

**2017 AREA CHAIR CANDIDATE, AREA II
KAREN MINICK
YOSEMITE FORENSIC LEAGUE**



This school year marks my eighteenth year coaching Speech and Debate at Bear Creek High School. I have built and sustained my program since our N.S.D.A. Charter was granted in 1997.

My leadership experience began in the Y.F.L. with the position of Vice President in 2002 under the mentorship of Hall of Fame Coach, Tom Montgomery. When he passed away in 2004, I was thrust into the presidency and charged with the responsibility of holding our league together. Since relinquishing the presidency, I have remained in the supporting role of Vice President. This strong leadership role in our league has given me the experience with which I hope to serve you all.

For years, I have been responsible for vetting scripts in Y.F.L., without any issues during my tenure. I have submitted several by-law revisions that clarify on-going issues throughout the state and hope to also streamline script submission as council will allow. I feel I come to this position with objectivity and clarity to adjudicate as required. There will always be challenges to face in a state-wide organization and I feel that I can both responsibly represent and assist you, as need arises.

Thank you for your consideration.