



- I. The meeting was called to order by President Niemi at 9:18 am
- II. Roll Call: Absent- Eric Larsen
Proxies- None.
- III. Minutes from May 2017 offered for review, edit, and comments.
Moved to approve by Underwood second by Gale
Passed by voice vote

IV. Officer Reports (*Google document used in Exec Committee—pasted PDF at end of minutes*)

President Niemi

Reed: I apologize for not campaigning, but some of these people here are some of the best leaders around the State. I will be a facilitator. Created an Ad Hoc committee to explore a Middle School State Tournament. LD proposal (Value statement, pre-policy). Can Sharon and Ron have our support (vote on a resolution)? Resolved: CHSSA ought to further investigate a middle school state champion tournament to be held in 2019 in San Jose.

Michael: Can't you do this as President?

Reed: Respectfully, I disagree. Ron and Sharon may need to take some trips and be reimbursed, so Neil and I thought it would be best to bring it forward to the Council. This builds our base and hopefully propagates more programs. Hopefully in 3-5 years we can show/measure expansion.

Ron: I want to pass around what we worked up so you can see our ideas. I have changed my stance over the years, and now that I am involved with MS programs for the last four years, I think it is wonderful.

Gay: We have had the Burnett tournament since 2004. Had to build from nothing and now it is explosive (up to 450 entries over two days). This was born from the classroom. This helps involve more people in the activity.

Question called by David, seconded by Bobby. Passed by voice vote.

Vice President of Activities Ronald

State is at Mountain House High School, but is still the responsibility of the original host league. Mikendra has been doing a great job, thank you. At State on Saturday, we will have a fair (booths, vendors, debate related, sign-up to vote, etc.). Please let me know if you have fair/booth ideas. We are making a SOTY for CHSSA this year. Possibly also a \$1,000 scholarship.

Vice President of Curriculum Curtis

We created a form to get feedback from all. There will be a link on the webpage. Every coach needs to do this. 9 questions long. We have some lesson plan ideas.....voice over of each different event? This year's State Tournament, video tape the final round of Advocacy. This would be unedited. Add permission to Advocacy Cover Sheet.

Treasurer Barembaum



I have sent out items for approval (Ballinal Grant, MS outreach, State photography, site visits, etc.)

Kathy: Can you explain the Ballinal idea more please?

Neil: We want to help some needy policy teams vote. We would make criteria and try to split up the money (currently \$1,000) in the best way possible and depending on demand.

Kathy moves, Ron seconds. Budget passed by voice vote.

Secretary Kalashian

I am glad to be secretary and you will be glad I am not speaking during meetings. ☺

Historian Underwood

It is hard to get ahold of many HOF members, but we continue to work on it. We will be filming Mikendra once the meeting is done today.

Editor Cummings

Reed: I made an appointment as Editor. I served as Editor/secretary for many years. Post the bulletin online moving forward, so that we no longer have to pay for postage (which we had not been doing recently anyway). Thank you Einar for the contributions to the bulletin in the past.

Ben: The goal is to restart the Bulletin. Expect an email from me for you to submit ideas. The first Bulletin will be about vision. We will print OO/OA/Expos champions speeches in the Bulletin. Send ideas to me. I am still running the webpage. Webmaster@Chssa.org is an easy way to get to me.

I have \$3,000 for the webpage and I will be dipping into some of this when it comes to scripts....but we are also working on how to allow schools to type into a webpage

Kathy: Can students submit articles?

Reed: It will be produced twice a year, and must be approved by the Executive Council. So, yes, they can.

Chris: I have a question/concern about the web page. Where can I find what are our goals for the webpage? I don't want content for contents sake. Less is more online. Organization looks great, but what is the direction for content?

Ben: So far I simply uploaded items that committee members told me to. Content moving forward should come from the entire body, and I do not like clutter either.

Reed: Exec Council approval is required before the Editor can post. We should address that in Exec Council January. We have different bodies who have different responsibilities when it comes to the placement of items.

Ben: You can see webpage stats projected now. This will help us moving forward.

Michael: Does the Bulletin have a specific format?

Reed: The only consistent part in the past was the Presidents message. We can create consistent elements moving forward, I am sure.

Orfield: Could we have a spot to put in league's best practices?



Reed: Yes, that's a great idea.

V. Area Chair Reports (*Google document used in Exec Committee—linked PDF at end of minutes*)

Area 1 Chair Harris

Experimenting with new ways of communicating. Also maybe judge swaps between the two leagues to help tournament. No new appointments to report.

