

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:22am
- II. Roll Call: Absent-Nermin Fraser, Neil Barembaum, Matt Fraser, Jennifer Kindred  
Proxies-none
- III. Minutes from September 2016 offered for review, edit, and comments.  
Moved to approve by Curtis second Larsen  
Unanimous approval
- IV. **Officer Reports** (*Google document used in Exec Committee--attached at end of minutes*)

**President Prefontaine**

Thank you for all the fine work of the recent departing individuals. They are all leaving for more money.

Martha has resigned and is getting married.

Shirley has served for a long time. Her character is beyond question. I have two stories to share...

Linda has been on council for a while. Unsung hero. She has missed only one meeting due to illness. She has been diligent in her duties and has not been recognized as such.

Jennifer is not here, but her service is beyond self. She is the most organized person on council--her by-law work has been foundational.

Matt, service above self award winner, is always behind the scenes and is always there for CHSSA. What can be said about Nermin, she is a warrior woman and diligent in the execution of duties, She has helped bring us into the 21st century.

Thank you all for your service to this organization. It is time to move on. I like to think we have become a better organization. We are trying to be more transparent and relevant in the 21st century.

JOHNSON: You have changed CHSSA awesomely and for the better. (*Resounding applause and standing ovation*)

PREFO: You need to make the organization what it is meant to be.

Protests were fewer this year at State: Kritique protest, internet usage, OPP disqualified,

**Vice President of Activities Fraser (absent)**

**Vice President of Curriculum Martha**

**Treasurer Barembaum (absent)**

**Secretary Niemi**

Historian Underwood

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

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

Area 2 Chair Darling

Area 3 Chair Kindred

Area 4 Chair Osborn

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

Debate Committee (Larsen)

Public Relations Committee (McCoy)

Individual Events Committee (Graber)

Congress Committee (Matley)

Curriculum Committee (Martha)

VII. Old Business

**0517A Committee naming Protest committee**

PREFONTAINE: All this does is make the grievance and protest procedure the same. Simple housekeeping. They are the same committees.

OSBORN: In the current by laws, they were separated. We wanted to organize it so that all parties can find easier. During tournament and

JOHNSON SECOND

GRABER: I am unclear what the difference.

PREFONTAINE: Grievance committee is prior to tournament. Protest committee is during the tournament. Same group.

PIELSTICK: It was confusing when I went through it, but this clears it up.

NGYUEN: Where this is placed, under G it says 20 days. Which is this?

PREF: You are correct.

**JOHNSON CALLS LEAHY SECOND**  
**VOICE VOTE PASSES**

**0517B More spontaneity in Impromptu**

GRABER: IE committee supports this. The author thought the scholarship was based on spontaneity, so that was removed from the original motion. Topics selection is the issue at hand now. We would add some areas and mix up when they are used. Areas would rotate yearly.

CURTIS SECONDS

CURTIS: This makes it a better speaker event.

JOHNSON: One concern I have is that when I saw it done with people, it was an essay speech. Do students know this? Is it do-able?

ORFIELD: May or can?

GRABER: You are correct.

**CURTIS CALLS SECOND LARSEN**  
**VOICE VOTE PASSES**

**0517C Analysis within debate evidence**

withdrawn

**0517D Script changes prior to State**

GALE: Karen Minick introduced this in order for the script not to be changed. Her intentions are in the rationale.

DARLING SECONDS

GRABER: IE committee does not recommend this proposal. Leagues operate differently in California. We need to leave this up to the leagues. If a student qualified as an autoqual in the fall, they ought to have the right to change scripts in the spring. This is a bad proposal. Changing one's script should not be illegal. The concerns are not warranted.

LEAHY: Does this create significant amount of work for Area chairs?

DARLING: Yes.

OSBORN: Not a big deal.

KELLER-FIRESTONE: I had twenty scripts change. I am in favor of the motion.

KARSON: Give the choice to people. I don't change scripts, but I understand why one would like to change scripts.

GRABER: There is a timeframe in the constitution. Changes must be made two weeks prior.

MARTHA: Is there middle ground? Can the Area chair be able to make the call? I agree with Karen Minick. The student qual'd with the original script.

JOHNSON: This could be bad for students. May be an OA gets passed into law.

SHERWOOD: I am from a Catholic school. Sometimes administration may not approve the script. I need to be able to be flexible.

**California High School Speech Association**

MATLEY: I don't want to labor the points, but as an organization we need to allow students to improve. We are not doing a good enough job as area chairs in enforcing the rule.

