

I. The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Prefontaine at 9:34

II. Roll Call

Absent: Ralph Driggs, Reed Niemi, Sarah Botsch-McGuinn

Guests: Sarah Sherwood (OCSL), Teja Vepa (CFL), Jennifer Nguyen (SCDL-new president)

Proxies: Chris Harris for Sarah Botsch-McGuinn (CFL)

A note about our changing roll call:

Rita will be resigning and we greatly thank her for her wonderful service to CHSSA. Suzanne Munsell also resigned after many years of work for us and keeping great records. Terry Abad will not be renewing his GGSA presidency. Sarah Botsch-McGuinn will not remain president. Todd Newkirk will be moving on. Ashley Novak will be leaving. Thanks to all of them for all they have done for us and our new students. Welcome: Gregg Osborn, newly elected Area 4 chair, Jennifer Nguyen taking over for Ashley, and Martha who will be standing for election of curriculum chair. New representatives will bring new ideas and perspectives.

III. Minutes from January 2016 offered for review, edit, and comments.

Johnson: Where are break out assignments?

Prefontaine: At bottom of minutes.

No objection to approve. Approved.

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Pre- meeting share out of positive parent letter ☺

Prefontaine: State was brilliant; perfect weather. I hope you keep the program-it is 75 pages by and large the work of Nermin who continues to turn out beautiful work.

In Humorous Interp, there was a protest regarding added words that were not transitional or updating. The decision was to give the student 7th in that round and direct him not to do that anymore, which he did not upon follow up.

OI protest against added words which were found to be in the script. Protest rejected.

Unusual protest in Parli semis-- team asked judges to take out phones and look up evidence. Apparently this is allowed at invitationals. One judge did look up the evidence and a protest was instigated by the opposing team. The protest was connected to the by-laws by extension of the rules applying to use of Internet, judges looking at evidence, and using evidence not on the paper mandated for use in Parli. The use of electronics for other than timing and judges looking at evidence rules were violated. There was no direct way to resolve so, in terms of the potential precedent, Protest committee believed that if this behavior were allowed, kids would have the judge looking up evidence. So in terms of long-term perspective and precedent, the protested team was given a loss. The debate committee is still deep in discussion regarding this issue and what we can do with the bylaws to address this issue in the future. There will be elections today. I am standing again as president, Nermin as VP activities, Martha for curriculum. Area chairs we know: Shirley Keller-Firestone, Linda Darling, Jennifer Kindred, Gregg Osborn

We need to end this meeting no later than 3:30, simply because of flight schedules.

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We also found in the bylaws specific language that every proposal goes to the committees first and, when brought out of committee, is not voted on at the same meeting. It is introduced, shared out with leagues and may be voted on at the next meeting. This will give everyone the opportunity to think about things and get input from league members. Process time is good. **We will not be voting on new business bylaw proposals today. The committees will present approved proposals.** We will be sending you the various reports on Google docs as soon as everyone has filled it in.

Vice President of Activities Fraser

Fraser: Post state tournament report is a tradition:

Thank Jeff Cormier, Mission college host, he did an exceptional job navigating politics, was gracious, accommodating and helpful. He truly welcomed us as guests. We sent a thank you note in addition to the host gift.

Thanks to Sarah and Shirley for taking on hosting the tournament, along with the stress of finding a site and hosting duties.

Thanks to Gay Brasher for her dedication. She was hospitalized but still making arrangements and hosting practice. She is home well and safe and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Special thanks to Kim Jones for stepping in and helping with everything. She served as an incredible right hand, problem solving throughout the weekend. She was remarkable.

Chris Harris- first year with no coffee complaints! Thank you!!

Thanks to Angelique for taking all the photos and organizing the power point.

Ben, thanks for all the tech support and text alerts.

Ron thank you for sending everything needed for the program and impromptu topics and being incredibly quick to reply.

Thanks to everyone for their help with forms, recruitments, checking and numerous other tasks.

I think we finally figured this out! I left feeling calm and thanks to all of you. It is the work of many hands.

At State, we got to recognize a few people:

Goodbye to John Cardoza and John "Huff" Hufferd upon their passing

Rita and Suzanne upon their retirement

Congratulations to Kathy on Hall of Fame and Mikendra on Service Above Self

Scholarship was given in the honor of Lynette Williamson. \$1,000-\$500 from donor and matched by CHSSA. Lynette chose the scholarship selection process-students voted for the best impromptu (most inspirational and original)

Lynette is doing well, getting up and around, but breathing and speech are affected at this time.

Donations through crowd sourcing were used to retrofit the house including entry, laundry, and accessibility. James Logan also donated a large amount to help her daughter provide support during this difficult time. Text or email are preferred communication.

Other successes:

Another set of pennants.

New judge formula worked very well. Covered all rounds but not a lot of spares for Friday/Saturday. A few modifications will be made for asking for rounds off during this time. Most of the judges had at least 2-3 years of experience. This was a great change and we have a judge pool with a strong knowledge base that represents a good balance of different types of judges.

JOT-met at James Logan with Scott. Scott was quite upset with how it was being represented and immediately sent copies of letters to CA individuals saying JOT will be around as long as we want to use it. We can continue to use it and they will do everything in their power to support us. TRIO will not be Tabroom 2.0, it will integrate and we will be able to make sure we are comfortable with it before

transferring over. We couldn't shadow. Aaron's from NSDA's first comment was that he had never seen such a calm tournament and he understood why we are so happy with JOT. He said he would tell NSDA is that we have a system with everything we want and that it is understandable we would want to continue with JOT and be worried about a new program. TRIO will be fee-free and the goal will be the same for JOT. It is still the rate quoted for leagues. The goal is that if Trio is functional by state next year, we would shadow next year. If not, shadow would delay a year. First year, JOT shadowed cards and second and third it was reversed. We did it in parts. We will go back to cards if necessary to be sure we are confident with the product. We will go slowly as necessary to ensure quality and accuracy. An additional concern and observation is the number of entries in policy debate. 5 of 11 leagues did not have enough to fill. Other leagues did not have 3 alternates. How can we increase entries or reallocate to even out the competition is something we need to consider.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Prichard: Judges training DVD available now and will be on website soon. League presidents have a copy. I suggest you put it on your website-it will be great for training. If you want a tangible copy for summer training, let me know. Thanks Matley for Congress, Gregg for IE and Matt for debate. We will have more tangible copies especially for smaller schools that may not have reliable Internet or are wary of the webpage. If you wish to buy a complete package or want it available, contact curriculum. Books are also available. You may want to consider in your league for newcomers. Full set is \$120. We could probably give a league deal.