Area 2 Chair McCoy

We are hosting State (vendors, nice campus, principal is on board, food trucks). Melisa Elko is a new appointment to curriculum, Beth Lamada is also new to PR.

Area 3 Chair Graber

I love my league presidents that we work with. Bobby Lebeda will be Jerome's permanent proxy to the meetings now. Winston Chang is a new member of curriculum and is great also. I have set up an area 3 webpage also. Are we changing the name of the organization?

Reed: No, Neil is simply snarky.

Area 4 Chair Osborn

State in 2019 should be at Cypress College hopefully (OCSL). Chathi Anderson is new to curriculum.

VI. Committee Reports (*Google document used in Exec Committee--attached at end of minutes*)

Debate Committee (Larsen absent, Karson interim)

(Sarah presents as Karson takes notes)

Sarah: We worked on a schedule that we have linked to you. We also set criteria on advancing/ranking the top 16 (total ballot count, then total wins, then opp total ballot count, then opp total wins, then head to head, then debate tab director/VPA decision). We tweaked parli topic areas some.

Kathy: Can we have clear explanations of what the changes are to debate in case we want to implement them at the league level?

Reed: Yes, we will send out changes to each year so you can see and track change in rules.

Einar: School hitting school is a sacred cow. But we want your leagues to please talk about it.

Gregg: The link to the schedule is not working.

David: Kathy, we have a similar system locally to what the new proposal is. See the GGSA webpage.

Public Relations Committee (Bolig)



Outreach to schools is our first goal. We are going to up our social media game and made a sub-group in our group. We are also creating a template press release. Finding sponsors for State, hope to have at least 10 confirmed by State. Emphasize speech day as well.

Individual Events Committee (Gale)

We need to address a change to the order, but will save for later.

Congress Committee (Matley)

Congress topic areas will be on the webpage. Make clear to your leagues and schools that each school that qualifies a congress competitor needs to submit a piece of legislation. See which area is assigned to your league. Welcome Rachel to our committee. Rachel will look into a fillable PDF form to help take care of formatting submitted legislation. We created an area for women's issues. Also, there seems to be a demand for computers in congress, so you will see this later. We are also working on some tie-breakers for P.O. Finally, trying to streamline congress so CHSSA, invites, and NSDA (for example) are all on the same page.

VII. Old Business

Both old business items have been struck (**withdrawn by Gregg, measures 05-2017A E-Script Proposal League and 05-2017B E-Script Proposal State**). So, now we are now onto new business.

VIII. New Business

09-2017A Online Payments for State

Greg: This is what we already do, so can we just clean his up and align it to current practice?

Minnia moves, Rachel seconds. Passes voice vote.

09-2017B Clarity in the Election Process

Osborn: Sharon (P., past president) felt that incumbents have to declare as well.

Kathy moves, Sharon seconds. Tabled

09-2017I Eliminate Area Chair Script Collecting

Caiti: This would remove Area Chairs from script collecting and vetting. This will allow for specialized attention by Area Chairs, allows for

Kathy: Can we hold off until McCoy is back, since she is an Area Chair?

Reed: No, efficiency.

Minnia: This takes away one more check. This concerns me.



David: As league president, I thought 'are you out of my mind?' I am, however, in favor of this, but only if we had digital copies. I don't want to lug a big pile to a table.

Caiti: We have options in motions coming up.

Gregg: I pulled my proposal, because of this one. I did not make motions to ease workload. One, I feel ethical dilemma as signing off and then dealing with the same possible protest down the road. What if an area chair decides to cheat (to benefit their home league)?

Ron: The scripts that area chairs send back for corrections, this would never happen under this proposal?

Chris: I don't want to lug scripts around. We have our own script party. Leagues can do what they need to. Shirley left scripts at State....somehow they went to Bakersfield. We need to get with the times. I don't want boxes in my garage. Like all issues, we should compromise.

Einar: An area chair can recuse themselves from a protest if they feel the need. I have trained a lot of people. A lot of league presidents are green. The area chairs know a lot more than a league president. We latch onto this out of paranoia. We don't want to remove a vetting step to make this better....there has to be better ways.

Kathy: There is no guarantee of electronic submission. Chris, you are conflating two issues. After tournament script issues/distribution is different. What happened when new evidence comes forward? New evidence could allow an area chair to still sit on a protest. I am for but also against this. I like parts but also not others.

Jennifer: Hoon made some good points. League Presidents should check more/check with coaches. This will allow Area Chairs to free up.

David: I would like to speak in favor. Leagues need to do this, Presidents have been passing on the buck. The Area Chair is still there.

Minnia: Presidents are trying their best....this is why we have a second check. It is on the students....if they cheat and get caught, then it is on them.