JOHNSON: Discretion is up to the league president

**KARSON CALLS JAMES SECONDS  
VOICE VOTE FAILS**

**0517E-M Debate parity package**

LARSEN: This overall covers the four issues main issues.

- 1) Parity in numbers for all debate events. Committee prefers 64 in all debate events.
- 2) If we want to have 64 in all debate events, rooms and 9 rounds is too much. We have to take to 8 rounds of debate and eliminate double elimination.
- 3) Reducing rounds we would like to give more guaranteed rounds. 4 prelims, 4 out rounds with 16 in the field.
- 4) Do we want to keep 3 judges if we go to 4 prelims? Ballot count becomes key. Committee suggests we go with 8 ballots in prelims.

Limited debate on this to ten minutes on the four issues above.  
**LARSEN MOVES UNDERWOOD SECONDS  
PASSES**

1) PARITY

OSBORN: There are three ways to achieve parity. Rooms and judges are the issue. Meet in the middle. Changing to 56 would fix it.

LARSEN: 56 makes for too many byes and other math issues, but it is possible.

JOHNSON: We have looked at this since Chuck was around. My personal preference is if you dont like 64 then change it.

GRABER: What about Nermin's email? Explain to us how a kid could lose no rounds and not advance.

LARSEN: That is possible, but with 2 judges it would be different.

KO: Uneven numbers in brackets would be made in prelims. *Hoon showed off his MIT math degree*

OSBORN: If we accept these changes, the 56 works just as easily.

LARSEN: Under the status quo, parity would not work.

MATLEY: Schools could hit each other.

LARSEN: Correct, that would be a different discussion.

JOHNSON: I tried to reply to the email, and it was locked. That is not fair.

LARSEN: We are only discussing parity.

KARSON: We have been trying to do this for years. Debate committee fully supports the entire docket. Angel was listening and she was also in favor of 64.

CURTIS: Parity is good. I like 56 just like IE's. We don't do this next year and we can make the tweaks.

GRABER: Tie-breaks?

LARSEN: Repeated the motions.

RONALD: I appreciate Nermin's email. We need to wait just a sec to institute.

2) DOUBLE ELIMINATION

LARSEN: This is the largest problem.

JOHNSON: In college this is the norm. 2 downs is a bad system.

OSBORN: I have no problem getting rid a double elimination.

KARSON: This is like IE comparison by Gregg. We are not the NSDA but is similar to Nationals.

LARSEN: Number of judges does not matter.

MATLEY: 4 prelims is tough.

LARSEN 5 ballot people will be hard. You will have 3-1's that do not clear.

SHERWOOD: Invitationals deal with this. There are some screws due to the field. Debaters are used the proposal. Double elim is awful at state. 4 rounds gives them more rounds.

JOHNSON: This gives every student more time to debate. It makes the third round mean something. We need to remember the students learning experience.

CURTIS: I like ballot count because every round (ballot) counts. IE's only get 3 rounds, this is more less than debate. It is fair.

OSBORN: It gives parity to side constraints.

GRABER: Why do you think that Nermin is against this?

LARSEN: She worries most about logistics; schedule, judges, rooms. 8 rounds rather than 9 rounds helps fix.

JAMES: Is it going to be harder to find a host?

LARSEN: No.

JOHNSON: The fundamental reason for dissent is tradition and competition. It is not being looked at as an increase in education.

PREF: Will there be an impact to sweepstakes?

LARSEN: No.

### 3) NUMBER OF ROUNDS

GRABER: This would get rid of double octos?

LARSEN: Yes. This would make it more clear who gets awards.

JOHNSON: There was a proposal to move to 32 breaks. But because of awards, we need predictability. This helps the tournament director.

GRABER: I have received many emails concerning this. A policy debate coach had a different proposal.

LARSEN: The only issue from him was school hitting school.

### 4) NUMBER OF JUDGES

LARSEN: This changes little. May be your judge burden changes, but there is no reason this

GRABER: My league thought this is a bad idea. *Read an email from a coach*

CURTIS: I know the debate committee has been doing this for years. Do we care about an email of a person not in the room. Respect the committee, please.

LARSEN: 3 judges are tough with 4 prelims. 2 judges guarantees 3 round wins breaks. This is most fair for the students.

CUMMINGS: Thank you.

LEAHY: Easier to create a bracket with two judges verses 3?

LARSEN: Yes.

OSBORN: This assumes 3 judges would create a clear win. I don't want to increase judge burden or logistics, but going with 56 and triple judges would fix the harm.

