

I. The meeting was called to order by President Niemi at 9:06 A.M.

II. Roll Call: Absent-Steve C., Iain L.

III. Minutes from May 2019 offered for review, edit, and comments.  
Sharon Moved to approve, seconded by Ben.  
**Passed by unanimous voice vote**

IV. **Officer Reports** (*Google document used in Exec Committee—included at the end of these minutes, as well as main meeting comments posted below under New Business/Good of the Order*)

**President Niemi**

**Vice President of Activities Ronald**

**Vice President of Curriculum Curtis**

**Treasurer Barembaum** (*See end of minutes for PDF*)

**Secretary Kalashian**

**Historian Underwood**

**Editor Cummings**

V. **Area Chair Reports** (*Google document used in Exec Committee—included at the end of these minutes, as well as main meeting comments posted below under Old Business/Good of the Order*)

**Area 1 Chair Harris**

**Area 2 Chair McCoy**

**Area 3 Chair Graber**

**Area 4 Chair Osborn**

VI. **Committee Reports** (*Google document used in Exec Committee—included at the end of these minutes, as well as main meeting comments posted below under Old Business/Good of the Order*)

**Debate Committee (Kalashian)**

**Public Relations Committee (Lampert)****Individual Events Committee (Gale)****Congress Committee (Matley)****VII. New Business**

President Reed: We are a public benefit corporation, so some of the members have not been approved yet. That is why we did not say some of you during roll call. Don Etheridge got called but he still needs to be approved as Area 4 Chair. Jimi Morales was approved last time, but now is C.F.L. President. Chris James welcome as WBFL President. Karen Minick welcome as YFL President. Cameron Martin welcome as S.D.I.V.S.L. President. Gregg Osborn welcome back and welcome as Historian. Brian Walker welcome as Area 3 Rep-At-Large. Benjamin Fagan welcome as Area 1 Curriculum Rep. As a Board of Directors we need to approve them. We have agreed to pass these appointments as a group without contention unless there is a critical point that needs to be brought up. Sal Tinajero is not present as the new OCSL President.

Mikendra proposes, Minnia seconds, passes unanimously.

A guest is here for Sal. Proxies cannot speak or have votes.

Garcia: Hi. I mostly do debate for Sal's schools.

Reed: She is here representing OCSL.

Sharon moves to accept the May minutes, Ben seconds, passes unanimously.

Reed: I am passing out a paper I sent out three weeks ago. Since we are a public benefit corporation we have a lot more paperwork now. One of the reasons we did this was for liability concerns. For example, if you miss all the meetings in a year you can be removed. Page 2 number 4 says you cannot disparage CHSSA outside of CHSSA, which we had to use last year already.

The next set of papers you DO need to sign. This form is a conflict of interest policy. I need the back page signed by everyone. If you think someone has a conflict of interest the steps are listed what we should do. If Joe is receiving money from a group but they are also giving CHSSA money, we can point this out. Does anyone have a conflict of interest can you let us know now? We don't need to take minutes.

(break in minutes)

Reed: New people, electronic communication forms needs to be signed once only. Please do.

If you want to speak make eye-contact with me or give me a signal and I will write you up on the screen projected behind me. Try not to be repetitive.

Karson: Who should we give the conflict of interest form to?

Reed: Me. If you go to [Chssa.org/council](http://Chssa.org/council) you can see the executive council reports.

Gay and Ron have retired. We were doing the math last night; between them they have 18 diamonds. They are both in the CHSSA HOF as well as the NSDA HOF. We will miss them. Some have spoken about doing something nice for them since they both are stepping down at the same time. Mom and dad trust us to stay home alone now and they are going out for drinks.

The president has the ability to appoint several positions on the council. I have never been a fan of this. So, since we became a corporation I have taken steps to limit the number of appointments the president can make. We don't want things to be balanced in an unfair fashion or to have too much power in the hands of one official.

California more and more is becoming an actor on the national scene. They are impressed with our food insecurity program as well as what we are doing for marginalized students. NFHS reached out to me personally. Angel and I will go to Chicago next week for their conference. They have offered Angel, on the side, a course specific to California. I have mentioned in the past their adjudicator training is free. It is good, it can be checked, and even has a section on bias. They have a section on security at larger events that can be useful for our state tournament next weekend that Angel and I will pay attention to.

We talked about having a conference around the state at some point. In Vegas we plan to have some coaching roundtables to set up what we want to discuss in the future, possibly on Sundays after our current meetings. We may have something such as Iain do a session on Impromptu etc. It would be good to announce it in the program at state this year so that local coaches know we will have this meeting for future dates.

A corporate accountant, just like our lawyer, has become necessary. Neil never says he does our taxes but he does. Now that we are a PBC we need a non-profit accountant. If we have a legacy program (monthly or yearly donations) we need someone to keep track of all this, and this could be a good revenue stream for CHSSA.

Vegas 2020 meeting will be a working meeting. I showed exec council five or six subjects we can work on (such as state, middle school state, rules and regs, etc.). Ben and Jennifer and I will work to unify our rules (clean them up) with what committee chairs have provided us.

In the past the President has always appointed members to the committees, however our rules allow members to choose where they want to go. Can the board review this process? It makes area representation skewed. It also skews it on a gender and a race level often.

Show up on Friday meetings please! A one off is fine but we can remove members from the board if you do not show up.

9:36 I am done speaking.

VPA Angel: Sorry Neil to send you so many different emails right now. I was trying to figure out a reimbursement. Anyway, here are some important upcoming dates:

State April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> is State at Logan.

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 all leagues submit by-laws to me.

February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 hotel blocks will be released online.

March 19<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 P.M. all league 'Pink Sheets' are due.

March 20<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 P.M. all online entries are due.

March 27<sup>th</sup> physical postmark and entries mailed by.

All across the nation people are emailing us, texting us, and calling us to let us know that we are doing great things. I got a text from a coach in Wisconsin that said they want to model after us. You are all doing a great job and it makes me happy to work with you.

VPA- Curriculum: Minnia: I want to shout out my curriculum members yesterday. They did a great job. We are ready to send the coaches manual out and it has more links now and is much cleaner and better and a bit more 'techy'. Angel will have some final rounds professionally videoed moving forward, which is great so Don and I do not have to run around and try to do them while also handling other responsibilities. We are also going to start working on middle school curriculum.

Secretary Karson: Hi, thanks for letting me take notes. Good morning.

Karen: Thanks for taking such good notes Karson!

Treasurer Neil: The online store was not turned on since after state, I fixed this. We need to decide if we are moving part of registration to online as listed here. This can speed up what we do as well as give us more access to data.

Reed: We need a google form etc. so we can know our stakeholders better. This lets us sort data easier. We can also capture emails from coaches.

Karen: This is for State tournament?

Reed: No, this is for assessment payment.

Minnia: What about If the money has rolled over?

Neil: You would still send in the form? Yes. There will be columns to indicate if you have rolled over.

Bill: Same as before? What if I already sent it in?

Angel: Just do the google form to help us out.

Reed: We need data so we can see our narrative for grant writing.

Neil: Where are we at with Fee waivers?

Angel: We will have it done by Monday.

Reed: Does this effect allocations?

Angel: It is treated normally. We will change some of the metrics. Myself, Chris, Jennifer, and Karson will meet as a committee and work after the meeting today.

Jennifer: Last year 11 applied, so we awarded 9 since two of them has already paid. We will get It out earlier this year.

Neil: My drafty draft is now an official report since no one commented on it with requests for changes or errors located. Middle school fees should be increased by \$5 across the board. Please read the budget, I even put Queen Latifah in. Please pay close attention to number 4.

Benjamin: I think we need to think about increasing fees on private institutions attended MS State and use those funds to pay for public schools.

Neil: People who run the tournament could do this, it is for them to set up their fee structure. We need to vote to pass the budget.

Ben motion, Angel seconds. Passes unanimously.

Mikendra welcome Cameron, sad to see Melissa go. We are trying to find sugar daddies. We are trying to make it so that 4 people do not have to keep coming after the same folks to give to us each year. So, many of us know parents or companies that can donate. Please get that information to me. We are also extending our efforts past the time we spend here at meetings. We went to a New York Life meeting and learned about things like living trusts. We have asked Chris to help with this since he has financial work experience.

Ben: Did anyone reach out to my friend at Freewill?

Angel: I sent you a text?

Ben: All they do is work with companies to try to get people to leave money to companies in their wills.

Reed: New York Life representatives could come and judge for you and it is their service commitment but it is also twice their billable hours that get sent to your school. So, this is a way to make money.

Lelani: Do you have to be an official non-profit to take advantage of this?

Reed: No. They have a program to increase graduation rates for example. They are not big in education and want to be.