Treasurer Barembaum

Barembaum: Refer to Google doc

Secretary/Editor Niemi

Niemi: No report

Historian Underwood

Underwood: Refer to Google doc

V. Area Chair Reports (see attached Google doc for additional reporting information)

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

Keller-Firestone: Many schools with no entries at State came forward to help and most student volunteers were from schools not involved and GGSA schools. Schools really stepped up.

Area 2 Chair Darling

Darling: Refer to Google doc

Area 3 Chair Kindred

Kindred: State 2017: April 28-30
Arcadia High School
Diamond Anniversary
LAX, Burbank, Ontario

Area 4 Chair Osborn

Osborn: refer to Google doc

Brief recess to move to larger room.

VI: January Meeting Continuation:

Prefontaine: Thanks for those who attended the January meeting. We do have the original papers and I sent photos of all the posters.

The discussion and goals were aimed at our organization's sustainability. We set goals and steps. Thank you for meeting yesterday to review. You all seemed to be having good conversations.

Area 1 - Data Collection

Newkirk: Build web presence by having data collection surveys that are smaller and on the website. Attract more to website. Smaller batches info. Don't want to overwhelm with high quantity or long length.

Area 2 -Website - Communications

Cummings: New website-created! Just completed domain change so we can get everything up to date. Web site is down for transition. New website will be where everything is getting posted. CHSSA.org instead of CAHSSA. It is a living website that will be constantly changing. Love the idea of data collection. Give me ideas and be specific. I am willing to do it. I need details so I can give your content a place. If you have questions, concerns, thoughts.

Fraser: How quickly can we get stuff posted?

Cummings: Turnaround will be a week if not within 48 hours. Most of what we do is not urgent, with the exception of the state tournament, but I have the intention of every 48 hours.

Underwood: Mikendra, please relay newsletter idea.

Prefontaine: I'd like our PR director to talk about link to website.

McCoy: Lots needs to be generated. We have talked about alumni updates. We have had one or two responses. We need you to give us the content to put it on. We want to do alumni presence, testimonials. We want to do coaching emails/blast like NSDA. We are thinking Wednesdays once a week. We have a calendar through June for topics. We also want to include relevant old articles and dialogue with changes that are happening. Ron has been creating trivia facts. It will take some time to roll out. Social media and twitter are being worked on by Angel and Ben.

FlipCause is also being linked, sort of like Amazon Smile. It is linked to many businesses. It will allow teams to fundraise and still contribute to CHSSA. They will also help with online CHSSA store. Ron has graciously agreed to help with shipping. We want CHSSA logo items at state and extras sold at the store-battery packs, earbuds, etc. Alumni page will also be linked so we can also process alumni donations.

Talking to judges at State I was able to create a cohort of parents with the idea to have an intern fair at State, so businesses and even CHSSA could recruit the best and brightest.

Thanks Angel, her assistant and Ron who have been scanning every bulletin in CHSSA history as well as minutes and other material for updating to the website. We have also been working with curriculum to work with teachers to incorporate speech in the classroom, even beyond competition. I discussed with Rita having retired individuals working with teachers to incorporate. If you want to write or have alumni contacts, let me know! I need names so we can make contacts. You have kiddos-get them to us-Ron, Angel, Ben, myself. We need to do this together.

Area 3 - Hiring outside PR, funding

Johnson: Hiring PR/script revision. Report typed. Brief summary: one assignment was to look into PR companies, what they can do to help with branding and fundraising. We need targeted goals. I am

studying companies. Some cater specifically to small, charitable organizations and this helps keep fees down. I would be happy to work with PR. We need a target or goal. Area 3 group ideas: alumni registry for alumni to be permanent alumni (like colleges or other charitable orgs), we want schools and county offices to know us, programs and information for principals and others, like the idea of email and face to face, CHSSA should try to involve as many students as possible in some capacity. We need to look at reconfiguring the State if we look towards critical mass. Major concern: money. Programs don't get started due to funding, coaches don't get paid enough, don't get training, etc. Big money is needed for big purposes. If CHSSA had enough money, it could fund leagues to make CHSSA bigger and better, incentive stipends, funding mentors (pay retired coaches)

Prefontaine: Neil, if raised externally not from schools, could they be used to pay for substitutes for Friday?

Johnson: As long as charitable, considered part of our purpose.

Nermin: We don't pay taxes. We would need payroll.

Johnson: We would call CHSSA grants. Squads could apply for grants for travel, rooms, assistance.

Lots of ideas for products-PR has them. If we have a paid position, it should be web master because the web site is critical. The real position is a professional web service even if they cater to many groups at once.

Streamlining scripts: Would need to involve the website. Students would fill out coversheet and typed manuscript (any event). It would be posted and open to all. If you think it is embellished/illegal you can look it up. Students and all can look. After a period of time, script is legal. No more copying or highlighting. I can take any work and make to look like an original. The photocopies don't stop adding to source. You can do anything online now. Heavy website attention ties back to web service.

The suggestion that CHSSA's purpose is to run a tournament ignores the true nature of what leagues do and CHSSA's role in league establishment and survival. Competition is a tool to teach kids how to speak well, whether in school, classroom and league competitions.

Graber: Students would type manuscripts even in interps?

Johnson: Yes, my kids do that anyway. What would you rather read? 4 pages or 60?

Graber: Kids aren't concise in transcription.

Prefontaine: An idea.

Area 4 - Mentoring, coach training and retention

Orfield: Mentoring- it is very important. We need to address. We can better institutionalize a league- by-league the process. We can all do a better job at getting a hold of new coaches and offering them certain things. A buddy system. League president creates a committee and puts someone specific in charge of a new coach. Mentor calls new coach and checks in with them. Trying to reduce burnout. Look at all resources league by league. A written resource to be given that might not be in manuals- things particular to your league. Clinics for summer, September for new coaches and coaches in general. Websites are important. Update and get things on them. Judge training is great and we can get the materials to people long before they attend their first tournament. Any parent or new coach can go and get materials-newbie network. Judges 101. Welcoming Committee would be crucial. Everyone needs websites so we can share information across the state.