LARSEN: We can keep 3 judges, but 3-1's may not clear. We should be prepared for upset students.

SHERWOOD: Which is more accurate? Is it harder to assign judges? We are making these changes with a new VPA.

California High School Speech Association

KARSON: The entire committee is in favor of 64, not 56. We were told the reason is because of judges. That is why we changed it up. This is becoming frustrating.

JOHNSON: I like 2 judges versus 3. Every ballot counts. Second, we are reducing the number of judges. The burden is less now.

KO: When Nationals changed the number of judges, I was against it. Now I am in favor.

MATLEY: We must have a high quality judging pool. Community judges would be bad.

CURTIS: PF and Parli is what we do most. Community judges are good in those debate events.

PREF: By-laws still have a caveat for community judges, fyi.

CURTIS MOVES E F G JOHNSON SECONDS  
VOICE VOTE PASSES

CURTIS MOVES KO SECONDS H  
VOICE VOTE PASSES

JOHNSON MOVES I J AS ONE PROPOSAL CUMMINGS  
VOICE VOTES PASSES

CUMMINGS MOVES K SECOND KARSON  
VOICE VOTE PASSES

JOHNSON MOVES DISCUSSION on L

MATLEY: GGSA adopted a similar procedure. We resolved it by allowing the bracket to change only by one place. Otherwise, it messes the bracket completely.

JOHNSON: This is a sacred cow. The bracket is the bracket. We should allow the top team to debate the top team...even if it is school v. school.

CURTIS: At State, it makes sense, but leagues doing it is a bad idea.

MATLEY: I disagree with Einar. We separate power and schools in IE. Why are we now breaking with that tradition? We need a compromise.

KO: I think this was meant for small schools too. If only two teams at State, it is unfair to have them hit each other.

CURTIS MOVES TO REMAND LARSEN SECONDS  
VOICE VOTES PASSES  
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CURTIS MOVES M

LARSEN: This deals with the bye in the tournament. We would not need to break brackets.

CUMMINGS CALLS JOHNSON SECONDS  
VOICE VOTE PASSES

**VIII. New Business**

PREFO: Well done council on the debate discussions. I would now like to move on to voting before lunch. According to by-laws, no write-ins allowed. I will pass out the ballots, collect them, and then during lunch Underwood, Johnson, and Osborn will tally the votes.

*Ballots passed out.*

Recess for lunch at 12:36pm

Reconvene at 1:15pm

OSBORN: I finished allocations. Please let me know within 30 days of any problems. *(much applause)*

PREF: We had the elections and counted votes. Area 3 Chair Ms. Graber. Area 2 Chair Ms. McCoy. Area 1 Chair Mr. Harris. Curriculum VP Ms. Curtis. VPA Ms. Ronald. President Mr. Niemi. Thank you for an actual election this year. Incumbents must re-declare each year. This is new, please remember that point going forward.

**September 2017 proposals**

*(Numbering to be updated at the September 2017 meeting. Current copies available on the website)*

PRO520A World Schools Debate (will not be posted on line)

LEAHY: It is a great event to add to State. May be each league would have two teams. Working that out though.

PREF: Logistics need to be nailed down before an event can be added.

KARSON: What was your intent? Full event? Back-up? Supplemental?

LEAHY: I spoke with Angel about making it a supplemental.

WEAR: If it were a supplemental event, how would it work with topics?

LEAHY: That could be worked out. I am very aware of constraints.

KARSON: Move on to next proposal please.

[Redacted]



PRO520C Clarifying Judge Requirements

PREFO: We moved the language since it was listed in two different areas. This is a housecleaning issue, simply.

PRO520D Manuscript 1

OSBORN: I want scripts posted electronically. The amount of paper we produce for State is ridiculous. Illegit scripts still get by now. I want to get them out in the cloud for all to check. The one DQ at State this year could have been avoided through this proposal. In the current system, the onus is on the league presidents and area chairs to catch these scripts. As an area chair I would feel better about a DQ if it had been vetted. The biggest issue against it is the script cuts. Why does it matter if it is truly the student's work. I am expected to read a huge stack. It is better to have others also check. This makes that possible.

JOHNSON: Do we have to second this to put it on the calendar?

KARSON: IE Committee did not agree with this. We upload for Nationals, yes. I am against it being available to all people for review. I don't like the idea of a witch hunt occurring. That is the biggest thing against it. I am in support of streamlining the process.

SHERWOOD: If a new coach can learn from this process, it is a good thing to have. Is this not about education? What is the point of hiding it. Fix the problem when you can.