Mikendra: We need more exposure so we can reach new avenues of revenue.

Reed: Many members have lectured us about donating money to us instead of the NSDA. We had someone that gave \$50,000 to the NSDA that said if we had something set up they would have also donated to us.

Everyone: Ron YAY!! (Ron walks in).

Mikendra: The public part is the second part. We need to get our social footprint out there. We need to be more active on social media. We are taking over the world on day at a time.

Editor Ben: There should be a bulletin after this meeting.

Historian Gregg: Thanks to the executive board for trusting me to do this so EARLY in my career. Thank you to Ben who brought stuff to me that I needed. Until I meet with Ron over lunch I do not have much to report. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for hall of fame. Must have been a coach for 15 years and you need 4 signatures from coaches in your league. 60% gets you in to the HOF, if they get 40% up to 60% their names carry over to the following years.

Ron: I think the greatest feeling I had was when Gregg agreed to take this job. There are ongoing things we need to keep going. We talked about names and when he said Gregg I was so pleased. Congratulations or condolences whatever the case may be. In the materials I gave Ben to give to Gregg is a tub that has minutes from all the way back. Videos of CHSSA HOF interviews (even though they are online). I have all the old constitutions; I have all the state programs (but not 2007) all the way back. I have all the bulletins. The state department of education put together frameworks and we have those.

Reed: Minnia did you hear that?

Ron: Carmendale and Natalie were behind it. There is a speech curriculum guide from 1990. 1971 college graduate student did his masters on the history of California speech. State tournament results are there from the beginning, and a copy of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. Multiple copies of old state tournament programs are also included.

I have been coming for over 40 years so I think that may be the longest. I figured it is time for the historian to become history.

(standing ovation for Ron).

Area 1 Chair Chris: I have to follow Frank Sinatra? Matley and Jesse and Justin from Logan are doing a great job preparing for state. If anyone want to volunteer, I provided a link to coordinate with the league. Please use.

Angel: That is the link I put together for hosting.

David: There is a ton of good information there. She has information to find access to therapy dogs for example. If you know information on that, oversee vendors, etc. please let us know. Thank you Angel.

Aaron: Can students be volunteers?

Angel: Yes, go ahead and look at it. Send us your best students please!

Chris: We are always trying to improve each year. Benjamin welcome to the board. He passed the test yesterday according to Minnia working on curriculum. He works at Amador Valley and directs a middle school program as well. Jimi is the new president of CFL.

Area 2 Mikendra: We need someone to fill our at large spot. We need someone who will commit to all three meetings. I am looking but will not rush it until I find someone committed that I think is right.

We need a place for 2022. SVFL is in charge. We think they have a location but one step at a time.

Jennifer: Sharon James is back! 2 more years. Her job is now curriculum and so she can help us with that as well! Bobby is official co-president, and we need to welcome Brian to the BOD as well. 2021 should be signed soon. Chris James is also on the board now also! Welcome.

Reed: Don won area 4 chair unanimously with 13 votes (2 repeated themselves).

Area 4 chair Donald: Garcia is here for Sal, Cameron is now S.D.I.V.S.L. president. We need a curriculum rep. We are looking into hosting in 2023, maybe SDSU. I know someone there and I have a good feeling about it. If you need anything let me know, I do not know everyone but I am willing to help.

David: Rachel and Chris James (welcome!) did a great job on committee. 2020 topic areas for state are done.

Ben: They are up.

David: We will also have legislation templates. We need them written and formatted correctly. We also reviewed what was passed last May and what is coming up today. We also worked on legislation for the middle school tournament. In May we passed authorship speeches. If you are in the chamber you have the chance to speak if your bill comes up. Direct cross-x will be around in sems and finals. State Quals should be close to CHSSA, so you may want to look at this for this year.

Reed: Good job reviewing what was passed in May. I wish everyone did that.

David: Tie-breaking for items at State, especially for presiding officers, was very difficult. We have 15 in prelim chambers but only 14 in semi-finals. We want to up sems from 28 to 30.

Sharon: It always is a weird break.

Angel: Can you email me how many more trophies.

David: 2 more kids in sems, 1 in finals. This has been the end of a cycle for congress to bring us in line with national tournaments.

**0919-B:** A motion to revise the rules to streamline.....imi seconds.

David: This goes in line with current practice. Students send in bills to compete at state. This just codifies this.

Rachel: We used the templates yesterday and it made it super easy.

Karen: Where will they be found?

Ben: They will be on the website.

David: Have them use these during the year so they are familiar.

Karson: Call the question, Bobby seconds. 0919-B passes unanimously.

**0919-C:** Expand semi-finals. Second by Minnia.

David: I already covered the next two motions earlier.

Minnia calls the question, Don seconds. Passes unanimously.

**0919-D:** Expand finals to 15. Sharon seconds.

Minnia calls the question, Bobby seconds. Passes unanimously.

Recess till 10:45.

Back at 10:45.

Ron middle school report: The middle school state championships shocked me. Many years back I was heavily against it. I am still not convinced it may burn kids out, but I have changed my mind about it. I have helped five years running six local middle school tournaments and coaching a team in Fresno.

Last year Gay and I were co-directors and Iain also helped last year and it was at Leland High in San Jose. We had to work out all the details from the start. We met five time in Gilroy over a year and a half. Gilroy was halfway.....2 hours and 15 minutes for me and 30 minutes for Gay but that was Gay's halfway. We had 800 entries from 56 schools and were elated. It rained and it was still great. Most all the comments after were very positive. LD and PF each had over 125 entries. The kids had a ball and the coaches were pleased. All tournaments have a few problems but Gay and I felt it was well worth it.

We tried to stay as close to CHSSA as we could. We had CHSSA pins to give out and has awards that were modeled after CHSSA awards. We had shirts sponsored by 3P that were nice.

Benjamin: I had kids compete and it was great.

Reed: I went by in person and was very impressed.

Ron: Karson was there since his daughter Maggie competed.

Mikendra: They had flags on tables to denote teams. It marked their territories. I thought that was sort of cool.

Ron: Some people got possessive though. For 2020 we had some concerns picking where to go. We had said we would go far south, but they have their own little championship down there. They have their social championships down south the same weekend as us this season, but their state championships will be a different weekend this year. We are having it in Fresno/Clovis, at Clovis North high school / Granite Ridge middle school. Chad Hayden is very excited about it. It should be a great place. May 1-3 is the current weekend.

A little change, Reed suggested that he and Angel would like to not be a part of it like last year. So, we are getting help from others. Caiti will be helping out running it this year with me.

Angel: Cameron and Phil are offering to help with programs etc. I will offer them if they do not offer themselves!

Karson: As a local league co-president we will be helping out and I also really want to support this and encourage you all to attend. We drive far for tournaments and meeting such as this and please come down to our area. It was great for my 6<sup>th</sup> grade daughter Maggie last year and this also speaks to our efforts to increase marginalized representation.

Ron: The league will be supportive in many ways (judges etc.). All the information is already posted on Joy of Tournaments. January 1<sup>st</sup> entries open, April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. We have a food committee who is organizing food already (from our 12 school middle school league in the area). The promotion of this is just as vital this year if not more than last. You may reach out to schools that do not have speech programs speech programs but remember we accept independent entries and students could come from English classes etc. We are accepting 5<sup>th</sup> graders into local tournaments this year, not for MS state but still. Younger kids want to compete. Give them a chance.

David: Rooms were an issue last year?

Ron: We thought they might be but down to the last minute we figured it out and it was fine.

Neil: When are you going to set the fees? I recommended that we raise fees.

Reed: I should have told you before Ron, sorry.

Benjamin: I recommend raising entries for private academies to subsidize public schools.

Ron: Can this body dictate the fees?

Reed: In so far as we support the tournament with money we can.

Rachel: Do we have nice cards to give out again?

Angel: We can?

Ron: Will they do good?

Rachel: I am not sure.

Reed: We made postcards last year front and back. We left them on tables, put them in packets. They only cost us \$50 last year for 1,000. We will do it again.



Ron: How much more money are you recommending we charge again?

Reed: \$5 more to each category.

Ben: Is there a potential for the cost in the future having to do with CHSSA MS dues?

Ron: Anything can be possible.

Reed: I do not think this is possible, but given time constraints we should move on.

Ron: We will also have certificates this year.

Neil: It was actually \$1,000 over last year then we budgeted for, even knowing it would operate at a loss in year one. This is why I suggested slightly more for entry fees.

Ron: Every time we brought up money to Reed he said don't worry about it.

Reed: It was an expeditionary zombie attack to bite kids and have them infect high schools down the road.

Ron: Let us go ahead and increase the fees \$5.