Sharon: I didn't understand what to do when I began. I needed and liked the second check of Area Chairs.

Erik: I agree with a lot of what Mr. Matley said....but I think it needs to be paired with electronic submission.

Winston: No incentive for Presidents to not do well. Don't conflate the two issues. If area chairs catch a lot of errors, then we need to keep that check. Electronic submissions should be allowed now.

Gregg: Yes, we can recuse themselves, but we took the job so do the job. Yes we have green coaches also. Lean on those that can help you. Kathy, you only to carry one leagues

Mikendra: What is the purpose of this position instead of working hand in hand with League Presidents? We don't want to be the heavy only.

Rachel: When we sign our names we can take responsibility. I had a script that got sent back. Everyone is flawed/human. This is a great way to meet your area chair to get help on scripts.

Einar: Lets walk through this process. All students in my classroom....some brighter than others. Sometimes the kids can't be counted to not make mistakes. New coaches make mistakes all the time. Let the students submit electronic submissions.



Michael: I am speaking in favor of this. I am going to put at least two major revisions into place when I get back. If we put the pressure on us then we need to

Hoon: The Area Chair should be a support, they should reach out and visit. Area Chairs can't do all of this in such a short time.

Kathy: Each league does this very differently, which makes the president's job difficult. Ben, what was dropbox?

Ben: There may be a place online for us to store scripts.

Sarah: If area chairs are not around.....we need to build everything up on our own. We are not getting the help that we need. Now the one check we need is gone? We have five new schools who need help that I cannot provide.

Lily: All my students have to read the by-laws.....then they can ask me...then we can ask the league president, then ask the area chair. We have coaches who don't know how to do this even though they have been coaches for many years.....but we know who those coaches are. So, hopefully, we can help coaches that are identified as needing the help.

Dan: Why do we assume area chairs are experts. There are also more eyes on the league level.

Jennifer: Area Chairs still exist, use them.

Sharon: Empower the league presidents.....can a coach bypass me and go to the Area Chair?

Ben moves, Jennifer seconds. Voice vote is unclear.

Neil calls a division, Kathy seconds. 14 to 15 with 2 abstentions, the motion fails.

09-2017C Graber E-Script (Areas)

Caiti: Scripts can be submitted to area chairs electronically.

Reed: We need to stop submitting things along the way, have done ahead of time, please.

Minnia: Am I reading this wrong....can area chairs demand that electronic submissions are required?

Caiti: No, the or allows any way to do it.

Michael: As a league president I can pick either method.

Jennifer: You may not want random submissions without a platform.

Gregg: Could an Area Chair let someone do it one way and another do it another way?

Sharon moves, Ron seconds. Passes voice vote.

09-2017D Graber E-Scripts (Leagues)

Kathy: League Presidents discretion, otherwise the same as above.



Ben moves, David seconds. Passes voice vote.

09-2017E Laptops in Congress

David: Congress kids can use laptops, aligns with other events.

Einar: I am against this, we need to not leave kids behind. Being poor hurts so many kids. We are widening the gap.

Minnia: 3 minute speech only...so why computers needed? Work on eye contact.

Erik: I don't think a computer gives you an advantage in congress, speaking is still a focus.....so let people use it if they want to but I don't think it will help them.

Bobby: It improves the quality of debate...you can look stuff up based on what you hear (as long as it is saved).

Kathy: How will we police this? (not having the internet allowed).

Rachel: I think it is best if we allow students to have as many possible ways to compete and access information in any way they need.

Einar moves, Bobby seconds. Passes voice vote.

Rachel moves, Angel seconds, passes voice vote to recess for lunch at 11:53.

Reed reconvenes the meeting at 1:16.

09-2017F Service Above Self Voting

Ron: We want to specify a process and follow it. It has been a little confusing in the past, especially last year.

Sharon moves, Ben seconds. Passes voice vote.

09-2017G Ban Props in Limited Prep Events

Angel: Currently, this is an oversight.

Winston: But couldn't this harm someone who talked about a table and pointed at one?

Minnia: Would you accept a friendly amendment?

Angel: I did ask some people, but I did not want to make a giant paragraph....I wanted to leave it open to whoever may want to deal with a possible protest.

Einar: I would not change the verbiage. When someone abuses this rule (like when a girl cut her hair in Expos) we could deal with it then?

Jennifer: What if you have a picture impromptu?



Rachel: A paper with a quote on it is not a prop.

Einar: I.E. committee should look at the slip in impromptu.

Kathy: We can say something like ‘unless it is an item given to the competitor’.