JOHNSON: I am not sure we can post copyright material in the cloud. Should students be allowed to review this?

CURTIS: I think this is protection for the coach. I don't know if the student may have cheated. I like this check to help me out. This is part of our ethical job.

JAMES: I agree about the copyright. Who has the cloud space?

WEAR: I agree that students should not have access. As a school, how do we label it so there is no chaos in the cloud. As a coach, I have never seen what is the best example of a manuscript? It would be nice to have an example available.

CUMMINGS: We often speak about the use of other people's scripts. I agree the intent is important, however, this seems to address the DQ from this year. How do we implement this?

OSBORN: I don't know about the copyright issue. This would not be accessible to students. May be a Google shared doc would work.

GRABER: The IE committee supports electronic submission. The equipment needed to do this, is huge. At my school, this would be a problem. We do not have a scanner. This is a great concern for schools that do not have tech available. We cannot control who can have access. Some students have access to coaches access, passwords. What about profanity?

CURTIS: What about Turn-it In? May be we try that first.

PREFO: We spent \$1500 to try Turn-it In and there was no impact. It did not work well.

**California High School Speech Association**

MCCOY: The cell phone can easily scan. What about scripts held by others? Open Evidence Project is an example of how this can work.

MARTHA: I would like to echo Ms. Curtis to the idea of piloting it? Make it an option.

HARRIS: The current process is tough as hell. I feel like the area chairs should address this.

GRABER: League presidents will still have to read scripts. Gregg said only scripts that are challenged would be reviewed. There will be hundreds of scripts on the site. Some will still slip through.

PREFO: Please be aware of time. This process is only to review the proposal.

OSBORN: We deal with a lot of protests dealing with adding to a speech. The script was legal and the student did what they wanted to anyways.

KARSON: I understand where Mikendra is coming from, but I do not want to dismiss some comments.

OSBORN: We are not clearing the student. This is just a check but not an approval.

PRO520E Allow Electronic Submission of Scripts PRO520F Allow Electronic Submission to Area Chairs
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GRABER: This is an addition to article 7 to allow electronic submission. These are companions to Gregg's proposal. This does allow for the current practice. This will simplify the process.

MATLEY: We need to make sure that highlighting comes through or it becomes difficult. I agree with electronic submission. We had our league meeting last week and we added a Turn-it In receipt or the actual document on JOT. We require titles, authors, ISBN, and allow it to be seen by all. But not the cutting. It is a good compromise. GGSA will report back on this as a pilot program.

OSBORN: I support Kathy's proposals. PDF readers are a beautiful thing though. One can highlight, text boxes, etc. It is simply awesome.

PRO520G On line Payments
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PREFO: This is an easy one, cuz' we allow on line payments currently. This is housekeeping.

GRABER: This allows for both ways to pay. I am in favor of options.

PRO 520H Consistency in Judge Requirements
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PREFO: Again, housekeeping only.

PRO520I Clarification of Election Process and Procedure
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PREFO: We had transparent area chair elections this year for the first time. I made a process this year and this proposal sets deadlines and a process for elections. Dates need to be consolidated and the process solidified. Article II change. It is long, please review it closely. Thank you Ron and Einar for being officials this year. Open voting, email, ballot whatever. Election officials will bring hardcopies of the votes and announce at the State tournament.

GRABER: This is a short timeframe for voting. There is basically 20 days to vote.

PREFO: The longer timeframe makes it less likely one would vote.

GRABER: The term would not start until June?

PREFO: Correct.

UNDERWOOD: As an official, 90% voted on the first day. The others all voted on the last day.

**PRO520J Laptops in Congress**

MATLEY: Straight forward proposal to make parity in all debate events. Phones not allowed. We added a subsection dealing with computers specific to Congress. To make evidence more relevant, we need to allow congress debaters to access their files.

**IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER****Calendar dates:**

Fall meeting September 8-9, 2017 in San Jose

Winter meeting January 5-6, 2018 in LAX

Spring meeting May 18-19, 2018 in San Diego

State Tournament April 21 or 28, 2018

- OSBORN: I sent you the first email, it was wrong. Ignore the first allocations email. Review the second email. Thank you Sharon James for passing the test to see if anyone would actually look at it.
- PREFO: I just did a WASC visit where they used Congress debate as a final for seniors. It is an exciting potential to get back into the classrooms.
- MCCOY: We are hosting a TED Talks for Kids and I will let you know. June 4th, hosted in the Bay Area.

