/Johnson**

Article XIII, section 17, paragraph , p.7 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

**Section 17. Session Length**

**All sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Time begins when the first competitor speaks. A speech and cross-examination may extend beyond 90 minutes provided that the speaker was recognized within the 90 minute time limit. A session may end before the 90 minute time limit provided that no speakers wish to speak. A session can end with an affirmative speech.**

Matley: Just includes timing in the By-laws. Cannot exclude a student who hasn't spoken before 90 minues.

*Passes by voice vote*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-D: M/Kamel, S/Underwood**

Article VII, section 4, paragraph E, p.6 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

1. No school shall be admitted to a state qualification tournament unless the school's CHSSA assessments are **postmarked** ~~paid~~ on or before two weeks prior to **said** ~~the first state qualification contest held by the League.~~

Ko: This was opposed in the past.

Grabber: What about bad checks? Hard to update by Area Chair.

Hamilton: Does the penalty apply to every qualifier?

Kamel: Makes it easier for schools; especially since penalty is harsh?

*Passes by voice vote (2 abstentions)*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-E: M/Darling, S/Underwood**

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

The speech ~~may~~ **must** be delivered from memory, ~~notes or manuscript.~~

Article IX, section 2, paragraph D-2b, p.6 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

b. Aids: Speeches ~~may~~ **must** be delivered from memory; ~~the use of scripts shall be optional.~~ No visual or audio aids shall be permitted in the contest rounds.

Darling: This makes language consistent with all memorized events.

Johnson: They will have their boards; will students be accused of using notes on their board?

Barembaum: Why make the change? Everyone speaks from memory anyway.

Kamel: Makes judge instructions simpler.

Move to divide: Johnson, Second/Matley

Part 1: Expository notes prohibited

Driggs: If a student is reading off their board, they're disqualified.

Johnson: I've had students with very detailed boards, could be challenged.

Matley: We should amend By-laws to prevent future protests.

Prichard: When we videotaped event, they had cheat sheets on the board.

*Remanded to the IE Committee*

Part 2: OPP notes prohibited

Barembaum: No need for this rule.

*Passes unanimously (1 abstention)*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-F: M/Darling, S/Read**

Article IX, section 3, paragraph A-1-f, p.9; B-1-f, p.11; C-1-f, p.14; D-1-f, p.16  
(new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

f. Published Materials: All contestants must use published materials.  
"Published" as used in these rules means materials commercially  
printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed **by September 1 of that  
competitive school year.**

Graber: hate to see OI limited to Sept. 1. Prefer current events speeches. (Friendly amend)  
Matley friendly amendment: also eliminate D (TI)  
Friendly amendments were not accepted.

Walton: If self publishing is the problem, should also ban TI

SKF: Move to amend to exclude OI and TI from this new rule.

*Passes 20-4-3*

Consideration of resolution as amended: September 1 deadline for DI, HI, Duo

*Passes, voice*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-G: M/Underwood, S/Hamilton**

Article V, section C, paragraph 1-4 , p.2 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

~~1. Schools in the following group of counties shall be eligible for membership in the **Mar-Monte Forensic League:**~~

~~San Luis Obispo Santa Barbara Ventura~~

2. Schools in the following geographic areas shall be eligible for membership  
in the **Tri-Valley Forensic League:**

Western boundary: LA County line from the Pacific Ocean to Hwy 126

Northern boundary: Hwy 126 east to the San Gabriel Mountains

Eastern boundary; Hwy 118 to Angeles National Forest, including

Tujunga, and the southern and eastern borders of the city of Burbank, **and will also  
include cities in the following counties: San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura.**

(Paragraphs 1-4 are renumbered 1-3)

*Passes, unanimously*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-H: M/Rosen, S/Hamilton**

Article XI, section 5, paragraph D , p.9 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

D. Speeches in the Debate: ...

**4. The affirmative speaker must speak first in the debate**

Ballingall: This amendment necessary to cover elimination rounds, where teams do flip for sides and could potentially think they're reverting to the NFL model, which they are NOT supposed to be doing. They choose side only and speaking order remains the same.

*Passes, unanimously*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-I: M/Matley, S/Johnson**

Article XIV, section 3, paragraph B3, p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

The outstanding presiding officer shall be awarded **six** ~~three~~ points, the superior presiding officer **four** ~~two~~ points, and the semi-final presiding officers who did not advance to finals, **two** ~~one~~ points each.

Underwood: Generally favor, but only 11 or 12 competitors

Kamel: Not same prep time, only compete against 11 other kids

Matley: It does require an important skill set, should be recognized.

*Passes, 18-7*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-K: M/Ballingall, S/Hamilton**

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

**F. Each judging panel in every round of every event will have a chairperson. The chairperson will be assigned in the Judging House, and should be a school coach whenever possible. The chairperson will make certain that judges follow all rules of the competition, including the following:**

- 1. Judges are not to confer until all ballots have been completed and turned in**
- 2. Decisions are not to be announced after the round.**
- 3. Judges should not make comments to the competitors in front of the other judges.**

Underwood: Not practical, not always a coach, who's going to choose?

Ballingall: Judge assigners

Matley: Does having panel chairperson give them control and power

Mumper: Only there to enforce existing rules

*Remanded to Debate Committee*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 09-05-L: M/Matley, S/Johnson**

Article XIII, section 7, paragraph B, p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

B. Each final session shall have 90 minutes of debate time (**see Section 17**). The first session shall close, followed by a ten-minute recess to be followed by the opening of a second session of the final round.

Article XIII, section 7, paragraph D p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

D. Each semi-final session shall select one presiding officer by popular vote to preside over one-half **each** of the final sessions.

Article XIII, section 8, paragraph C p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

C. There shall be ~~nine~~ **five different** official scorers serving in **each of** the final sessions.

Article XIII, section 8, paragraph D p.4 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

D. Each scorer shall choose 1st through ~~15th~~ **14th** Best Speaker for each preliminary session.

Article XIII, section 10, paragraph B p.5 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

B. Presiding officers will alternate from first position to second position in preliminary **and final** rounds to the extent possible. In **the semi-final round and final rounds**, positions shall be determined by coin toss.

Kdb: New priority cards? Rankings will be skewed because if a student speaks twice in one half it will change the rankings

Matley: Will average out over the judges

*Passes unanimously*

**Moved by Prichard, Seconded by Read: \$7000 for the Curriculum Committee**

*Passes unanimously*

**Moved by Kamel, Seconded by Petit: \$3225 to a wen design company for the purposes of creating a new website \$3225**

*Passes unanimously*

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Chuck Ballingall  
CHSSA Secretary