Gregg: This is a little problematic....Einar should not protest my kid because he has a slip for example.

Winston: NSDA final rounds students use quotes.

Michael: Why the word ‘gestures’?

Angel: It is literally the wording from other I.E. events.

Einar: Maybe we don’t want these exact words in limited prep events that are from I.E. events.

David: Is this from I.E. Committee?

Reed: No, this is from VPA Angel.

Dan: Can we amend this?

Angel: What if the tournament gave a pennant? Can we use that in a round? We should be reasonable here.

Caiti: This was supported by the I.E. Committee.

Minnia: Friendly amendment, unless provided as a topic for the tournament.

Angel: I agree to that.

Gregg moves, Minnia seconds. Passes voice vote as amended.

09-2017H Pilot Script Submissions
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Neil: Can we make a friendly amendment?

David: How does this work with what we passed earlier as far as choice?

Rachel: How much space will we have if we upload items?

Ben: We have two terabytes of data that we are going for.

Einar: Is this only for league presidents?

Erik: Can we upload other items, or only Oratory?

Reed: Scripts were coming in different formats, we wanted to unify this.

Ben: Friendly amendment so that we can only submit PDF’s.

Gregg: If I already agreed to do google drive with my league presidents....why do this also?

Caiti: If Ben will allow all entries to dropbox, then I will withdraw my motion?



Michael: Isn't this three different ways of submitting scripts if this passes?

Ben: Is this just to make me do something as webmaster?

Caiti/Minnia: YES.

Ben: Oh.....O.K.

Caiti: I withdraw my motion.

Ben: Go to Chsaa.org/submit and check out a button that says submit to see how this could work once it has been finalized.

Motion is withdrawn.

09-2017J Editor Job Description

Ben: Move away from physical Bulletin.....do more web work. CHSSA webpage is the place to get information from.

Neil: There are constitutional changes that need to be dealt with here. Webpage should be an additional duty.

Ben: Can we just change the name?

David: Switch primary and secondary.....flip the two paragraphs.

Reed: We used to have secretary/editor and now we are trying to separate editor back out.

Underwood: Can we send out notification when you post the bulletin?

Einar moves, Sharon seconds. Passes voice vote as amended/alterd (switch first and second paragraphs and words primary and secondary).

09-2017K Remove Approved Script List

Kathy: I KNEW this wouldn't get done! Still, we don't actually use this so we should get rid of it. Can we still compile a list in some way shape or form though so coaches can gather some information if they wanted?

Einar moves, Caiti seconds. Passes voice vote.

09-2017L Remove Script Photocopy Requirement

Einar: This allows us to type up scripts and then submit. Why should we allow MLA citations in original events, and trust highlighting in Interps? Students should have time to practice, not spend time wasting time on the process.

Rachel: My concern in part C....I think I need more clarification.

Erik: What does a script look like now?



Einar: A piece of paper with citations.

Kathy: I feel this doubles the work....I still need to go to pages to find things. Copyright page helps.

David: Einar and 21st century? Great. As a league president, this seems like a big challenge? Sometimes only by looking at the original cutting can you catch things in context.

Caiti: We just voted that area chair vetting is important, so why have this step?

Kathy: This isn't formatted properly.

Einar: Fine, ding it for that reason then if you need to. Can we just remand this to committee? If you don't want this help, don't take it.

Jennifer: We felt it would make this harder on people, league presidents especially.

Minnia: I would not like this to be remanded.

Kathy: How do we handle added words?

Caiti: We already handled it, so it can't be remanded.

Einar: I withdraw the motion.

Reed: It is like being an organ donor...how you offered something that may not be needed.

Motion is withdrawn.

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Reed: We may move meeting to Monterey for example in January....show of hands who used a plane to get here? We may move to another location.

Kathy: As long as it is by an airport.

Reed: We may move our meeting times/dates around. Many organizations have moved things up. We many want to consider an August meeting, and then a November meeting?

Karson: I have to say I am not in favor of moving our dates around. Many leagues plan tournaments around our usual schedule, and if is too early in the year then teachers need to attend meetings and/or start their classes and won't attend Council.

Kathy: Page in the program dedicated to Chuck and Cathy. Also, can I bring up in January what to do with scripts at the end of State?

Bobby: Can leagues please send photos for our social media presence. Please make sure that students have permission for their photos to be taken?

David: We need some sort of process to check that this is legal and not get us in trouble. Parent permission at a minimum should be required.

Reed: Thank you all for a productive and pleasant meeting. Also, thank you for your patience with me as I learn this new job...but worry not, I am a fast learner.