**Next CHSSA meeting September 8-9, 2017 in San Jose**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm**

Respectfully submitted by Reed Niemi

CHSSA Secretary

## Exec Committee Reports 20 May 2017

Time: 5:15pm

Sharon Prefontaine, Nermin Fraser, Martha Mangahas, Mikendra McCoy, Linda Darling, Shirley Keller-Firestone, Ron Underwood, 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. Special thanks go to those who have been willing to do the work of appointees and invitees. Thank you, Reed, for AWESOME detailed minutes, support, and advice in running the meetings, and friendship that is beyond! Thank you, Mikendra, for efforts that brought the work of the Public Relations committee much closer to what it should be. Thank you, Neil, for your work in keeping us updated on the budget and for your innovation in creating the CHSSA trademark and electronic payment system -- I can never thank you enough for your help with correspondence when I was dealing with the death of my mother at the same time the CHSSA tournament conflicted with Passover. Thank you, Ron, for sharing your wisdom and kindness while reminding us always that CHSSA has a long and proud history.

Thank you, Ben, for your commitment and dedication in serving CHSSA as our tech-dude even when you had no official position or vote. It is the discovery and growth of the relationships with the members of this intelligent, emotional, respectful, contentious, forgetful, memorable, thoughtless, thoughtful, spirited group that I will miss the most. To paraphrase some lines I found that seem to fit

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations of everything and nothing and the dreams we had. Days, months and years will pass until this contact becomes rare. One day, friends may see our pictures and ask: "Who are these people?"

And I will smile with invisible tears because you are still in my heart and I will say: "It was with them that I shared the some of the best times of my life."

*Original author unknown*

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:

**Martha Mangahas, VP Curriculum**, who has resigned and will pursue art as well as perhaps moving to a different school to teach. Congratulations, too, on her upcoming marriage.

**Shirley Keller-Firestone, Area I Chair**, who I have two stories about. 1. When she was the legendary Carmendale Fernandes' assistant, I was at State as a student with my cohort Lola Flynn. We went to the bar, Lola and I. Shirley came up next to us just as Lola was ordering a "sour whiskey." Lola got it wrong, but Shirley got it right and disabused the bartender of the notion to serve us. 2. When I was new to coaching and teaching, quite some time before many of you were born, my annual salary was \$7,600. I have twin daughters and I was a single parent. The school expected teachers who attended something like the State tournament to front the money and they would reimburse. In a coaches' meeting, I explained that I had a qualifier, but could not afford to front the money. Shirley elle, who didn't even know me at the time, said, "Y'know...I have money saved for the summer and I'd be happy to give you what you need to go to the tournament with your student." That support, that reaching out, that sense of ohana or familia...I hope CHSSA can sustain that

**Linda Darling, Area II Chair.** It is a common belief that if you stay on the council long enough, you will eventually get some kind of award or special acknowledgement. Linda is rare -- an unsung supporter, protector and defender of CHSSA. Since the beginning of her service, she has missed meeting only because of her bouts with cancer. She is the Area Chair of Area II, the area that has the greatest number of participants in leadership and appointed positions on our council. Her dedication to service, irrespective of public acclaim, is a hallmark of what has enabled CHSSA to succeed on volunteer service alone.

**Jennifer Kindred, Area III Chair.** She doesn't drive, you know. So, depending on where the meeting or tournament is, she takes the train, or her ever-supportive husband, Mike, drives her -- in any event, she gets to our meetings. Ironically, she's not here today because of her commitment to a team fundraiser. She is leaving council, but will continue to coach. She has a fine mind for organization and led the bylaw committee in our vision of a bylaw document that would not only be complete and accurate, but would also be user-friendly to even the newest of coaches. Unfortunately we ran out of time to fulfill that vision, but Jen has been key to successful changes we have made.

**Nermin Kamel Fraser, VP Activities** -- Warrior woman, tough love, big heart, thinks she's right -- hard on us 'cuz she usually is right. Intelligent and creative -- ways to address problems that may not have occurred to many of us. Her relentless pursuit of excellence has driven us to the efficiency even sometimes against our will. CHSSA is better because of her.

**Matt Fraser, Rep-at-large** -- Not everyone knows how much Matt contributed to the success of our State tournaments, nor how his creative thinking has led to moves toward innovation in CHSSA's protocols. He was the guy, though, who did what needed to be done--from going out and buying extra food to make sure all judges were fed to providing computers for the tab rooms. He surely deserved the Service Above Self award and I am grateful that CHSSA had his support.