Debate Chair Karson:

Ballingall Grant:

We discussed the Ballingall grant application process. We reviewed the notes from last committee meeting in May regarding this topic. We put together the details for the application process, what information is required, deadlines, etc. Brian will put together the information needed, forward to the Debate Committee Chair and CHSSA Webmaster to create the form/application to be sent out.

Nationals:

I spoke about how proud I was in how California does in Debate in Nationals. California teams take a few spots in the top 10 in each Debate category in the National Tournament. Our State Tournament, is 1/8th the size of the National Tournament. Kids who place well in California State Tournament, go on to do well in the National Tournament. 1200 kids entering in the State Tournament last year alone. Texas is another state that holds a very large State tournament.

Reorganization of the the Debate Bylaws:

At the beginning of starting this topic of the meeting, we thanked Jimmy and Aaron for cleaning up the Debate Bylaws over the summer, which allowed us to collectively spend time together reviewing the content and making sure everything was reordered correctly.

Erik: This does not change any actual rules.

Reed: Evidence issues can be easier to find. Contradictions are bad ethos for us.

Changing all AFF/NEG to Pro/Con on PF Debate rules. Recommendation on wording was discussed, such as not encouraged/prohibited, needs to be cannot or has to. Approach Reed and Angel eventually, regarding the specific wording of some rules, such as "should", "shall" and other ways to word certain definitions and rules in the bylaws.

Cleared the wording on the Public Forum Bylaw Section regarding the topic, changed NFL to National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA).

Each file for the Debate rules will be placed next to each section to reference where it was taken/located from the original format in the CHSSA bylaws. This will make it easier for those reviewing the reorganization of the bylaws, making sure nothing has changed to any rules.

Discussed the organization of the CHSSA bylaws. General Section (rules applied to all debate events & penalties), Evidence Section, and Debate Event Sections (Parliamentary, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy & Public Forum). Also discussed on how the organization of the Evidence section. Evidence rules for Parliamentary Debate will be under the Parliamentary Debate section, compared to the other events, the information will be placed under the Evidence tab. We decided to go with a general section for all events (which included general evidence rules) and then specific rules for each of the four styles of debate. These will be sent out soon for you all to look over our 'housekeeping'.

Discussed the section regarding judging being able to take evidence from students during round, leave as is, but could be opened to later discussion in future meetings.

The Debate Committee found rules related to Congress in the Debate Bylaws regarding the use of computers. In the rules in 1.K.1 & 1.K.5.d it mentions Congress are in the Debate rules, and should not be in the Debate rules, but in the Congress rules. Debate Committee agreed that the Congress Committee should be informed and notified that it will be removed from the Debate Bylaws and should be transferred over to the Congress Bylaws.

The Debate Committee put together a list of rules to propose potential changes to the Debate Bylaws, that may be brought up at the next CHSSA Meeting.

The Debate Committee concluded with completing their review of the reorganization of the CHSSA Bylaws.

Reed: Check and it can go live by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Minnia: Are we voting on it then?

Karson: No, it is housekeeping.

Ben: So is this new format the one we are adopting?

Reed: We want narrative removed as much as possible. We will still work on the new overall format for all rules and regulations at the January working meeting in Las Vegas.

Gregg: We talked about this yesterday. NSDA uses affirmative and negative, not Pro and Con.

Karson: We can change if enough coaches see fit.

Minnia: Can we take a straw poll?

Reed: Let's use a month to look at it.

IE chair Jennifer: We talked about adding California topic area but decided Nationals does not use geography so we did not. We announced topics now since January meeting is a working meeting.

During the good of the order we will bring something up to vote on.

We found that gender swapping is illegal with the NSDA (even though they are looking at changing it). We allow it so be careful for Nationals.

We were asked to open up sources for OI. We did not see an easy way to do this considering many of our manuscript requirements. We want to look into changing our manuscript requirements.

Reed: Such as oral based cultures than do not have a written record.

Jennifer: Also including slam poetry. We need to look at expos to line up with informative. Can we use online source material for HI, DI, and Duo was another issue we want to look at.

Gregg: Reed had asked that we consider streamlining the script process. The current process does not require any work of the historian, so it does not apply to me. The quick way is to adopt the policy of the NSDA. Before proposing any variations to anything we want the temperature in the room.

Reed: I want it less cumbersome on all levels. Story of the sand in the dune (Japanese literature) where she has to scoop out sand each day but it comes back each night and has to do it again. I feel like this is what we do with scripts. I also have a problem when a league president or area chair signs off on a script and then votes against it in a protest. They should be consistent or recuse themselves. Some league people allow things to go through so they can protest someone later so their league benefits in the future. Leagues should be responsible and bring stuff with you to State. You turn in scripts for sems when you break. We have a year to discuss this at this point. Our system does not work.

Aaron: I agree with everything you said. My suggestion would be to do a script review at a certain round. Finals or sems.

Karson: I think we should be more like Nat Quals. It works for the country for Nationals, why not us? The temperature has asked for change for years. I like audit at sems or finals also.

Chris: I want to point out that the rules show Area Chairs don't approve a script.

Reed: But when you sign it you say it is legal. And some chairs read them all.

Chris: League Presidents approve the scripts.

Many: Yes, but that is the first step.

Bobby: I echo what Karson says. The number one thing that turns off new coaches is the complicated script process.

Cameron: I echo Karson and Bobby. Even when I competed people use speeches they do not even turn in. We might get it with a protest/audit.

Karen: The penalty falls on the league. Still check them on a local level so that we don't suffer. I think mimicking Nationals may be a good idea when you get to State but we should still check locally first.

Angel: We can't do that guys, we don't have audits. We have a large tournament staff. Any more jobs you create you have to raise judge quotas because we will need more people present to work.

Ben: One of the biggest flaws is that you don't have to turn in a typed script.

Gregg: Cameron actually David also said it is more likely that they submit something, it gets bounced back, but the kid is going to perform what they want anyway. So yes, our current system does not prevent cheating if someone really wants to.

Don: I like reading scripts, but now I get some more of why we are talking about this. We can punish the team and the league. The league can still go through the stuff. This puts effort on coaches and students to ensure what they perform is legitimate.

Minnia: Please do it at sems and not finals. We do not want a kid to take a finals spot with an illegal script. It could be an area chairs. I DO want to punish the kid who is cheating. We need to protect the kids who do not cheat.

Karson: Angel has reservations and I understand them, but to me it is a little 'the sky is falling'. I know we can do this is we band together and there are coaches standing around many times. I think some would be honored to audit a semi-final round. I agree it is hard but we can do it, I have faith in us. We have to do something to fix what has been broken for so long. Also YES punish a school and/or competitor not a league! NSDA doesn't punish anyone beyond a disqualification, to put it into perspective.

Sharon: Yes, punish the kid not the league.

Cameron: In I.E. tab we had some time that we could have audited. Not a lot of time but we could have made it work.

Reed: I am not sure I agree that I want tab staff auditing rounds but yes, there are people out there.

Chris: It says right here in the rules that Area Chairs are 'approving of scripts'. I do not know that this means we make anything legal. The word approving can mean many different things. Couldn't it also mean to simply verify? Check off?

Karson: So Chris not to put words in your mouth but sounds like you want a change also, since that step could easily be removed. If we follow an NSDA model, then we don't have to debate that duty of an Area Chair.

Bill: I want to be careful about punishing schools so we do need to be careful who we are punishing. If you punish a school that does not have resources that could be a problem.

Recees at 12:00, return at 1:30.

Back at 1:30.

Reed: That was a very healthy and productibve talk about scripts. We need to keep moving that discussion forward soon until we find a better way to deal with this issue.

Angel: I have a philosophical issue with fines. Especially large invitationals who use them to make money. We can use these fines for the food insecurity program. This helps league presidents deal with implementation.

Reed: Can you explain for the new members what the program last year was?

Angel: Sure. I was on the student of the year committee for Nationals and the student who won spoke about food insecurity and talked about how her whole team had to share one pizza at a tournament. She said we had to do anything at all that was better than the nothing we currently do on this issue. So, I called Reed and Neil and

said we had to do something. So, last year we gave each student who signed up \$60 on a card that they could use for food. They could use it discreetly so they would not be embarrassed. We plan to give out Visa cards this year.

Reed: Last year 60 students took advantage of it. There was even one student I noticed on the spreadsheet from an affluent school but they were on financial aid and so they needed help. Looking over the spreadsheet of who applied and was awarded help I felt very good about the choices coaches and CHSSA made.

Angel: We are hoping for 100 this year that can use the program. Probably \$6,000 in costs.

Sharon: One of my kids took advantage, and like Karson and I spoke yesterday and any kids we can help with a program like this we should help.