Calendar dates:

Fall meeting September 8-9, 2017 in LA
Winter meeting January 5-6, 2018 in Nor Cal (TBD)
Spring meeting May 18-19, 2018 in San Diego
State Tournament April 20-22, 2018 @ Mountain House High

Next CHSSA meeting January 5-6, 2018 in Nor Cal (TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm (Ron moves, Rachel seconds. Passes voice vote).

Respectfully submitted by Karson

CHSSA Secretary



CHSSA Executive Council - Meeting Minutes

President Report - Reed Niemi

These are exciting times, people! The number of new faces on council is inspiring and very promising. Thanks to all for attending.

Thank you's go out to the Frasers for setting up our fall meeting details and fronting CHSSA the monies.

I apologize for not making a clear and concise platform last year while running for office. I felt several factors were important but most importantly, and delayed in sharing is, CHSSA does not need a leader (you all are leaders on your teams, in your schools, leagues, areas and state) what I have always believed is that CHSSA needed a facilitator, not a leader. To that end, going forward at times I will request that we be sensitive to all members and avoid attacks as much as possible while in session. .

Issues that I feel ought to be addressed by CHSSA in the future are:

- Calendar (pushing it back to calibrate with CADA and CIF)
- MS State (Brasher-Underwood resolution) Communication (Email, reply-all, texts, area chairs)
- General Council procedures (process and decorum)
- Increasing stakeholders at all levels

VP Activities - Angelique Ronald

First and foremost: thank you to Area 2 Chair Mikendra McCoy, Mountain House High School, and the YFL for solving our 2018 location dilemma.

Some key items related to State 2018:

- Even though State is being held geographically within the YFL, the responsible host-league for State (and all of the obligations that go with that) is CVFL. There



needs to be good coordination between CVFL and Mikendra/ CHSSA on this to make sure no one feels put out by this tournament and their responsibilities to it.

- We will be creating a student fair Saturday, so the students who are out have something to do. PR is coordinating this to include some paid sponsors (vendors), colleges, business with internship opportunities, and community advocacy groups (voter registration, etc.). If you, or anyone in your league, knows someone who would be interested in participating in this, please let us know.
- We have created a new award: CHSSA Student of the Year. The intent is to highlight students who, through utilizing their speech and debate skills, best embody our organization's beliefs about integrity, character, and service. Emphasis should be placed on student activism and community outreach. In addition to being awarded a special trophy at our ceremony, the student will receive a spread in the program, and a \$1000 scholarship from CHSSA (hopefully we can get a community sponsor to supplement this scholarship/ give us something to award our other finalists as well).
- Lily Bolig has agreed to serve as our Director of Awards and her job all weekend at State will be setting up everything related to the awards ceremony. We will be asking potential presenters if they are interested by February, so they can be prepared.
- I am concerned about the diversity of our judge pool and making sure it as-accurately-as-possible mirrors our competitor pool. I am exploring options for expanding judge diversity and outreach.
- We need to get on a schedule of having State booked up 3 years in advance (so we do not run into the situation from this year again). That means, at minimum, we need the location contract signed.



- Site visits will start in two weeks. Any and all Exec Council welcome to join. Eight out of eleven leagues responded & signed up for site visits (GGSA, CFL, YFL, SVFL, WBFL, SCDL, OCSL, SDIVSL).

VP Curriculum - Minnia Curtis

- We created a Google form we would like ALL League Presidents to advertise at their fall meetings and/or 1st Tournaments. We hope that all Chssa coaches complete this simple questionnaire to provide direction to the Curriculum Committee. A link to this form would be posted on the Chssa website and hopefully shared with non-competitive Speech and Debate teachers (those with classes) as much as possible.
<https://goo.gl/forms/Xmz35DpkYBwcXBaq2>
- We created the proposal for recording the Final Round of Advocacy at the 2018 tournament. This idea was created and shared with the council at the May meeting. The final round would be posted on the CHSSA website. The details are based on the process that was used to create event dvds in the past, as well as the concept of posting final rounds as done with all NSDA events.

To add to 2018 ADVOCACY COVERSHEET

(add between Student MLA and Parent signatures):

Student must sign below:

I hereby give my permission to the CHSSA to video record the final round of Original Advocacy for educational distribution and to publish my manuscript as part of the curriculum package. I give this permission without expectation of monetary or other compensation at this or any other time.

Justification:

- This would be a valuable resource for students and coaches in providing examples of Advocacy speeches, in addition to how a round progresses.