Thanks to them for all they have done for us and for our students.

At the same time, we will be seeing some familiar faces in new roles. Reed Niemi (Area II) will be CHSSA's president; Angelique Ronald (Area II) will be the new VP, Activities; Minnia Curtis (Area IV) will be VP, Curriculum. Three of the four Area Chairs will also be new to their jobs: Area I, Chris Harris; Area II, Mikendra McCoy; Area III, Kathy Graber. Thanks to Area IV Chair Gregg Osborn who will carry forward the institutional memory of challenges faced by Area Chairs in the work they must do as well as precedents set in protest decisions.

Beautiful State Tournament - Nermin Kamel Fraser, Angelique Ronald and Mikendra McCoy created an amazing program. The event reflects the long hours and hard work of Area III, Ashley Novak, the PR Committee, and, particularly, of Nermin to whom we owe thanks for setting the bar for achievement so high. Thanks to Mikendra McCoy for creating a hospitality event (that I hope will become traditional) for those who spend the entire tournament working in the tab room.

It was also a treat to see the legendary Natalie Weber, one of CHSSA's founders, attending the tournament and working as a celebrity judge. We thank her for sharing our 60th anniversary as an organization.

Protests:

OPP: Contestant disqualified. OPP was plagiarized from a short story.

Complaints/Protests denied/rejected:

EXPOS: Contestant ran overtime due to inability to reach the light switch. Light switch not part of student's props. A cautionary tale for those using tech in expos speeches.

**POLICY::**

1. Contestant walked out due to a response in CX given by opponent. Partner of contestant who walked out remained. Coach of walk-out argued that CHSSA should accept responsibility for creating a "safe space" and not penalize for violation of rule that both partners had to participate in debate.
2. Team accused of using Internet. Judges and team against which protest was lodged agreed that Internet was used. Warning given. Team lost.

PARLI: Team used a different color of paper. Protest asked for loss for that team. They had already lost. Warning was issued.

**VP Activities Report-**

**Fraser out!!**  
**(mic drop)**

- Reminder

State 2018 - Area 2 - SACTO

Possible:

April 13-15 - not preferred because due dates for reg will come too early

April 20-22

April 27-29 not preferred due to AP Exams

Easter (Western) - April 1

Easter (Orthodox) - April 8

Passover - March 31-April 7

- State 2019 - Area 4 - OCSL

Possible:

- April 12-14 not preferred because due dates for reg will come too early

- May 3-5 not preferred due to AP Exams

Easter (Western) - April 21

Easter (Orthodox) - April 28

Passover - April 20-April 27

**Curriculum Committee-Mangahas**

Date: May 19, 2017

Members present: Ben Cummings, Minnia Curtis, Martha Mangahas, Dan Leahy

**I. State Tournament 2017**

1. 5 books, no DVDs sold
2. The Curriculum Committee has decided to continue selling DVDs for those who wish to have a hard copy and support CHSSA. We have decided to remove the pay wall for accessing DVDs
3. We would like to discontinue the production of DVDs, but we would like to record the semi-final or final round of all CHSSA events at the State Tournament each year in order to continuously update content on the CHSSA website. We would like to investigate the investment needed, but we envision it will not include video editing or DVD production.

## II. Future of website

1. Our long term goal is for our website to include a curriculum map for speech and debate classes, as well as unit plans for CHSSA specific events (OI, TI, exposed etc.), and any other material requested by coaches
2. We propose (and would like I E Committee input) a name change of Expos to Informative given that the current CHSSA rules of Expos are the same as the NSDA rules of Informative. This would eliminate confusion.

## III. Coaches survey

1. We whittled down Sep 9 Survey to include only 5 questions. This will be for league presidents to give to coaches during the Fall meeting of 2017

## PR Committee-McCoy

- **State Tournament Recap-**
  - Things that you think that we can do better, need, want to remove, etc.
    - Should you have suggestions please feel free to email myself or Angel and we will do our best to accommodate you.
  - **Nate Howard and the “BE” Movement ...** <http://www.natehowardspeaks.com/>
    - Nate is a graduate of the Helix Charter world, since he loves speech and debate and believe that it changed his world, he would like to give back to the community; at the state tournament he will be holding a conference with the students who are not in out rounds ... a new tradition begins!
- **Goodbyes:**
  - While letting go of Area Chairs, VP of Activities, and our fearless leader is not easy, the PR committee believes that there is much to celebrate in the legacy that they leave ... we wish them a “wine-derful” retirement ... this wine logo created by Jiwoo Kim, an art student of Mountain House High School and the recipient an award from the Congressional Art Competition; will adorn four bottles of wine, shipped to their homes, and paid for by me personally, in honor of their time served and the celebration of all that they have done. (We assumed that making them check bags and carry bottles was not a gift, hence the shipping home! hee hee hee) Thank you for everything.
- **New Members**