Neil: My students never had trouble taking my money (lol). Are we going to direct that fines and penalties used for this? When we punish someone however this gives them a warm fuzzy and I do not know about that. I don't want missing rounds to seem like a good thing.

Benjamin: I think this is good, but I also see looking back that we had no fines from the old budget? How much do we get?

Neil: We can't assume there will be any fines and penalties.

Benjamin: I agree, but how many fines do we normally have?

Angel: Around \$1,000 or \$2,000.

Don: For people who were not here last year I have pushed it in my league. Most kids who didn't use it all brought them back and turned in their unused money. I think this is a good idea.

Karson: I had my students take advantage of this program and it was very good. They even used their extra money to buy shirts from CHSSA, so they still supported the tournaments overall.

Mikendra: Chris heard some kids talk that needed money and other kids helped them. Our model even branched out and influenced the students themselves.

Ben calls the question, Mikendra seconds. Passes, with two abstentions.

### **VIII Old Business:**

**0519-N:** Remove December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for all events, Sharon seconds.

Jennifer: 30 days prior to your state qualifier, and then 30 days prior to state itself items need to be published. Some people have early qualifiers.

David: This was established because of self-publishing. Right around qualifiers we would find out that the scripts came from random places. Once calendar date changes over you had to have your scripts. Some schools can access materials that other schools can't. What happened to widely available and easily accessible?

Angel: We are against this as a league. Many people are able to hire scriptwriters. We want to bridge the gaps (or at least keep them the same) between schools with means and those that do not. We are in favor of the motion for POI since that event may need to update statistics to reflect current events.

Jennifer: A lot of the schools that have those means have it from the start of the year. The publish date should not change this.

Aaron: Why does the December 31<sup>st</sup> date stop self-publishing?

Angel: It does not, but we are supposed to made things widely available. Having more time means other teams can have access to the items that were published.

Neil: Other leagues have time to use it if published earlier.

Gregg: The equity issue is still there regardless of the date. Access issue is the issue. How much time do we need? If we allow for moving dates for state qualifiers, then we should allow for moving dates of deadlines. If leagues can have qualifiers on different dates the publication deadline has to move also.

Bill: I am in Angels league so I support this. Some teams/students can have multiple scripts published.

Minnia: To what Gregg says no one has an earlier qualifier. We are trying to protect the state tournament itself. Equal access is a thing.

Don: We wanted to make all events equal for simplicity. However, if it only works for POI, then it only works for POI.

Angel: Any deadline will not stop everyone, but it will still help. Some help is better than none. Different dates all over the state cause issues. We need one unified date.

Jennifer: Even for all events was the main focus. We have POI coming up.

Erik: Perhaps Jennifer can explain this again, why are there two 30 day periods?

Jennifer: The league one can be enforced by the league president not CHSSA. Leagues have different qualifying dates but we want a solid date for state across the board.

Erik: But I can still change scripts?

Jennifer: Yes, you still change scripts now and under this proposal.

David: My other concern is publication year. Dates are usually yearly for publications. We don't want to contact publishers to try to figure out WHEN in a year an item was published.

**Karson calls the question, Jimmy Seconds. Fails by voice vote, 4 abstentions.**

**0519-I:** Angel seconds.

Jennifer: We already have an exception for OI to December 31<sup>st</sup>. So, we want to include POI as well. They use news articles.

**Don calls the question, Benjamin seconds. Passes voice vote, 1 abstention.**

**0519-M:** To allow email votes for the HOF.

Jennifer: We email currently and the rules do not say that. We need to match current practice.

Terry Abad: Uses the goggle form etc.

Minnia: Friendly amendment to include.....

Jennifer: Can we say voting electronically?

Reed: Can we just update the language and allow electronic votes.

MANY: Yes! Passes by the power of Reed and many simultaneous yells of yes.

**0519-S:** Editing of interpretive works. Ben seconds.

Jennifer: If Michael was here I would let him introduce it. Right now, you can take one word and one word and one word and make a speech.

Aaron: I agree. There are unethical ways of cutting scripts. We need language that is NOT ambiguous. What does a piecemeal sentence look like? How do we draw a clear brightline? I am not sure this is clear enough.

Minnia: I also don't want cheating but this seems like I can't use half a sentence with another half of a sentence. This opens another can or worms.

Reed: This evolved from a protest last year between a league president and the protest committee that disagreed. The committee said they felt the current rules did not allow them to consider the protest that was brought forward.

Cameron: Even in our league we disagreed on this. One word from different pages cannot make a speech. We cannot keep pushing it down the road.

Gregg: I am on the committee now and something has to be done about this. We can't have inequity across the state.

Angel: This is an unclear bad writing of a rule. This isn't a consistent standard from league to league. NSDA also struggles with this. Scott Wunn said we don't have a clear rule but we still disqualified kids.

Karen: There is enough here! To quote Angel 'don't let perfect be the enemy of good'. We can tell by looking how bad something may be.

Erik: I have kicked a speech back before and it turns out maybe I should not have. This is very bad on a narrative level though.

Karson: We need to take more responsibility as coaches, students, and local leaders. I remember telling Don one of the first time we met when he discussed a rule loophole 'just because you can do it doesn't mean you should'. I do not think we need more rules to have students compete with scripts that have one word from various pages. The students and coaches should stop this before it ever gets to a protest.

Ben: I agree with Erik about the narrative voices. One of my best students would have been disqualified from state based on the way this is worded. Reasonable people should be able to tell if the cutting they are working on is out of left field or not.

Leilani: I think we all agree this is a problem so I am in support of this. The area chairs act as a supreme court in a sense so we should have them deal with this. Perhaps we can eliminate certain words.

Minnia: I am now in favor of this due to this discussion. We need a starting point. Right now you can do whatever you want. I am surprised but this discussion has changed my opinion.

Don: I am against this. My kid lost state last year and did not have a recourse. It will hurt kids that do things not just one word and one word. Sometimes they are being protested over much smaller and simpler things. It adds

a level of human error that I do not like. Several times as Gregg spoke to me I changed the script. I asked Michael several times. He said I can't tell you what is wrong until a protest happens. That was and is not right.

Karen: I would propose a friendly amendment to remove phrases. NSDA doesn't come down on much...but they are coming down on this so why shouldn't we?

Jimi: In the context of piece meal some of the best performances I have ever seen used random words only. This is too subjective for me. Who is to say that a performance is not a performance?

Gregg: I don't want to rehash the incident that inspired this. We have different opinions of this. We need words to stand up to the same scrutiny as added words. The chairs said 'their hands were tied'.

Karson calls the previous question, Rachel seconds.

**Division of the house. 9 yes votes, 14 no votes, 1 abstention. The measure fails.**

Reed: We are voting on vote or on the original measure?

Karson: The original measure, since we have not been voting on voting almost the entire meeting. We either need to follow parliamentary procure at all times or not at all as it makes taking precise notes very confusing.

Gregg: I just want to make sure piece meal is allowed then?

Many: Yes.

Cameron: Can this be changed or modified eventually? Written differently and brought back up?

Reed: Yes, but for this year at least the rules stay as is.

Erik: I think the rule is no holds barred, but league presidents can dissuade it.

Rachel: It is not no holds barred in my opinion because we have wording in our rules and regulations about authors intent.

Mikendra: I think IE committee is dealing with this, but I wish debate committee was. I feel like we need their minds to take the ambiguity out of it. An author never intended for their work to be 10 minutes if they had a long book or play or movie. Cutting IS piece meal. The teacher in me wants you to scaffold this. I am frustrated by what one person is saying to another. It becomes personal because of subjective discrepancies. I think I may have violated these rules my whole career!

Reed: Not according to these rules! We all need to help (especially in Vegas) so we can figure it out. Send it out in May, take it back to leagues, be able to vote on it in September.

**0519-T:** Timers in spontaneous events. Ben seconds.

Jennifer: Contestants can use a timer in these events. Judge timer is official timer.

Erik: What was the IE committee position on this?

Jennifer: We like it and support it.

Neil: Airplane mode you can still access WIFI. It is not sufficient.



Karen: I usually say hell no to this, and I do not care about TOC doing it normally. It would make life easier on the judges however. I think this is good.

Bill: You are saying it is discouraged to have it in their hand? I am in the middle and not sure.

Jennifer: We hope they place it on a desk but what if there is no desk?

Minnia: I was opposed to this at first. However, it is very difficult. I can see points from both sides.

Karson: I am in favor of this. The way this is worded do I still get time signals if I want them however?

Jennifer: A judge has an option to, but does not have to.

Reed: Judges do refuse to give time signals.

Karson: Make sure as league presidents that you have some timers around then, just in case. We don't want a student winding up with no signals one way or the other.