Prefontaine: Now that we have some clarity, we need an action plan. Choose one thing and say how it would be implemented, timeline, who does what, and how it will be accountable. This is similar to the WASC process. It is a very important step. Perhaps some of the resistance to attending meetings is that

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we come up with a bunch of ideas and then nothing gets done. We need to have these groups meet again to create action steps.

Johnson: One thing we discussed is that we already have committees. We have IE for scripts and some overlap with PR which has specific responsibilities.

Prefontaine: At the same time, there is something to be said for a "cross-curricular" approach to get more perspectives. We don't need to do that today. We will discuss meeting schedule for the following year. September 9/10 meeting is not a problem. The difficulty comes in January. Many of you working in schools will be on vacation in the first weekend of January. The second week conflicts with two major invites and MLK weekend. Peoples' vacation time needs to be protected. We have precious little time and we need it. So one option is to meet three days in September. Sept 9-11. That may conflict with other activities, but that would be a potential option with the absence of a January meeting to avoid vacation or going heavily into qualifying season. We will rank choices and make our determination.

Mangahas: What are we ranking? Possibility of January meeting cancellation?

Prefontaine: Yes.

Mangahas: Can we do possibility of Thursday?

Prefontaine: It would be hard to cut into the school week more.

Graber: What invitationals?

Prefontaine: Monroe and James Logan. But the issue isn't around invitationals. It is the three-day weekend.

M. Fraser: What about the third weekend. We used to do that.

N. Fraser: That's qualifier season.

Prefontaine: Voting will be in new business. We will discuss ranking then.

VI. Committee Reports (see Google docs)

Debate Committee (Larsen)

Public Relations Committee (McCoy)

Individual Events Committee (Osborn)

Congress Committee (Matley)

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

VII. Old Business

05-14-16A Election Transparency

**This idea was proposed at the September 2015 meeting and the bylaw proposal written and presented will be referred to as 16-05-A. This is separate from the original bylaw proposal presented in September.

Newkirk: This is the suggestion I brought up at the fall meeting. Sets up clear procedure for declaring candidacy for incumbents and challengers. The president designates an election official from each different area and sets up online voting so all schools vote rather than just at state. Count would occur at the May meeting because state is so hectic. The three other area chairs would count other areas individually. If all three counts match, valid. If not, recount until match. Election official has electronic trail and identification material would be scrubbed before counts.

Johnson seconds discussion.

Fraser: Isn't that the same issue with someone counting the ballots?

Newkirk: This is a more formalized process. Part of the issue with the election last year was lack of formalization. Multiple counts and checks are important. More clear system of responsibilities adds transparency. If necessary, it provides opportunity for the individual committee to verify.

Keller-Firestone: Evens playing field for all. It is convenient and the same for all.

Fraser: Previous process was that Historian ran election at State. Schools not at State vote by email. Not recounted because we trust the Historian, not because we were busy.

Johnson: Adequate checks and balances. There was a lot of argument against eliminating anonymity at the last meeting and this addresses the concerns of all.

Graber: Typo. The last sentence says “the” instead of “to.”

Prefontaine: We will clean up simple language errors.

Newkirk: A couple errors will need to be corrected.

Keller-Firestone calls previous question.

Prefontaine: Move to previous question has been called, Firestone. We need second and 2/3 vote. We can now vote.

Voice vote inconclusive. Roll call vote.

PASSED
20-5-2

14-01-C Reuse of Pieces

Osborn: Relates to question of reusing a piece and using it in a different event. There seemed to be mixed interpretations. Some believed a different cutting could be used in a different event. We did not believe that was the spirit. This is the solution we came up with. (Reads proposed revision)

Second by Matley.

Fraser: Think about league procedures. If I do this as a duo for tournament 1, I can't run it as an HI if my partner is sick. Think about how you clarify this for league rules. For State, if you use it for another event at any point in the year, you can't use it at State.

Osborn: That's not our intention. These bylaws only apply to State and only qualifiers that choose to specifically abide by these rules. That would not affect leagues.

Fraser: Then if I don't qualify to State in year one, I can use it every year as long as it doesn't qualify. I think we are all trying to get to the same thing. I just want to clarify.

Matley: Where does the idea that it just applies to State coming from? It doesn't say State.

Osborn: Then leagues can decide how to deal with that issue.

Curtis: I think the intent is just to clarify that we don't want students using the same piece in different events or in different years.

McCoy: If I cut it a different way, it still alters the intent of the piece. Using the same piece won't benefit you. Why do we need to legislate?

Curtis: We have this rule already. This is what is educationally sound. Service clubs do the same thing.

Graber: It is already in legislation. We were asked to revise because of lack of clarity.

Novak: We have spoke about this for a number of years. If you want to use Romeo and Juliet two years with a different cutting, who can be responsible for monitoring that?

Johnson: This needs to be clarified. I let kids change an OA to an OO because that's how I read this rule. When protested and reading it with Sharon, I now understand. If it's the rule, we should know what it means.

Matley: What does literary work qualify? We are talking about OO and OA now.

Osborn: Literature is any written work of great value; this is where it gets subjective. Merriam Webster has no indication of publishing.

Curtis: Is the intent not to apply to OO and OA?

Larsen: This is just changing the bylaw on interp

Osborn: (Reads Merriam Webster definition.) It is subjective.

Graber: We use many different types of works for interps. We should change it to “published.”

Fraser: Is literary work a change?

Osborn: No. That is the wording in the original by laws.

Johnson: Does the original bylaw have a lack of clarity as well?

Matley: This is already addressed.

No objection to ending discussion.

Motion passes unanimously. The body understood that this means that the piece cannot be reused in any competitive event, not just the state tournament.

Graber: Point of Information. We used to put titles on our motions. I think this was called Reuse of Pieces.

Prefontaine: This is a good reminder.

PASSES
Voice vote

VII. New Business

Election of President, VP Activities, VP of Curriculum

Prefontaine: At this time, there is one candidate for each office.

Fraser: Motion for white ballot, Johnson seconds.

Unanimous vote.
All candidates are elected.

**Adjourn for lunch at 11:30.
Reconvene at 1:20.**

Prefontaine: As we resume, please note that, per procedure, we will only propose legislation and not vote until the next meeting.

Abad: This is a huge step for CHSSA and now we can bring things back to our league.