**Growth in the committees, especially due to the excessive movement that this meeting is seeing, is necessary; so PR would like to welcome the following individuals to the committee. While one is present, the other two are not, but they are already on projects!**

  - Beth Lamanna from Millennium High School
    - Sponsorship & Newsletter
  - Dan Leahy from St. Joseph Notre Dame High School
    - Education Day
  - Lily Bolig from San Dieguito high school
    - State Logistics
  - Ian Lambert from ilead
    - Social Media & Newsletter
- **Principals’ Package**
  - What you need to know to make the team to go!
    - This package is going to be added to the website for schools to grab and start teams or build programs.
- **TedxKids -**

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- **Ted Talks mission says, “Because we believe children have the potential to change the world...” and knowing that CHSSA couldn’t agree more ...**
  - TedTalks has been a favorite site for OI speeches, and while some lament the existence of OI, rather than repeat another, the thought of quoting yourself might just be an interesting one to ponder; while competitive reasoning was not a factor in pursuing this platform, the idea of getting CHSSA’s name out there was. This event, hosted here in San Diego at El Cajon Valley Unified School District is something that we on PR believe that CHSSA ought to be hosting for two reasons, it fundamentally serves our goal of continuing communication education in which students are given a platform and a cause; additionally it becomes a fundraiser, that can help to finance CHSSA’s mission.
  - June 1-4 at El Cajon Valley the TedxKids event can be found at: <http://www.tedxkidselcajon.com/the-event/> and is \$6.00 to attend; if you are in the area, I would love to see you there and process with you how to make this an event to remember.
- **Teacher Workshops - We are trying to find the best way to do this.**
  - What ways can we help young coaches? Is there a way to host a California event that allows for new teachers/coaches to get information BEFORE the school year begins; rather than at the state tournament.
- **Events -**
  - It was suggested by a few, specifically Dave Matley, that we create an Alumni Event; like a class reunion; where Alumni (21 and older) can come gather, at an adult event and a way to garner funds. This is in the beginning stages, but we are thinking that it might be perfect to do either at the last CHSSA meeting, or in July, and in conjunction with the tedxkids.
    - Alumni Event
  - This idea was proposed by Angel; we are looking to find a way to ensure that those who “leave” the speech community are not really gone ... as the wisdom and guidance they provide is necessary.
    - Speech Sorority/Fraternity
- **League Visits- Getting out there!**
  - Visiting league tournaments in fall (with Area Chairs?) to see tournament procedures and practices/ what can be implemented on a statewide level.

#### Treasurer Report-Barembaum

Absent - no copy of report

#### Historian Report-Underwood

- 21st Century Fund (initiated by Carmendale Fernandes and Natalie Weber in 1998 contributions with contributions made to build on for teacher education) is not being used. We can only use the interest \$4697. Natalie Weber is worried that it is not being spent. She emailed me about mini-conferences with college credit? I feel we need to do something with it. We need to have a clear plan and a product produced. Mentoring? Bid process? We ought to be pushing it to bring in more money, according to Natalie. I feel we should find a meaningful use for it. Information (old papers from Natalie) were turned over to the PR committee to investigate a possible teacher conference (with college credit).

#### Secretary Report-Niemi

- I hope during my tenure the “flow” of meetings was appreciated by all in order to receive the spirit and the letter of the law.

- It would be great if we could change the job description of the Editor to represent the web based element of the 21st century. In other words, getting away from paper and hard copies, and make the Editor the web-guru.

**Area 1 Report-Keller-Firestone**

- I'd like to thank the schools in Area I for allowing me to represent them on the council. I have made great friends. It has been work, but fun to do the "Stuff" that make up the job of being Area Chairman. I'd like to congratulate the new chairman and offer my total cooperation to him/her.
- I will miss meeting with the council members--especially after meetings.

**Area 2 Report - Darling**

- I would like to thank Area II for their faith and confidence in allowing me to be your area chair for 12 years and especially to Ron for his ultimate trust in me. Thanks also to Sharon, Shirley, Jen, and, after the fact, Suzanne, for years of friendship and fun. I have enjoyed my time on the council and will miss all the meetings-pre, main, and post.
- We are looking for a site; Folsom Lake college fell through...I really hope to have a site by Sept...thank you all for your patience.