Rachel: I think we don't have to worry about it much. It seems most kids have phones they can use.

Jennifer: We did not exclude things like asking other competitors to help, and it does need to be on stopwatch mode when used to help prevent any idea of cheating.

Ben calls the previous question, Bobby seconds. Passes, with one abstention.

Ron: There was a time when timekeepers were provided.

Reed: August 31<sup>st</sup> email from me has this in it.

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Aaron: I do not know how many people this effects but there are some students in a debate event and also extemp. The A pattern seems to be right after the debate round. Some of my students were losing prep for extemp and were not happy about it later. What can be done about this? Can this be looked at?

Reed: Angel has full discretion to mess with schedule. If she sees any easy way to fix this she can.

Angel: It was like five total in the tournament, probably all of yours.

Bobby: Was there a motion for allowing OI to be from the NSDA approved script?

Many: That passed a few meetings ago.

Erik: We don't allow kids to double enter in Parli and extemp. The new schedule should allow for this. We should look into this.

Neil: I have sent a form out, please check your email.

Jennifer: We wanted to bring up a revision here. We want to include the word updating so it correlates with other events. We feel this is simple housekeeping where we have located it.

Angel: It was Beyonce birthday a few days ago, but it was also Reed's. (Give Reed a cake).

Reed: (Reed glares at Karson and then others). You are out of order!

Reed: Dates in January first weekend, May meeting is 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Angel will send out information about rooms also for Vegas.

Jennifer: Would also like to see the script review process as a choice during the Vegas work sessions.

Ben motion to adjourn, Reed seconds. Adjourns at 3:03.

**Calendar dates:**

Winter meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Vegas (working meeting)  
Spring meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in TBD  
State Tournament April 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ James Logan High School  
MS State Tournament May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 @ Clovis North High School

**Next CHSSA meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Las Vegas!**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:03 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Karson  
CHSSA Secretary



## September 2019 Executive Council Minutes

### President Reed Niemi

**Gay and Ron:** As most have heard, both Ron Underwood and Gay Brasher have announced their retirement from the CHSSA Board of Directors. Besides both being in the CHSSA Hall of Fame, both are also members of the NFL Hall of Fame. The tireless work that Ron and Gay have done for decades is a testament to what a single person can do. Their work for the activity at all levels ought not ever be forgotten. Personally, thank you both for having tutored and taught me so much.

**Gregg Osborn:** The Executive Directors asked a couple of individuals if they would be interested in becoming the CHSSA Historian and Gregg Osborn has agreed to step into the very large shoes emptied by Ron's retirement. Upon confirmation by the CHSSA Board of Directors, Gregg will oversee the Historian position.

**NSDA and NFHS conferences:** CHSSA was very well represented this year at both the NSDA Leadership conference as well as the NSDA Diversity conference. Besides the many board members that attended, Iain, Angelique, and Karson, all gave great presentations as well. The NFHS has been really asking for me to attend their annual conference in October. After a discussion with them I agreed to attend and asked Angel to attend with me. They have some interesting sessions schedule. Of keen interest to us as an organization is a session on large event security; something we have been looking for assistance in the past couple of years.

**Workshop/Roundtables starting in May 2020:** Many coaches around California have asked for either a roundtable or workshop from time to time around California. Because of the expansive forensics calendar and something called life, it has been difficult to arrange such an event. I am excited to announce that under the leadership of Area 2 Chair Mikendra McCoy and non-board member Chris Wardner, we will be starting a series of both over the next couple of years. Details are yet to be completed, but we are looking at offering such an experience on the Sunday following the fall and spring CHSSA meetings. Since we have the conference room space and a location, it seemed easiest to add it on at the end of those two meetings. Obviously we will be asking most of the board members to help with creating workshops and spreading the word around for such a great idea. Better yet, our goal is to make this a free experience for attendees.

**Corporate Accountant:** We will be hiring an accountant specializing in incorporated nonprofits in order to make sure we are in compliance of state and federal account laws. A huge thank you to Neil who has always been responsible for this, without ever asking for any credit or assistance. I am hoping that Neil and the soon to be hired accountant can work together in securing our financial future for at least another 65 years.

**Vegas 2020 meeting:** Our winter meeting will be in Las Vegas. It will NOT be a board meeting but rather a working meeting. All board members are invited to help us plan and execute the many tasks we have from planning two state tournaments, to creating a legacy program, and workshop offerings. The work days will be Friday and Saturday from 9am-5pm.

**Outreach:** In our continuing attempt for equity and diversity, CHSSA will continue to offer waivers for dues and food insecurity programs and will look to expand the efforts of the last two years. Thank you to the board of directors for continuing such an important focus on helping the activity in all communities.

**Committee appointments:** We are still having a couple of issues when it comes to committee work and appointment. First, some of the committees are either under populated OR have uneven state/area representation. This really needs to be addressed in one form or another in order to make more equitable the committee memberships. The second issue is of even more importance and that is attendance of committee meetings. Under our new by-laws and duties of directors under a public benefit corporation, we have obligations as board members. Specifically, under California law "duty of care" is our obligation. Failure to attend two committee meetings annually may result in removal from the council by the Executive Directors.

#### Vice President of Activities Angelique Ronald

We all are looking forward to an amazing State Tournament, hosted by the Golden Gate Speech Association, at **James Logan High School, April 24-26!** Important dates to note are:

**January 4, 2020:** All leagues must submit their official State qualification procedures by email to the VPA on or before this date. Email all documents to: [Director@CHSSA.org](mailto:Director@CHSSA.org)

**Feb 1, 2020:** Hotel Block information for State 2020 will be released on the CHSSA website.

**March 19, 2020:** By 5 PM, all league Master Entry Sheets must be completed by League Presidents. Master Entry Sheets are done on Google Docs and the files will be sent out to each League President in early Spring. These entry sheets are the responsibility of the League President.

**March 20, 2020:** All online entries for State are due by 5 PM on this day. League Presidents and Area Chairs should use the aforementioned Master Entry to audit the entries that fit under their purview well before the 5PM deadline, helping reach out to coaches who are missing entries and get them submitted prior to the cutoff.

**March 27, 2020:** All physical entries/ paperwork for State must be postmarked on or before this date.

I would like to take a moment to thank our members around California for the work you all are doing with regard to equity and inclusion. We have a number of leagues promoting progressive, necessary policy changes at the local level that address real problems that impact students and coaches around the State, whether that's through waiving dues or providing resources for economically marginalized teams, offering training on implicit bias, or much, much more. I am beyond proud of our CHSSA family for working hard to make our corner of the world a better place. And please know: your work is recognized around the country and creating waves of change far beyond our state lines. It's an honor to work with you all and I look forward to us doing even more amazing things for kids throughout 2020 and beyond.

Vice President of Curriculum Minnia Curtis

1. We do have a couple of the State rounds ready to share, as soon as Ben uploads them.
2. This coming State Tournament two rounds will be professionally recorded!
3. The curriculum committee has updated the coaches, adding in new links and updating information. The new manual will be posted as soon as Ben can do it.
4. Next up, middle school curriculum. (Discussing using the possibly through Teachers Pay Teachers)
5. Thanks to Ben, Bill, Sharon, and Melissa to their work!

Secretary Karson Kalashian

Thank you for allowing me to take notes. The minutes from the BOD meeting will be to President Niemi within one week.

Treasurer Neil Barembaum

- **CHSSA On-line store:** The on-line store is now open for CHSSA registration fee payment or contributions.
- **CHSSA Registration:** We need to work out procedures for CHSSA school registration for 2019-2020. Recommend a google form for school contact and demographic information, with a simple paper form for signatures. Checks would be submitted with paper form. This would provide us with a definitive, up-to-date database of school information on google sheets. Either the Area Chairs or the Treasurer can notate on the database when a school has paid. The simple signature form can be sent using a free mail-merge add-on to google sheets from the results of the school registration.
  1. School fills out contact and demographic information using google-form.
  2. Information appears on google-sheet for registration custodian(s)
  3. Mail-merge add-on is used to generate a simple signature form which is emailed to the coach as a PDF file.
  4. Coach obtains signatures on printed signature forms.
  5. Coach obtains checks or pays on-line.
  6. Coach mails signature form (possibly with check).
  7. Registration custodian(s) annotate when a school has paid and when signatures are received.
  8. Reminders can be sent out periodically for schools who entered their information but have not yet paid or have not sent in signature forms.
  9. Results of registration (including paid/signature status) can be made available to league presidents as view-only shared sheets.
- Sounds complicated, but offers the following advantages.
  1. Only one list is kept or needed, preventing discrepancies.
  2. Information is entered by coach—less chance for errors in copying information.
  3. Everyone (coaches, presidents, chairs) has real-time information on member schools, pending payments, pending signature forms.
  4. Signature form is kept simple, yet we can collect more information from the school, if desired.
  5. Coaches always receive updated form with updated list of area chairs. No more sending checks to wrong place because an old form was used. (I might mention that Shirley Keller-Firestone sent me a check last year that was sent to her.)
  6. Security can be maintained by controlling who has access to google sheet, though I recommend list custodian backs up the information periodically by downloading the google sheet as an Excel file and keeping all such files on their computer.
  7. Demographic information can be easily compiled and digested without including school or coach identifying information.