- It is our intention to follow-up with creating curriculum to help teachers utilize the presentations as teaching tools.
 - If all goes as planned, we would like to expand the final round taping next year.
 - If there is any concern over National Competition, we would add a date limitation (ie. Uploading of video and manuscript will take place after June 25, 2018)
 - Point to remember (Angel) We would need to be sure the room for the final round is a good venue for the recording.
 - Cost: Hopefully none, we believe we can get a volunteer to provide equipment and to film. If not, travel/accommodations for the person who does the filming. Possible purchasing of 2 wireless mics for students. (max of 800.00)
- FUTURE GOALS - Jan 2018
 - Assess input from the fall 2017 Questionnaire prior to Jan meeting to establish and prepare for working goal(s) (November)
 - Work on the #1 priority, as indicated from the form (January meeting)
 - Solidify final round recording details (January meeting)
 - Possibly work on a secondary goal from the list (January)
 - Work on Advocacy Curriculum to add to the Final Round recording (Sept. 2018)

Coordinator of Public Relations - Lily Bolig

This year, our primary focus is outreach to help us provide opportunities to students as well as increasing our visibility in communities.

- Social Media Outreach: Our team will be increasing our post frequency on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram throughout the year. We are aiming for a 20% increase in “likes” on Facebook. We will be creating a press release template for schools to use to help increase public awareness in their activities and student successes leading up to and after their state qualifying tournaments.



- Sponsor Search: We have the goal of having 10 confirmed by the January meeting. For the Student Fair, we are encouraging local service organizations, colleges, and other interested stakeholders to have a table which will keep our students engaged and will aid the vendor's own outreach. It is expected that our coaches and league presidents will pass along any contact information for potential vendors or sponsors to the PR committee.
- Fine-tuning the award ceremony: presenters will be scheduled by the January meeting, the script will be streamlined. During the state tournament, Lily will borrow presenters to have them do a run-through of their section. At awards, we will have professional photographers and are looking into live-streaming the event.
- World Speech Day: We plan to adapt NSDA's existing resources to share cross-curricular lesson plans emphasizing Common Core compatibility and we will revisit Dan's Congress Bill to potentially have an optional class lesson in bill composition to encourage students to write relevant Congress Bills and send them to Sacramento.

Treasurer - Neil Barembaum

- We should look at the five budget line item proposals. Issues, problems, kudos?
- Chuck Ballingall Scholarship will be proposed as Chuck Ballingall Grant. Details will be presented by debate committee chair or their designee.
- Will need to determine scholarship amounts in January meeting. Think.
- A lot of new people on this body. I have sent out emails regarding the nuts and bolts of finances. If anyone has questions or needs help, let me know. For example, we pick hotels near airports because we want to be able to get most of our transportation taken care of with the hotel's airport shuttle. If anyone needs to fly in and get a rental car for a specific reason (travel on CHSSA business to possible future tournament sites, for example) that is of course all right, but, as a general rule, we don't really expect people who fly in to get rental cars.
- Are we changing our name to the California Secondary Speech Association?



Historian - Ron Underwood

Doing the Hall of Fame interview with Mikendra McCoy
Several communications with retired Hall of Famers

Secretary Report - Karson Kalashian

Area 1 - Chris Harris

CFL - experimenting with new channels of communications: Email doesn't cut it! GGSA, Dues, Scripts, Outreach

How to pronounce "CHSSA"

Why Hoon is a valued asset that should be exploited Who is Mikendra McCoy and how she saved "States"

Area 2 - Mikendra McCoy

- We are hosting state! Things to think about ... photo booth (link to instagram), food trucks galore, farmers market and prizes for judges!!!
- The Area is growing with Junior High leagues and new schools, yippee!

Area 3 - Kathy Graber

Nothing much to report yet; collecting dues and forms and sending them on to Neil. New Area 3 website where coaches can check their CHSSA status, review new legislation, link to league websites, etc. Please visit! <https://sites.google.com/site/area3chssa/home>

Area 4 - Gregg Osborn

State 2019 should be hosted by Cypress College in Orange County. OCSL President has been in communication with Josh House, Director of Forensics. Will work with Angelique to secure the site.



IE Chair - Caiti Gale

IE committee discussed all nine IE related proposals. Our consensus on the seven being discussed today can be found below.

09-2017C,09-2017D electronic script submission

Unanimously Support **IF** amended to specify choice for the league president and area chair. This gives league presidents and area chairs the freedom to specify the types of files they will accept and the procedure for accepting them. Not all parties want electronic submission without a unified platform or process, so this grants them the right to refuse electronic script submission.

09-2017 H pilot program for electronic script submission

Unanimously Support-Ben had some great ideas for the platform! This will give data on interest and possibility.