05-14-16B Clean Up Rules for Extemp

Osborn: Date says May 1, which is confusing because state in April. Some wording issues with 11 topics. Grammar also cleaned up

05-14-16C Clean Up Impromptu

Osborn: Clean up of language to clarify topic selection.

05-14-16D Clean Up Language Regarding Manuscripts

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Osborn: Clean up language. Make more specific. Fix drop off. We specify signature line of CHSSA cover sheet.

Graber: There is a stray parenthesis. In the first one.

05-14-16E Timing of Prepared IEs

Osborn: Clarify language to match current practice.

05-14-16F Specify Primary Purpose of OPP

Osborn: OPP: Spirit deals with creative writing. We changed the wording to demonstrate that.

05-14-16G Eliminate Excessive Penalty for Physical Contact in Duo

Osborn: Derek proposed to only knock one rank for unintentional touch. Don't know where each touch came from.

05-14-16-H LD Prep Time

Larsen: Increase LD prep time to 4 minutes to align with NSDA and invites. Committee supports.

05-14-16I Judging Restrictions

Larsen: Sometimes we are tight judges and allowing a judge a second round in one of the elimination rounds would be acceptable in the case that they saw them only once before quarters and beyond.

Prefontaine: Don't we allow this already as long as sides switched?

Fraser: We can adjust in the case of a judging shortage with tournament director vote per the bylaws. We didn't need this last year.

Newkirk: This was an issue with policy debate at State. We want to use the best judges and removing one conflict may help us use more high quality judges.

Orfield: What's the concern with them being blown away in quarters and then semis?

Larsen: That can't happen.

Orfield: Then in prelims and finals.

Fraser: There are lots of really good judges. Why wouldn't we want to put a fresh judge?

Graber: Does this change the side requirement?

Fraser: Perhaps we could add a side lock.

N. Fraser: Some of these are flip for sides. It doesn't seem fair to lock a side for judges if we have judges. We can give you more judges if necessary.

Prefontaine: Reminder -- we aren't voting on this and move to next concern.

05-14-16J Internet use by judges

Larsen: This is one of two things to address the Parli protest issue from this year. The committee likes this language that prohibits explicit encouragement. We are also looking at evidence use.

Graber: I thought kids could read cases from laptops.

Larsen: Yes. That's true. This is related to judges researching evidence on the Internet.

Johnson: In terms of LD prep and the possibility of evidence review by judges. I hope the leagues would consider the time delays that could occur.

Larsen: Nobody but the debate committee is aware of the evidence piece because we are not presenting that.

Sherwood: It takes me two minutes to make a decision looking at a card versus sorting out the flow.

Larsen: Again, this proposal hasn't been presented.

Larsen: As a final item, we are looking at equalizing debate entries to 64 across the board. We want to know if people are open to double judging the first four rounds before elimination, take the top 16, and have 8 rounds total. Speaker points would be a 4rd or 4th tie breaker. We still need to look at the order of tie breaks and the change in brackets.

Osborn: Is this written for us?

Larsen: We just want to know league sentiment. We do not want this for next year. It is a major change and we don't want to continue to work on this if people aren't open to it. People say that many want all debate entries up to 64.

N.Fraser: It's fair to tell your leagues that we can do other things. We can eliminate double entry which would reduce overlap. We could also take policy down to 32 and bring Parli and PF to 64. We may be able to bring down policy to 48 but there aren't many leagues filling policy.

Johnson: Can we send out the idea we have?

Larsen: Yes.

M. Fraser: I appreciate the long view and the idea versus the rush.

Larsen: We don't want to rush. Some further refinements need to be made. But is this drastic enough that people don't like it?

M. Fraser: Maybe there would be more resistance with knowledge of what the tiebreakers are. Our league had bad experiences with speaker points. Some of the others such as double wins could also end up being a reverse barometer in my view because you may have hit really easy teams and have 2-0s, etc. Do we have a list of all the tie breakers?

Larsen: Not a complete list. Expect to see something from me. I'll send you what we have so far. There are still some major tweaks.

Prefontaine: Please clarify it is a draft and not for 2017.

Vepa: We didn't have a lot of time to discuss all of this yesterday, but Victor and I have been working on the tie breakers. We could toss out 4 speaks and use double high low.

Larsen: I would appreciate this in writing because I've heard 2-3 versions of this.

Vepa: We are still working on power matching and some of these things. In general, we are cutting judges in rounds and adding no rooms. We finish in 8 and bring up the entries to 64. All of the events finish at the same time.

Larsen: I will be sending out what we have. We would like to discuss in September but not put into effect.

N.Fraser: We also need to consider time in recording and checking accuracy of speaker points. We are talking about adding in data and we already have trouble with ballot review in rounds 3 and 4.

Johnson: In the tab room rules in the current bylaws you can still see some ideas of tie breakers without speaker points.

M.Fraser: Consider talking to your leagues about speaker points and other alternatives such as strength of schedule. Students don't choose that. Look at things related and inversely related to who the better teams are. There is not a lot of discussion about this. Please ask your leagues and make sure you understand these concepts.

Johnson: We are talking about criteria that breaks ties and we are open to ideas.

Pielstick: Parli goes up and you are guaranteed four rounds. You get to do your neg case twice. It isn't just about the top 16. There is more competition for all the students making their way to the state tournament.

Graber: I want all of these comments in writing.

Larsen: I will give it all to you if this is something you are willing to consider.

Curtis: Show of hands who would like to see this considered. ("A bunch" support-info will be sent)

05-14-16K Revise Penalty for Failure to pay dues

Pielstick: I think the rationale is strong. Currently, you lost spots for every event a school that isn't paid enters and this is a penalty to the entire league. Essentially, the league and students are being punished.

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It should be a financial penalty instead that goes to the league and the league can decide how it should be addressed instead of penalizing the league by losing spots.

Voting on Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017

N.Fraser: I am sending out the voting form for January. Choices:

Choice 1:Sep 9/10,Jan 6/7,May 19/20

Choice 2:Sep 9/10, Jan 15/16, May 19/20

Choice 3:Sep 9/10/11, no Jan, May 19/20

Rank 1-3.

Curtis: Can we add Jan 20/21?

N.Fraser: Yes.

After online vote, Choice 3 wins.

Abad: Can we add an option of just having our regular two day meetings in September and May?

January business can be done on the phone.

Prefontaine: The concern is with the new projects and items to discuss.

Abad: This is also very burdensome on time and cost for leagues.