- **Fee Waivers:** We should figure out fee waivers BEFORE people pay fees.
- **Treasurer's Report:** As there were no corrections/suggestions, the drafty draft I sent earlier will serve as my final report, pending further corrections.
- I apologize for the notes being out of order. I wrote the notes prior to arranging pages. Error in workflow.
- The increase in fees for the Middle School Competition (MSC) in the budget reflects my suggestion that all fees be increased by \$5. This is a modest increase of fees that were already low. This modest increase would make the MSC revenue neutral, assuming all other factors stayed the same. Which, of course, they won't.
  - **Entry Fees:**
    - Item 2019 2020
    - School Fee \$25 \$30
    - Policy, Public Forum, LD \$30 \$35
    - Congress \$15 \$20
    - All Speech events \$15 \$20
- We need action on the budget from the BoD. What is the budget?
  1. First, it is a financial "business plan" for the coming year. Is our operation fiscally feasible? I recall a Queen Latifah movie where she ran [a beauty parlor](#). In spite of being completely inundated helping her customers, the business was failing. If she has all the customers she can handle and still can't stay afloat, she has a bad business plan. I think our budget reflects a good business plan.
  2. Second, it should reflect reality. I can say we will get \$60,000 in State fees, but if that is not reality, this is not a good budget. I have included last year's budget to compare. Perhaps I should have put a copy of last year's actual numbers for comparison. If some number seems odd, compare it to page 3, income and expenses, actuals, for 2018-2019. I may have overstated (legal fees—we are done incorporating) or understated (meeting expenses—Las Vegas is supposed to be cheaper) some items, but, overall, I think it is an honest estimate of what I expect may happen next year. Of course, as mice and men make plans, the gods giggle.
  3. Third, as it is a plan that reflects reality, it is also a promise. It is not binding in the sense that if an expense gets to the budgeted amount, I will stop writing checks. But, if in the course of business, we find we need to spend significantly more than what is in the budget (or create a new program altogether) we need to agree to this prior to continuing, or find a different way of working out the issue.
  4. Finally, it is a statement of our priorities. How we expend our time and money should be aligned with our priorities. As we have become more cognizant of the needs of our students and schools that are socioeconomically challenged, as we have decided to promote the excellence of the students we serve beyond simply winning and losing, our budget has reflected those priorities.
- I ask that the Board of Directors examine the budget through the prism of these four criteria, that the members offer suggestions when presented at the meeting on Saturday, and that the Board approve the budget as it stands or with amendments.

Public Relations Coordinator Interim Mikendra McCoy

- Thanks to Iain for trusting me with his "squad;" they are an amazing bunch of individuals!
  - Might I just take a moment to say a huge "Thank You" to Cameron for joining the team, he is the perfect blend of organization and pizzazz that was needed!
  - While simultaneously, we are missing Melissa Elko, who has defected to the Curriculum team; although we know that they are grateful for such an incredible educator, who pays attention to details and works to support coaches and competitors.

- As noted in the PR agenda, the plan was to "...take over the world..." and we are doing just that; here are the things that we are asking of you as a board: Connections. Communication. Cash. (Just working that alliteration angle!)
  - We are calling for folks to support in time, money and items; if you are aware of people and/or businesses that we should contact, please let us know!
    - We are looking to expand our Food Insecurity program, but we need to have \$10,000 in there. While there are funds now, we need to gather more. If you have a friendly connection that would be interested in supporting that cause, then please contact one of us, so that we can reach out to them. (You are welcome to reach out to; please cc Angel and/or myself, so that we can follow up with your connection.)

We are also looking for individuals, businesses, teams, anyone ... who would like to be in the state program for advertising, celebrating and general information; have you signed up your team yet?

We are looking to create the possibility of extending the Legacy Foundations through Living Trusts/Donations etc.

- New York Life is an incredible organization that pays organizations to do good things; you can ask their staff to judge your tournament and you can garner funds from this. This is another way to give back to our community forever. Let's work together to "leave this better than we got it!" - PAX

Public Relations would like to make more of a public presence with social media, press releases, etc; in order to do that templates of press release forms for coaches will be posted to the coaches corner/coaches handbook.

- Any suggestions as to how to increase public presence and recognition are welcomed.

#### Editor Benjamin Cummings

#### Historian Gregg Osborn

I will be meeting with the esteemed Mr. Underwood for lunch tomorrow to better understand the task I am undertaking.

I know that I need to remind everyone that Hall of Fame nominations need to be submitted by November 1. Per Rules and Regulations:

"Section 2. The selection process for subsequent years shall be as follows: A. Any retired or active coach who has given a minimum of 15 years of service to speech in high school in California is eligible for nomination. B. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the President of the CHSSA by November 1 of each year. Nominations may be mailed or delivered personally to the President. Nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form. C. Any League may make nominations, provided that no more than one nominee per League is submitted in any year. Nominations must be signed by four coaches from different schools in the League."

We will have two nominations that will be carried over from last year and appear on the ballot: June Read and Chris Wardner.

Did you know...

Ron Underwood started his coaching career in 1963 at Downey HS

Ron was elected to the CHSSA Hall of Fame in 1988

Ron was elected to the NFL (NSDA) Hall of Fame in 1992

Is a ten diamond coach!

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Ron has served as a League President, Rep at Large, Curriculum Rep, Area Chair, VP of Activities and Historian

Not big shoes at all... :/

Area 1 Chair Chris Harris

- D. Matley & James Logan Jessie/Justin GGSA are hard at work planning CHSSA State 2020.
- Goto <http://www.ggsa.org/> for info on volunteering
- Or directly here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18vovAwqGu37IPS1mKmPha8UJUGkdaq7eEIKRN3i\\_zZ4/e\\_dit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18vovAwqGu37IPS1mKmPha8UJUGkdaq7eEIKRN3i_zZ4/e_dit?usp=sharing)
- Please welcome Ben Fagan as Area 1 Cur Rep

Area 2 Chair Mikendra McCoy

- Yep, I am returning for another round of communication, chaos and chuckles! Too excited for all that we as an organization are going to do this year; food programs, student of the year, diversity awareness and so much more. Currently dreaming up new adventures for the upcoming year. Suggestions are welcome.
- Shameless plug, we are currently looking to fill a spot for the Area 2 At Large Rep; dedicated and daring individuals wanted, please volunteer awesome individuals to be asked.
- We are also gearing up to find a spot for the 2022 state site, have a few options on the table, more to come on that later...

Area 3 Chair Jennifer Nguyen

I'd like to welcome Brian Walker from SCDL as our new at Large Rep and Chris James as the WBFL representative. I am very grateful to Sharon James who has now committed to serving as League President for the next 2 years to get us through State 2021. Sharon is serving on the CHSSA council as the Area 3 curriculum rep which goes right in line with her new position at LAUSD! I'd also like to welcome Bobby back who is joining us as the official TCFL co-president!

Area 4 Chair Don Etheridge

Thrilled to be the new Area 4 Chair! I'd also like to welcome Sal Tinajero (Marielle Garcia as a guest) as the OCSL President and Cameron Martin as the new SDIVSL president. Actively looking for a new Curriculum Representative for area 4. Working on sites for 2023 state tournament. We looked into LCC, but they did not have enough rooms. I am now exploring SDSU (much better with new construction) former coach at Classical with SDIVSL is the director of forensics and I am quite hopeful this will work out. I know I don't know everyone from all 3 leagues, but please know that I am here to serve and help, so please don't hesitate to ask (I know I will be seeking all of your guidance as well.)

Congress Chair David Matley

During our committee meeting, we reviewed the topic areas for CHSSA State Tournament and assigned them to the various leagues.

We started writing legislation for the CHSSA Middle School State Tournamentl.



We reviewed the by-law revisions we passed in May that go into effect this year.

- authorship/sponsorship rules,
- direct cross examination in semifinal and final rounds.

We reviewed the three by-law proposals on the docket for this Saturday:

- increase the number of students that break to semifinals from 28 to 30 (0919C).
- increase the number of students that break to finals from 14 to 15 (0919D).
- clarification of the rules regarding legislation submission for the State Tournament (0919B).