09-2017 G eliminate props in spontaneous events

Unanimously Support-housekeeping

09-2017K approved script list

Unanimously Support-it hasn't happened so get rid of it

09-2017L typed manuscript in place of photocopy/highlight

Unanimously Opposed- We feel this would make scripts much harder to check for league presidents and area chairs. We aren't NSDA and can't punish programs, we punish leagues so we need the league check process.

09-2017 I eliminate area chair script collection and vetting

Unanimously Support **WITH** specification that league presidents will check in all scripts at registration. Also, key insights that must be addressed(thanks, Hoon!):

1. League presidents need to very strict on taking inventory of scripts and doing all the things area chairs do, to make sure they have all the scripts
2. League presidents **MUST** have a good process to make sure they review all the scripts **AFTER** state quals, and not rely on review/approval before State Quals
3. Since league presidents will now be talking more often/directly to VP of Activities, VP of Activities should keep track of, and send periodic updates to all league presidents (every week in the four weeks before state quals?) - issues that have come up, and guidance/explanation of how to interpret the by laws



4. League presidents have to be more empowered to make decisions, they need to be seen as a judge, when they are telling a coach in their league that something has to be fixed. Just like they view area chairs today when the area chair makes a decision and sends it back to the coach.

Debate Chair - Karson Kalashian (subbing for Eric Larsen)

Those present:

Chair: Karson K

Members: Sarah Sherwood, Erik P, Artem R, Neil B, Einar J

Guests: Angel Ronald, Chris Harris

Goals for this meeting:

1. Schedule for the tournament
2. Make the break to top 16 clear

Other things to be addressed if there is time.

Larsen has provided a sample schedule.

Sarah has provided a different schedule

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14Pr5ICkO0aiYr7osXRxSsq8iagNq5E2ZIo9l2cn5fUE/edit?usp=sharing>

1. How is this schedule different from old schedule?
 - a. Puts PF Round 1 on Day 1
 - b. Issues in the past with coach complaints of PF starting late
 - c. Complaints about judges having to be there when kids are not
2. This has 8 rounds of debate and not 9.
 - a. Have real blocked time for PF.
 - b. CX has larger blocks for tabbing
3. What else is good
 - a. Puts debates on level platform
 - b. Gets Parli and LD done together and Policy and PF done together.



Angel and Reed agree with is the superior schedule.

Neil: How do we break to top 16, and how do we use two judges in the prelims? Erik:

Why not split PF to a 1A and 1B and have Parli 1 be just in one time slot Answer:

Doesn't work, requires 8 more room.

Spent some time fixing some errors on the spreadsheet with IE numbers

A sub-committee will be created with Sarah and another that will go over the schedule. Back to

Neil's questions:

How do the 2 judges work?

-Get 2 judges each round. Nationals has variability but CHSSA doesn't. It messes up scheduling and trophies.

-Get 8 ballots at CHSSA win 8-6 all move on. Win 5 some move on some don't.

Only have 1 data point to use. The ballots.

Speaker points have been brought up. But there have been lots of backlash.

Tie Breakers:

1: Total ballot count

2: Total wins

3: Opp ballots

4: Opp wins

5: Head to head

6: Tournament Director/Tab Director's call

But what to do after this if there is still an unbreakable tie for 16th?

Default to the debate tab director and the tournament director instead of another tie breaker?



Tournament director call for a run off?

Issues with coin toss.

Angel says she would toss a coin if needed.

Discussion about win vs loss valued over splits.

Why is total ballot count above opp ballots?

- Coaching Philosophy and it was discussed last meeting.
- Students have more control over wins than opp ballots

Same school hitting same school in top 16:

First what is done in the squo?

-We DO NOT let school hit each other unless it was unavoidable or the final round.

- It does help stronger programs
- Protects school from hitting school
- Hurts smaller teams
- It does promote more teamwork and sharing of cases and resources.

Should coach overs be allowed?

- Standard practice
- Right now CHSSA allows them to either debate it out or walk over.
- If we don't have them do a round they can prep out others in

Larsen proposal:

In Octos you can switch sides but only if you only flip once in the bracket

IEs don't pit a school against each other in semis unless there are more than 3



Proposal:

Up one

Down one

Up two

Down two

Leave it

A compromise now would be fine because it could be changed in a few years. Try to get feedback on this at the League Presidents meeting.

Leaving it now, talk to Leagues about changing it.