Voting tallied online. Choice 3 wins.
NO JANUARY MEETING.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Johnson: If policy went down to 32, how would that work?

N. Fraser: If 2 per league, 10 bonuses. If 1 per league, bonuses would be different. We allocate by Area though so it would be different...discussion continues but meeting adjourned.

Next CHSSA meeting September 9,10,11 2016. Check the website.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM



Exec Committee Reports 14 May 2016

Time:

Sharon Prefontaine, Nermin Fraser, Rita Prichard, Mikendra McCoy, Linda Darling, Shirley Keller-Firestone, Jennifer Kindred, Ron Underwood, Neil Barembaum, David Matley, Gregg Osborn, Erik Larsen, Ben Cummings, Reed Niemi

President Report-Prefontaine

Thank you all for making time in your busy lives to support CHSSA's ongoing work. It is with a sense of great loss that I report that the following members will no longer be a part of our council -- perhaps having found jobs that pay twice as much as this one:

Rita Prichard, who has moved curricular materials into the 21st Century, has resigned.

Terry Abad, GGSA League President; Sarah Botsch-McGuinn, CFL League President; Todd Newkirk, Area I Rep-at-Large; and Ashley Novak, SVFL League President will be leaving. Thanks to them for all they have done for us and for our students.

At the same time, we will see both new and familiar faces. Welcome to Gregg Osborn as the newly elected chair for Area IV; Jennifer Nguyen who will take over as SVFL League President, to Martha Mangahas who is a candidate for VP-Curriculum, and Matt Fraser, who has become the Curriculum Rep for Area I. As CHSSA reinvents itself, we will have new representatives with new ideas and new perspectives that can help us sustain our organization.

Beautiful State Tournament - elegant setting and amazing program. Reflects long hours and hard work of Area I and, particularly, of Nermin to whom we owe thanks for setting the bar for achievement so high.

Protests:

HI - added words (not transitional or updating, just added jokes - original writing) 7th in round, directed to remove added words

OI - protest of added words - rejected as words were in script

Parli - very difficult. Team directed judges to take out phones and look up evidence. One judge did. Although judge behavior was unusual, violation of judges looking at evidence as well as (by extension) use of electronics/Internet. Team given a loss. Debate committee continues to deliberate how best to address this kind of issue in the by-laws.

VP Activities Report-Fraser

State 2017 - Area 3 SCDL -- Arcadia High

- **April 28-30** (State dates for this year)**
 - **Online by: March 14**
 - **Postmarked by: March 21**
- **Easter (Western) - April 16**
- **Easter (Orthodox) - April 16**
- **Passover - April 11-April 18**

Curriculum Committee-Prichard

- **Distribution of Judges' Instructional DVD** done at President's meeting this morning, additional copies being made for CHSSA distribution this fall. If you need a copy before September, let me know! **Ben is putting the Judges' Training DVD on the website as we speak today.**
- **Changing of the VP Curriculum** - This is Rita's last meeting - California Suite complete and Judges' Instruction DVD complete
- **2016-17 plan: Speech at a Glance** - 9-week course, semester, year-long syllabus. Create outlines of courses that teach speech/listening – non-competitive courses; all Common Core based. Explain how the materials we have already developed can be used in the classroom. Collect lesson ideas, all linked to Common Core with rubrics. Create activities in categories that someone can use in a basic Public Speaking course. An outline that features DVD footage along with specific chapters in *Speaking Across the Curriculum*. Emphasis on creating a permanent product (durable curriculum) that can be placed online on the webpage.
- **Would like to get a list of schools and contact info for the coaches.**

PR Committee-McCoy

- State 2016: Amazing
 - New Coaches Seminar, excited!!!
- Revision of the purpose of PR completed ... can't do this alone.
- Website, work in progress still...
 - Social Media Presence growing
 - New Material created that connects to the coaches directly; "Coach Blasts," trivia, etc.
 - Scanning: Angel and Assistant & Ron for supplying all stuff... needs?
 - Need Alumni Information for the "Where are they now?" (Please send me!)
 - Flipcause: Outside Organization (trial for a year)
 - Umbrella Fundraising:
 - Like Amazon Smile ... for CHSSA and teams
 - CHSSA Store:
 - Online Store and CHSSA "Swag"
 - The store will run distribution from Ron's home: Pins and Pennants, etc.
 - State Tournament will have "swag:" water bottles, battery packs, ear buds, etc.
 - Donations
- Goals for 2016- 2017
 - State: Intern Fair - James Logan parent connection (Elizabeth)
 - CHSSA Intern positions as well.
 - Workshops for coaching and teaching
 - Connections with schools
 - Utilize Retirees & Volunteers in relative Areas

Treasurer Report-Barembaum

- Report emailed
- Note that we now have annual insurance. Hence the large payments for insurance.
- If anyone needs to pay me today, I am taking credit cards.

Historian Report-Underwood

- We have promises for 4 to 5 more Hall of Fame interviews to be completed by the end of the September meeting.
- Hall of Fame elections went well. A larger than usual number of Hall of Fame members voted this year.
- Please get me names and contact information for your alumni who have done well after graduation. These alumni can be rich resources for us as we make the argument for the value of speech in our schools. Just send via e-mail as soon as you can and spread the word in your leagues.

Secretary Report-Niemi

- Minutes are exhaustive, I understand. However, we can go NSDA style, or we can keep the current format. I appreciate the current form of minutes because all comments are represented and both redundant and absurd comments are captured. QUESTION TO EXEC COUNCIL--Do we want to have abbreviated minutes or continue with the dialogue format?

Area 1 Report-Keller-Firestone

- The State Tournament went very well. Mission College was a beautiful venue. The representative, Jeff, was helpful to all. Thanks to all who helped make it successful!

Area 2 Report - Darling

- Looking at Sac for 2018

Area 3-Kindred

- State 2017 will be at Arcadia High School. Dates April 28-30, 2017

Area 4 Report-Osborn

- Looks like Cypress College in Orange County for State 2019. Josh House is the new director of forensics and visited the meetings yesterday to meet some of us. Thanks to Sarah Sherwood for initiating those talks.

IE Committee-Osborn

- We have a motion regarding "re-use" of a literary work that was remanded at the last meeting - Passed.
- We have a few motions aimed at housekeeping IE rules.
- We have a motion to clarify the primary purpose of OPP.
- We have a motion to minimize the penalty for unintentional physical contact in Duo.