### Speech Chair Jennifer Nguyen

#### **Extemp Topics:**

We decided to stick with the Extemp topics that we used last year. We had a discussion about changing National Extemp topics to have a California specific round. We decided against this because we liked how National topics were actual TOPIC areas and not a geographic region. We decided to keep International Extemp because we feel that this allows us to have enough questions for each area.

- National Extemp
  - Finance and Economics
  - Science and Technology
  - Politics/Government
  - Social issues and controversy
  - US Foreign Policy
- International Extemp
  - Europe/Russia
  - Asia/Australia/Oceania
  - Middle East
  - The Americas
  - Africa

#### **Docket Items:**

- Manuscript Requirements for Interp Events
  - Our goal with the proposal was to make things easier for coaches but this is not the case, therefore, IE committee is withdrawing this proposal.
- Remove December 31 for all events
  - IE committee is endorsing this proposal
  - We feel that December 31 is an arbitrary date and this makes things the same for ALL events.
  - We feel this is a fair compromise between allowing choice for competitors and a reasonable deadline.
- Remove December 31 for POI
  - IE committee understands that the previous proposal might not pass
  - POI uses news articles and should be allowed to update.
- Editing of Interpretative Works
  - IE committee is not unanimous on this but the majority of the committee support it.
  - Everyone on the committee agrees that this needs to be discussed and voted on
  - We feel that this is a good START on how to rule out piecing.
  - We understand that this is not perfect but it is a start.
  - We want it clear to students whether or not piecing is allowed or not.
- Allow Students to use timers in Spontaneous Events

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- IE committee unanimously endorses this
- Note: this is not precluding other students/people from timing for the competitor

We are introducing a bylaw revision during good of the order today to allow someone to update an interp for pop culture references but have it count towards their 150-added word limit.

We found something very interesting in the NSDA rules. We want schools to be aware that it has and is the practice of CHSSA to allow a student to swap genders but apparently this is not allowed according to the NSDA rules in the High School Event Rules Manual page 46. So please be aware.

Performance: The presentation may not use physical objects or costuming. During the presentation, the contestant/team must name the author and the book or magazine from which the cutting was made. Additionally:

A. Adaptations to material may only be used for the purpose of transition. The gender stated by the author must be honored. However, a female contestant may play a male role, and a male contestant may play a female role.

We were asked about opening up 'publications' in OI to be more inclusive. We discussed this and feel that we do like updating our definitions to be more inclusive, however, we really don't have a good way of doing this and still follow manuscript requirements. Which brings us to the next thing that IE committee spent a long time on and really needs the input of the entire council: Do we want to change the CHSSA manuscript requirements? Do we want to go in a way the NSDA does manuscripts? Do we want to go a completely different way? If we were a new organization establishing our rules what would we want? We'd really like to hear what the council here wants and if there are any suggestions.

We are still working on a possible resolution to have as part of the manuscript requirement to have all added words typed instead of written in. Also will need to look at Expos to possibly align with NSDA Informative. Lastly, do we want to change the online source materials for HI, DI, and Duo to also go off the NSDA Approved Script List.

Debate Chair Karson Kalashian

CHSSA Debate Committee

September 6, 2019

Chairperson: Karson Kalashian

**Meeting Minutes:**

**Ballingall Grant:**

We discussed the Ballingall grant application process. We reviewed the notes from last committee meeting in May regarding this topic. We put together the details for the application process, what information is required, deadlines, etc. Brian will put together the information needed, forward to the Debate Committee Chair and CHSSA Webmaster to create the form/application to be sent out. Applications are due by December 1st. Selections will be made in January and checks sent out then.

**Nationals:**

**California High School Speech Association**

Karson spoke about how proud he was in how California does in Debate in Nationals. California teams take a few spots in the top 10 in each Debate category in the National Tournament. Our State Tournament, is 1/8th the size of the National Tournament. Kids who place well in California State Tournament, go on to do well in the National Tournament. 1200 kids entering in the State Tournament last year alone. Texas is another state that holds a very large State tournament.

**Reorganization of the the Debate Bylaws:**

At the beginning of starting this topic of the meeting, we thanked Jimmy and Aaron for cleaning up the Debate Bylaws over the summer, which allowed us to collectively spend time together reviewing the content and making sure everything was reordered correctly.

Changing all AFF/NEG to Pro/Con on Debate rules. Recommendation on wording was discussed, such as not encouraged/prohibited, needs to be cannot or has to. Approach Reed and Angel eventually, regarding the specific wording of some rules, such as "should", "shall" and other ways to word certain definitions and rules in the bylaws.

Cleared the wording on the Public Forum Bylaw Section regarding the topic, changed NFL to National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA).

Each file for the Debate topic, references will be placed next to each section to reference where it was taken/located from the original format in the CHSSA bylaws. This will make it easier for those reviewing the reorganization of the bylaws, making sure nothing has changed to any rules.

Discussed the organization of the CHSSA bylaws. General Section (rules applied to all debate events & penalties), Evidence Section, and Debate Event Sections (Parliamentary, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy & Public Forum). Also discussed on how the organization of the Evidence section. Evidence rules for Parliamentary Debate will be under the Parliamentary Debate section, compared to the other events, the information will be placed under the Evidence tab.

Discussed the section regarding judging being able to take evidence from students during round, leave as is, but could be opened to later discussion in future meetings.

The Debate Committee found rules related to Congress in the Debate Bylaws regarding the use of computers. In the rules in 1.K.1 & 1.K.5.d it mentions Congress are in the Debate rules, and should not be in the Debate rules, but in the Congress rules. Debate Committee agreed that the Congress Committee should be informed and notified that it will be removed from the Debate Bylaws and should be transferred over to the Congress Bylaws.

The Debate Committee put together a list of rules to propose potential changes to the Debate Bylaws, that may be brought up at the next CHSSA Meeting.

The Debate Committee concluded with completing their review of the reorganization of the CHSSA Bylaws.

Our group did a great job today. Yes, I would like to see women and/or more minority members present, but unfortunately chairpersons are not consulted (at least I was not this time, plus I am not sure what I could have done). I always assumed the President or VPA knew who was on which committees before the meeting. Yes we should as much diversity as possible.



Number: 0919B  
Disposition: PASSES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: A Motion to Revise the Rules and Regulations to Streamline the Way the Congress State Tournament Docket is Determined**

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLTUION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: Congress Committee

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article \_\_\_\_\_, section \_\_\_\_\_, paragraph \_\_\_\_\_, page # \_\_\_\_\_
- Addition to By-Laws: Article XIII, section 6, paragraph A & B, page # 68
- Other change: Article XIII, section 4, paragraph A, page 67-68

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

- B. Each school with one or more Congress entries in the State Tournament shall be required to submit one piece of legislation from the topic area designated to their league. League may submit resolutions of bills. The legislation must be typed using one of the three templates on the CHSSA website.** The deadline for submission will be the deadline for State Tournament registration.
- ~~C. All bills and resolutions shall be typed in proper form on one side of 8.5 by 11 paper shall be submitted to the chair of the State Congress Committee by November 15. The League submitting the bill/resolution shall indicate its name on the resolution.~~
- ~~C. The Congress Director shall meet with the Congress Committee at the winter CSSC meeting. The Congress Committee will write/design all legislation for the State Tournament or select from any bills submitted with right to modify or revise submitted material. The Congress Committee shall select seven (7) bills/resolutions to be distributed to the coaches of qualified delegates. The Congress Director shall prepare the Student Congress Handbook inclusive of~~

the seven (7) selected bills/resolutions and have it made available to students thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the state tournament.

- D.** The Congress Committee shall designate the bill/resolution(s) for each session, and they shall be announced prior to start of the ~~tournament~~ **first preliminary session**.

**Rationale:** Aligning the by-law with current practice.

Number: 0919C  
Disposition: PASSES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: A Motion to Revise the Rules and Regulations to Expand Congress Semi-finals to 30 Contestants**

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: Congress Committee

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Other change: Article \_\_\_\_\_, section \_\_\_\_\_, paragraph \_\_\_\_\_, page # \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

A. ~~Twenty-eight~~ **Thirty** members shall be selected for semi-final competition based on low cumulative ranks in the three preliminary sessions...

B. Two houses, designated A and B, shall have ~~fourteen~~ **fifteen** members each.

**Rationale:** We currently have 15 contestants in each of our three preliminary rounds. Since our semi-final round is the same time (90 minutes), it is reasonable to expand the semi-final round to include two more contestants.