**Area 3-Kindred**

- Congratulations to SCDL, Jennifer Nguyen, and Ashley Novak for a great tournament

**Area 4 Report-Osborn**

- Welcome to Sarah Sherwood, new OCSL President.
- 2019 State Tournament. Will be setting up a meeting with Josh House, DOF at Cypress College, and Sarah in the summer to look further into Cypress as a site. Looks promising.

**IE Committee-Graber: Members present: Graber, Ko, Orfield, Nguyen**

- IE committee will be recommending a YES vote on Iain Lampert's bylaw proposal to encourage spontaneity in Impromptu with a very minor amendment approved by the author. IE committee will be recommending a NO vote on Karen Minick's proposal to eliminate the option to change a script wholesale prior to the state tournament as currently allowed. IE committee will be putting forward (for discussion only at this meeting) two proposals to allow for the electronic submission of scripts as an **option** to league presidents and Area Chairs as a response to the mandates created by Gregg Osborn's proposals. We recommend a NO vote on both of the Osborn proposals, but would like to see one or more leagues try it out and report back.

**Debate Committee - Larsen**

We heard no complaints about parli topics this year. We think the writing and vetting process has gotten much smoother, and hope to continue to improve. If I'm wrong about our progress, you can certainly let me know.

Thank you for your clear discussion and questions about our changes to the debate format at state. I have never seen such focused attention over such a structured amount of time. By September we'll have legislation to clean up the last bits of housekeeping to make a smooth implementation at the 2019 tournament.

The committee is concerned about how to strengthen policy debate across the state, and has identified two areas to address. We would like to be able to identify students and new coaches who are interested in policy but don't know where to start, and help them to find mentors. (Could we get a question added to the curriculum committee survey please?) We would also like to identify debaters who've gone on to college but are still

interested in working with the high school community. If we can find these two groups and get them together, amazing things could happen.

### **Congress Committee - Matley**

#### **Congress committee meeting May 19, 2017**

Dave Matley (chair), Sharon James, Sarah Sherwood, Ben Cummings, Reed Niemi

#### **Submissions of bills and resolutions.**

- 90% submitted legislation. Huge success. Hard part was the one week (7 days) to fix and post bills. No by-law change needed to continue the practice establish the same for next year. Requiring schools to use a fill-able PDF may help in preparing the bills for posting.
- Possible to have JOT make uploading legislation requirement for completing registration for the State Tournament for schools with congress entries. Matley will email Brent about doing it for 2018.

#### **What is the vision of Congress going forward?**

- NSDA is revamping; e.g., Computers in Congress, evidence standards, direct cross-examination. It is important for CHSSA to continue to seek ways to improve the quality of debate in congress rounds to stay relevant.
- Congress committee unanimously supports the use laptops in rounds to unify with debate events and allow congress competitors to access evidence. A by-law proposal has been submitted at this May meeting and will be voted on in September.

#### **Tabulation issues for PO contest need to be resolved.**

- Need a tie-breaking procedure established and codified for ties in the Presiding Officer contest. We used semifinal procedures this year (greatest number of student votes, greatest number of judge votes, etc).By-law proposal needed to fix.
- Also, need by-law proposal to codify that pull-up is randomly drawn when odd number of competitors in brackets.
- Need a way to rank PO #3 on down. Easy to figure PO 1st and 2nd. SAME AS ABOVE listed in breaking ties (greatest number of student votes, greatest number of judge votes, etc).

#### **Skype meeting with Ian on Congress software. I want to show off the tech we have available--three benefits.**

Evidence management

Speech writing

Education technology--enhancement is key

\$25 per year for one student one app, \$35 per year for extemp and congress. 5 ppl = \$125, 200 ppl = \$775.

Possible CHSSA statewide discount available.

Alumni association for CHSSA...alumni event? What can we do for alum? When? What type of gala? Presented idea to PR committee for consideration.

#### **Bylaw Committee Meeting**

We recommend that this committee of Area Chairs and the CHSSA President continue. The committee had more to do including a reorganization of the Articles of the Bylaws to make them more user-friendly to new CHSSA members. In addition, we had wanted to provide a new section about protocols for succession. A concern that remains is the lack of specific penalties for violations. Bylaw Committee continues to believe that enforcement of rules and deadlines must be consistent within leagues, Areas, and the organization. We would encourage Leagues

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and Areas to create their own set of awards for outstanding schools, coaches, and community members who deserve recognition. Peace out.