Debate Committee - Larsen

- We have a motion to amend XI.K.4 to ban encouraging judges to search the Internet.
- In September we will bring forward a suggested change for when judges can see evidence in a round. We'll make sure you get a draft early.
- We'd like a master plan for sweepstakes points. Debate is unbalanced internally, and debate/ speech/ congress are not balanced between each other. Is it possible to fix? We don't know.
- We think a judge who has seen a team in prelims should be allowed to see them once more in quarterfinals or beyond. We are prepared to present a rationale and a motion.
- We move that LD prep time should be increased to four minutes per debater.

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- There is a workable plan to bring all four forms of debate up to 64 entries. It would give each entry four prelim rounds, then break to octo-finals (thus shortening the competition from nine rounds per debate to only eight). The catch is that we would have only two judges per debate instead of three, and rank debaters based on total ballots instead of win/loss. If the council would like us to work out the final details of tie-breaks and power-matching and bring a proposal to vote in September we will.

Congress Committee - Matley

- Need to add a comment line after ranking on Congress Ballots
- Discussed how to get more legislation submissions for State Tournament
 - Would like to contact all schools with Congress entries the previous year to submit legislation by January first. Would like to get a list of schools and contact info for the coaches.

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Clean Up Rules for Extemporaneous

Submitted by: Bylaw Committee Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX, section 1.B .1.a - d, paragraph 1 page #1-

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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]

B. Specific Rules for each Spontaneous Event

1. Extemporaneous

a. Broadly newsworthy topics shall be drawn from publications dated available January 1 through ~~May 1 of the current competitive year.~~ **one week prior to the State Tournament.** A **minimum** of eleven topics will be written for each round of each extemporaneous speaking event. The topics for each round will be in a distinct topic area not to be used in any other round for the duration of the tournament. The topic areas by round will be determined by the Individual Events Committee and announced at the January meeting.

b. Drawing: Each contestant shall draw three topics for each round. Each shall be called to draw by speaking order and panel. ~~Contestants must draw their three topic slips in the correct speaking order and from the correct panel.~~ The contestant shall promptly choose one topic of the three drawn and return the other two topics. Each contestant shall draw topics thirty minutes prior to his/her scheduled speaking time.

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d. Use of computers: Extemporaneous Speaking contestant may make use of electronic retrieval devices to store and retrieve their subject files. Students can retrieve

extemporaneous files to read, but cannot write speeches or organize their thoughts on the computers. Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, netbooks, iPads, or other portable electronic retrieval equipment. Secondary devices such as flash drives or external hard drives are allowed as well. Cell phones or smart phones are prohibited. (Students may not share electronic devices with one another.

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Rationale:

Housekeeping.

- May 1 postdates the State Tournament.
- Redundancy
- English teachers cleaning up the grammar

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Clean Up Impromptu Rules

Submitted by: Bylaw Committee Second by:_____

This revision will be a(n):

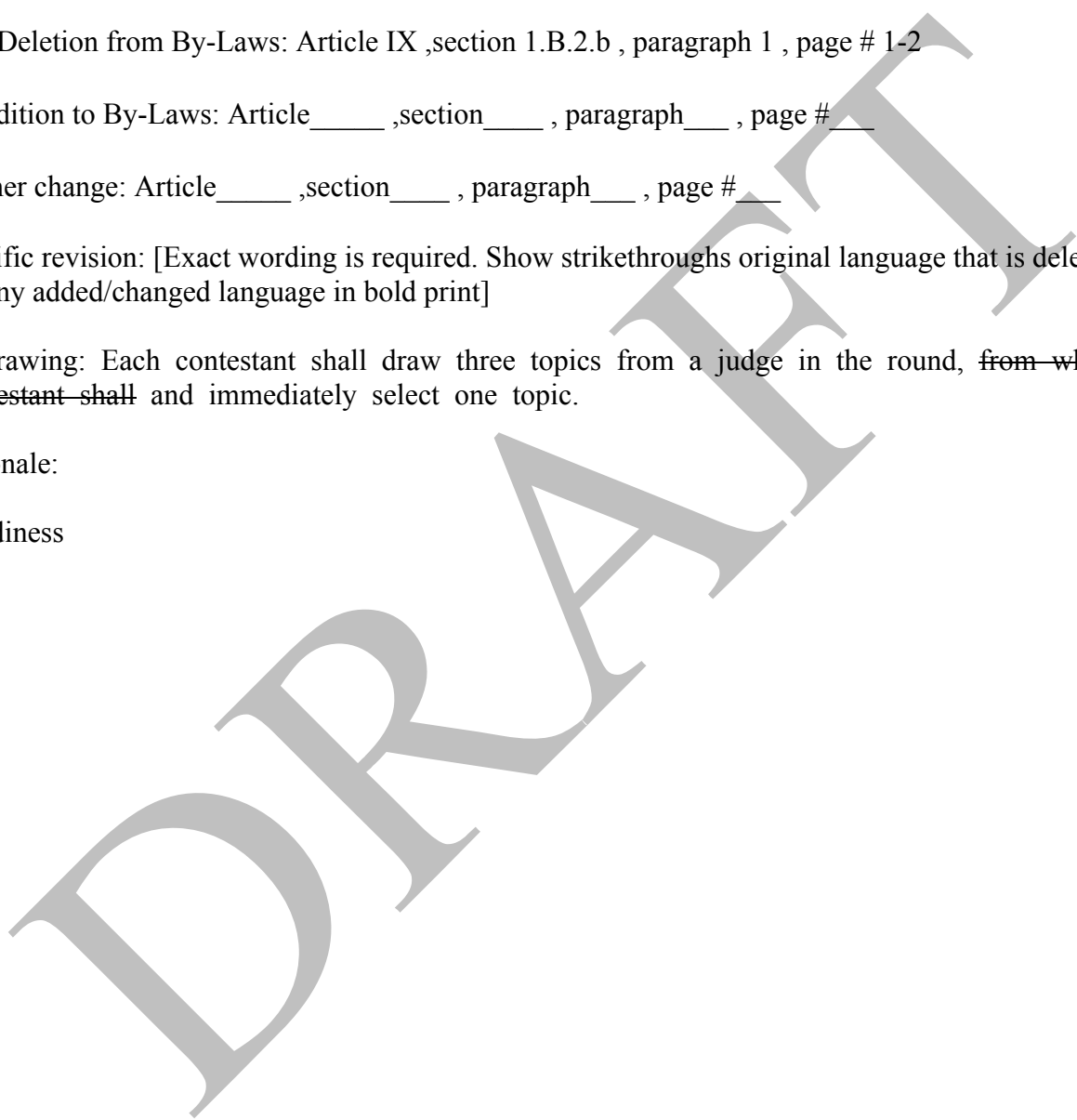
- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 1.B.2.b , paragraph 1 , page # 1-2
- Addition to By-Laws: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____
- Other change: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

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

b. Drawing: Each contestant shall draw three topics from a judge in the round, ~~from which the contestant shall~~ and immediately select one topic.