Number: 0919D  
Disposition: PASSES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: A Motion to Revise the Rules and Regulations to Expand Congress Finals to 15 Contestants**

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: Congress Committee

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article \_\_\_\_\_, section \_\_\_\_\_, paragraph \_\_\_\_\_, page # \_\_\_\_\_
- Addition to By-Laws: Article XIII, section 7, paragraph A, page # 69
- Other change: Article \_\_\_\_\_, section \_\_\_\_\_, paragraph \_\_\_\_\_, page # \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

- A. There shall be two final sessions of Congress. ~~Fourteen~~ **Fifteen** congresspersons shall be chosen on a low cumulative score basis using all semi-finalist judge ballots added to the preliminary cumulative rank totals, with ties resolved using the following criteria.

**Rationale:** We currently have 15 contestants in each of our three preliminary rounds. Since our final round is the same time (90 minutes), it is reasonable to expand the final round to include another contestant.



Number: 0919A

Disposition: PASSED

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: A Resolution Regarding Fines and Late Fees**

**RESOLUTION**

Submitted by: **Angelique Ronald**

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

**X** Resolution

**WHEREAS**, as a matter of practice, the California High School Speech Association collects late fees and various fines related to membership and the annual State Championship tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, past practice has allocated these late fees and fines to the general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, these fines should be allocated to programs that benefit our most marginalized students; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the California High School Speech Association Council, that until otherwise directed by the Board, any and all fines and fees collected by CHSSA for late fees (on dues or tournament registration), fines (held judge bonds, additional assessed judge fines, or any and all other fines) shall be allocated by the Treasurer to fund the annual program to combat student food insecurity at the State Championship.

**Rationale:** Issuing fines is an unpleasant but sometimes necessary part of the tournament administration process. We don't (and shouldn't) depend on these fines as part of our regular, annual budget, but since we do collect these fines, they should be put to a good cause that benefits our marginalized students. In this regard, there is no better cause that we have at our tournament than the program we have created to feed kids who face food insecurity at no cost at State each year. So, I believe all fines should be allocated to this purpose.

Number 0519N  
Disposition: FAILS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: Remove Dec 31 for all events**

**(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)**

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: : Article IX ,section 3, paragraph A1 , page #39-40

Addition to By-Laws: Article \_\_\_\_\_ ,section \_\_\_\_\_ , paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ , page # \_\_\_\_\_

Other change: Article \_\_\_\_\_ ,section \_\_\_\_\_ , paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ , page # \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

### Selections

- With the exception of Thematic Interpretation/Program Oral Interpretation, a selection is any quotation from a work of no less than 150 words or a complete work of fewer than 150 words.
- No contestant may use the same literary work that s/he used in previous competitive years. Contestants are further prohibited from using the same literary works in other interpretation events in the same or subsequent years.
- Violation of this rule [Sec. 3. A(b)] shall result in disqualification from the tournament.
- No selection shall be the contestant's original work; the contestant shall suggest the thoughts, emotions, the ideas and purposes of the author.
- Every contestant must use published materials. "Published" as used in these rules means materials commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed **by 30 days prior to your leagues state speech qualifier**

**for state qualification and 30 days prior to the state tournament for competition at the state tournament.** ~~December 31 of that competitive school year. The only exception to this rule shall be Oratorical Interpretation (OI). Speeches used as scripts in OI may be delivered and published after December 31 of the competitive year, but must meet all other publication guidelines. Selections available only on nationally distributed phonograph, compact disc, audio or video tape recordings, shall be permitted only if the material used is printed on the jacket or box of the recording or on a printed insert with the recording. Only the original printed source or a photocopy of the original printed source shall be considered adequate proof of publication.~~

**Rationale: December 31 was an arbitrary date which did not allow students to choose newer scripts. 30 days prior to the tournament provides a fair balance between allowing choice for the competitor and a reasonable deadline.**

Number: 0519I

Disposition: PASSES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: Removal of December 31 published date for TI/POI.**

**(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)**

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

X Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A1e , page # 39 - 40

X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A1e , page # 39 - 40

Other change: Article \_\_\_\_\_ ,section \_\_\_\_\_ , paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ , page # \_\_\_\_\_

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

e. Every contestant must use published materials. "Published" as used in these rules means materials commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed by December 31 of that competitive school year. The only exception to this rule shall be Oratorical Interpretation (OI) **and Program Oral Interp (POI)**. ~~Speeches~~ **Selections** used as scripts in OI **and POI** may be delivered and published after December 31 of the competitive year, but must meet all other publication guidelines. Selections available only on nationally distributed phonograph, compact disc, audio or video tape recordings, shall be permitted only if the material used is printed on the jacket or box of the recording or on a printed insert with the recording. Only the original printed source or a photocopy of the original printed source shall be considered adequate proof of publication.

**Rationale:**

POI often deals with topics that have limited published literary works and typically use articles. Students should be allowed to use current articles to keep their piece relevant. Students will gain educational experience from adapting their piece as newer articles become available.

Number: 0519M

Disposition: PASSES



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:**

**Allow electronic voting for Hall of Fame**

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article\_VI\_ ,section\_\_2 , paragraph\_E3, page 21  
Deletion from By-Laws: Article\_VI\_ ,section\_\_2 , paragraph\_E5, page 21
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article\_VI\_ ,section\_\_2 , paragraph\_E3, page 21
- ⑦ Other change: Article\_\_\_\_ ,section\_\_\_\_ , paragraph\_\_\_\_ , page #\_\_\_\_

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

**E. Voting Procedure.**

1. At the Winter Meeting, or no later than January 15, the CSSC shall vote by secret ballot on the slate of nominees.
2. Immediately following the Winter Meeting, or no later than January 15, non-council Hall of Fame members will be sent final ballots which must be returned with their votes to the Historian by February 15.
3. Each League president ~~will be sent two ballots to be returned with the League's votes~~ **must e-mail their League's two votes** to the Historian by February 15.
4. Council members, Leagues, and Hall of Fame members not on the current council may vote for zero to two candidates on the ballot. (Each League may vote for zero to two candidates on each of its two ballots.) All official ballots shall list the nominees in alphabetical order and provide a space to vote for "none of the above" and a space to indicate "abstention" which shall not be included in the total count of votes.
5. The Historian will ~~be~~ report to the CHSSA president who shall notify candidates of result by March 1.
6. Elections to the Hall of Fame shall require a 60% vote for a nominee. Should a nominee fail to achieve a 60% vote, but receives a minimum of a 40% vote, that nominee shall be retained on the ballot for the following year.

**Rationale:**  
Current practice.

Number: 0519S  
Disposition: FAILS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: Editing of Interpretive Works**

**(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)**

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: Michael Orfield      Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be an:

Addition to By-Laws: Article IX , section 3, paragraph A 5 c, page # 42

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in bold print]*

**Editing an author’s work down to 10 minutes is a creative exercise. However, it shall be a violation to create new piecemeal sentences from the individual words or phrases of the author unless such words or phrases follow the rules for ‘added words’ and will be counted toward the limit of ‘added words’.**



**Rationale: The creative process of editing an author's work has gotten out of hand. Much beyond editing to cut the work down to 10 minutes, to shorten the time line, to bridge two distant periods of time, or to update, competitors are now taking single words found over 50 pages and combining them to make a joke or comment never referenced by the author. OPP is now freely being employed by the trick of using single words and phrases of the author and creating brand new sentences that were never apart of the original work. This abuse demeans the author's work and the essence of interpretive events.**

Number: **0519T**  
Disposition: **PASSES**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME OF PROPOSAL: Allow Students to use timers in Spontaneous events**

**(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)**

<b>BY LAW REVISION</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION</b>	<b>HOUSEKEEPING</b>
<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	

Submitted by: IE Committee      Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

This revision will be an:

Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX , section 1, paragraph 2, page # 36

Addition to By-Laws: Article IX , section 1, paragraph 2, page # 36

**Specific revision:** *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

2. Time: **Judges may but are not required to give time signals but are the official timekeepers.** Each contestant shall be **allowed to use a time keeping device, if it is a cell phone it must be on airplane mode and only on the stopwatch function. The contestant may use the device only to keep time during their speech; it may NOT be used as a prop. It is discouraged for students to hold the device in their hand.** ~~given time signals for at least the final two minutes, one minute, and half a minute of the contestant's speech. If these minimal time signals are not provided, then the contestant may not be penalized for going over the time limit. If these minimal time signals have been provided and~~ **If the contestant exceeds the time limit by more than 15 seconds, the speaker will be penalized by a lowering of one rank by tab room officials.**

**Rationale:**

It is often difficult for the judges to provide time signals while judging. Sometimes the judges forget, and the timing sometimes is inaccurate which makes it difficult for the contestant. This puts the ownership of timing and pacing on the contestant and not the judge. This is becoming the norm on the circuit as well.