Last year's topic areas:

Value Topic Areas:

Civil Rights

Immigration

International Trade

Fact Topic Areas:

The US Economy

Higher Education

Natural Resources

Policy Topic Areas:

Science & Technology

California Government

Poverty

Change California Government to California Infrastructure

Change Poverty to Value

Change International Trade to Policy



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We need to clean up the by-laws. All 48's need to say 64. Need to change all old by laws and replace them with the new by laws.

Should we allow kids to double enter in Parli and Extemp. Need to write this up as a formal by-law change.

Surprised Larsen proposal.

Fixed issues in the spreadsheet on Larsen's proposal. Agree

that it looks better and more easily understood.



Committee will put forward the Larsen proposal to the sub-committee.

Homework is to go over the by-laws to figure out what needs to be changed and adjusted.

Send your opinion on the 2018-2019 Policy topic directly to Larsen. Bring it up with your people.

-Chuck B award.

-No OR

-Don't mind giving scholarships and money. Feel it is odd when some events have it and some events don't.

-If we are going to drop some money we should outreach to lower income students with that money.

-If you are a new team in your first year and/or?? from a poor school you can apply for a grant to take your kids to CHSSA. Call it the Chuck Ballingall Grant. 75% low income and have a policy team going to state then they can apply and minimum CHSSA covers entry fee and max split however much there is.

-In imp the finalists vote for the speaker who gets away from canned speeches.

We could do something similar for the Chuck Award.

-Maybe reach out to the past students from Damien if they would donate.

-Support the Karson proposal for a Chuck Ballingall fund.

-Contact the NSDA for the take-fund guidelines.

Congress Chair - David Matley

Congress committee meeting Sept 8, 2017

Dave Matley (chair), Sharon James, Bob Stockton, Rachel Wear,

1. Topic Areas and Bill Submission for State Tournament 2018

- a. Review and establish topic areas. Topic areas and League assignments will be given to Ben on Saturday to post to the CHSSA website.



- b. Requiring schools to use a fill-able PDF may help in preparing the bills for posting. Rachel is working on this.
- c. Make uploading legislation a requirement for completing registration for the State Tournament for schools with congress entries.
 - i. Matley will email Brent about doing it for 2018 and have Angelique put on her to do list for State.

2. Congress Committee By-law Proposals

- a. Computers in Congress
 - i. See by-law proposal. All in favor.
- b. Tabulation issues for PO contest that need clarification.
 - i. Need a tie-breaking procedure established and codified for ties in the Presiding Officer contest. We used semifinal procedures this year (greatest number of student votes, greatest number of judge votes, etc).By-law proposal needed to fix. **See Sec 10 #2, add "All" ties to clarify tie-breaking procedure. This clarifies that we use this tie-breaking procedure any time there is a tie between PO's for a round win in prelims and in breaking PO's to semi finals.**
 - ii. Also, need by-law proposal to codify that pull-up is randomly drawn when odd number of competitors in brackets. **Already in the by-laws Sec 10 D and F. Moot point.**
 - iii. Need a way to rank PO #3 on down. Easy to figure PO 1st and 2nd. SAME AS ABOVE listed in breaking ties (greatest number of student votes, greatest number of judge votes, etc). **Sec 10 H add "3rd and 4th place and subsequent places shall be determined by:**
 - 1. **Greatest # of wins**
 - 2. **Head to head competition**
 - 3. **Greatest # of student ballots**
 - 4. **Greatest # of judge ballots**
 - 5. **Greatest # of student and judge ballots**

3. What is the vision of Congress going forward?

- a. NSDA is revamping; e.g., Computers in Congress, evidence standards, direct cross-examination. It is important for CHSSA to continue to seek ways to improve the quality of debate in congress rounds to stay relevant.
- b. Congress committee unanimously supports the use laptops in rounds to unify with debate events and allow congress competitors to access evidence. A by-law proposal has been submitted at this May meeting and will be voted on in September.
- c. We will continue to work to streamline congress procedure between local, state and national organizations.
- d. The committee also will continue to incorporate technology to give students greater access to the determination of timely and legislation that reflects issues important to them and society.

Editor - Benjamin Cummings

- We are restarting The Bulletin
 - Content will be distributed in a digital format to the members of the organization. The Bulletin will be sent out, at minimum, twice a year.
 - Any suggestions for content to put into The Bulletin may be sent to webmaster@chssa.org
- The website will be updated throughout the year as we implement the new by-laws.
 - If you have suggestions for the website please send them to webmaster@chssa.org
- Implementing script submissions will be a unique challenge for the website. The current budget offers me \$3,000 for the website. Assuming approval from the CHSSA, I will dip into this funding in order to obtain the tools necessary to implement these new by-laws.