Rationale:

Wordiness



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Clarify/Cleanup Language Regarding Manuscripts

Submitted by: Bylaw Committee Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 2.A.5-6 , paragraph 1 , page # 3
- Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 2.A.5-6 , paragraph 1 , page # 3
- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3.A.5d , paragraph 1 , page # 7
- Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3.A.6 , paragraph 1 , page # 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]

5. Manuscript Requirements: A double-spaced typewritten copy of the speech with all quotations underlined must be submitted to the League President prior to the State Qualifying Tournament. The manuscript must follow the MLA style guidelines for internal citations and must include a “works-cited” page., ~~or shall include a disclaimer from the student indicating that the composition was~~ **If no outside sources are used, the student will sign the disclaimer on the CHSSA cover sheet. The number of** quoted words (including a, an, the) must be specified on the CHSSA cover sheet.

6. Verification of Manuscripts: League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson ~~proper~~ **all qualified** manuscripts ~~qualified for the State Tournament.~~ **with appropriate signatures on the attached coversheets.** The coach, contestant, parent/guardian, and a school administrator must sign the CHSSA cover sheet and attach it to all manuscripts submitted for qualification for the State Tournament.

Rationale:

Clarity & consistency

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws Regarding Timing of Prepared IEs

Submitted by: Bylaw Committee

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 2.A.2 , paragraph 1 , page # 3
- Addition to By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3.A.3.a , paragraph 1 , page # 7
- 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]

a. Presentations shall be no longer than ten minutes; there is no minimum time. If this time li mit is exceeded by more than 30 seconds, the speaker will be penalized by a lowering of one rank by tab room officials. ~~Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this time limit due to audience reaction.~~

Rationale:

This line does not represent actual practice, can confuse judges and may give the judge more power than we want. The judge is only to record the time.

Proposed: 05-14-16F

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Specify Primary Purpose of OPP

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 2.B.4.a , paragraph 1 , page # 4
- 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]

4. Original Prose/Poetry: a. Topics: Any appropriate subject may be used, but the primary purpose of the event is to demonstrate the ~~creativity~~ of the contestant. The presentation may consist of prose or poetry or a combination. The tone may dramatic, humorous, or a combination. More than one written selection may be presented within the allotted time. The entire presentation may or may not be based on a thematic concept.

Rationale:

We felt the focus should be on the writing. "Creativity" might include staging, vocal presentation, etc... Whereas, those can be part of the decision, what makes OPP unique is the writing ability of the student.

Proposed:05-14-16G

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Eliminate Excessive Penalty for Physical Contact in Duo

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3.B.2.b , paragraph 1 , page # 8
- Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 2.A.5-6 , paragraph 1 , page # 3
- 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]

b. The partners may react to each other’s verbal and/or non-verbal expressions, but they may not touch make physical contact with each other, ~~except during the introduction.~~ If ~~unintentional~~ physical contact is noted as a violation, the duo will be dropped one rank ~~for each touch.~~ If the physical contact is determined to be intentional, the duo will be given last place in the round. These penalties will be assessed by tournament officials ~~and not by the judges.~~ Physical contact between the partners during the introduction is optional.

Rationale:

Clarity. Penalty as written is excessive.

Proposed: 05-14-16H

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Increase Prep Time in LD to 4 Minutes

Submitted by: _____ Erik Pielstick _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Other change: Article XI ,section 1 , paragraph F , page # 4

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

F. Preparation Time Allotted

1. Policy Debate

No more than eight minutes of total preparation time shall be allowed each team during the debate.

2. Lincoln Douglas

No more than ~~three (3)~~ four (4) minutes of total preparation time shall be allowed each debater during the debate.

3. Parliamentary Debate

- a. No preparation time is permitted during the debate presentation period before the judge(s).
- b. Twenty minutes of preparation time is allotted to be used before the debaters report to the judge(s). During the presentation period the next speaker must get up to speak within 20 seconds following the preceding speech.

4. Public Forum Debate.

No more than two minutes of total preparation time shall be allowed to each side during the debate.

Rationale:

- 1. More preparation time allows for students to craft more salient arguments in rebuttals.
- 2. NSDA time limits are now 4 for preparation, nearly all invitationals have 4 minutes of preparation time, and many leagues have specified 4 minutes of preparation time as well.
- 3. LD Debate is structured to be ½ of a Policy debate. In both events, each speaker speaks for 13 minutes and cross examines for 3. In Policy, teams have 8 minutes of Prep. LD debaters should have 4 minutes of prep.

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Decrease Restrictions on Debate Judge Paneling.

Submitted by: _____ Scott Wheeler _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Other change: Article ___XIV___ ,section ___2___ , paragraph ___B___ , page # ___2___

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

B. In Team Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate and Public Forum Debate three judges shall be used in each round up to and including the quarter-final round. In the semi-final and final rounds, five judges shall be used. No judge should score the same debate team or Lincoln-Douglas debater twice during the ~~Tournament~~. preliminary and double-elimination rounds. **A judge may score a previously scored debate team or Lincoln-Douglas entry one additional time in quarterfinals or beyond.**

Rationale:

Despite the best efforts of the tournament director to pre-panel all rounds, we are often left with the judge table looking for judges late in the tournament because the quality / expert judges who were pre-paneled for those rounds are unable to judge the entry a second time. The current rule excludes some of our best judges in an event from judging the late elimination rounds. The proposal change could also help the tournament to run smoother as well by placing fewer constraints on which judges Tab/Judge House can assign to a given round.

Proposed: 05-14-16J

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws regarding Internet Evidence

Submitted by: Debate Committee

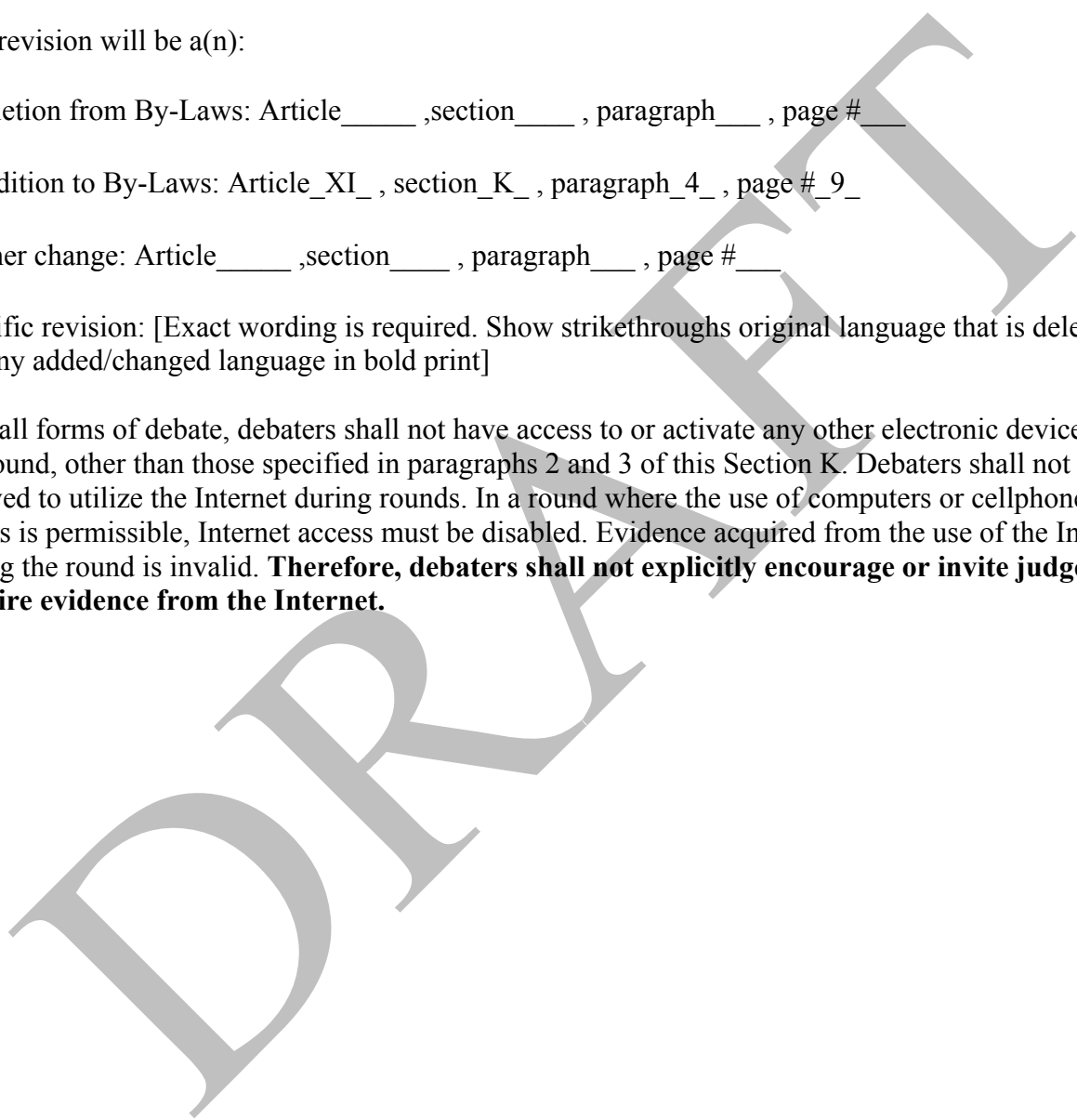
Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article_XI_ , section_K_ , paragraph_4_ , page #_9_
- 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]

4. In all forms of debate, debaters shall not have access to or activate any other electronic devices during the round, other than those specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Section K. Debaters shall not be allowed to utilize the Internet during rounds. In a round where the use of computers or cellphones as timers is permissible, Internet access must be disabled. Evidence acquired from the use of the Internet during the round is invalid. **Therefore, debaters shall not explicitly encourage or invite judges to acquire evidence from the Internet.**



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: revise penalty for failure to pay dues

Submitted by: Erik Pielstick - CBSR

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

**Deletion from By-Laws: Article_VII , section 6_ , paragraph_D (2) (i)_ , page #_6

**Addition to By-Laws: Article VII , section 6_ , paragraph_E (1)_ , page #_7_

Specific revision:

Strike : Article VII, Section 6. D. 2. i

~~i. A league found to have allowed a non-CHSSA paid school to enter a qualifying tournament will forfeit a qualifier in each affected event for the following competitive year. The forfeited qualifiers would be redistributed to the assigned “designated league” as per item “d” above~~

Add: Article VII Section 6. (E)

E. All CHSSA member schools in good standing who have eligible and qualified students, and who are members in good standing of recognized Leagues, may participate in state qualification tournaments and the State Tournament. Each school participating in a state qualification tournament must be guaranteed at least one entry in each event.

1. No school shall be admitted to a state qualification tournament unless the school's CHSSA assessments are postmarked on or before two weeks prior to said state qualification contest. **A league found to have allowed a non-CHSSA paid school to enter a qualifying tournament will be fined \$100 per event in which the school competed. The delinquent school’s dues plus the late fee (as in Article I. Sec 1, a.3), and assessed fines must be paid before any league schools are allowed to pass final registration at the state tournament.**

Rationale:

- It is reasonable to assume that every past failure of a school to pay CHSSA dues, and every past failure of a league to discover this failure happened as a result of inattention or an administrative mistake and not out of malice or an attempt to reap the benefits of membership for free.
- As such, it is contrary to the mission statement of the organization to punish children for an administrative error by the adults in charge.
- The current penalty system compounds the injustice by not penalizing those responsible, but rather punishing the league’s competitors from dues paying schools the following year by reducing their chances to attend the state tournament.
- The current system also bestows unearned rewards on another league by transferring the qualifying spots denied to the competitors of one league to the competitors of another.
- A financial penalty is more just because it allows children to compete and would allow the league at fault to pay from league resources or collect from those most directly responsible.
- Also, CHSSA makes money rather than losing it.