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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to require electronic submission and vetting of all scripts used in league qualifiers(1)

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- * Deletion from By-Laws: Article VII, section 6, paragraph B, page # 4.
- * Addition to By-Laws: Article VII, section 6, paragraph B, page # 4.

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

C. Scripts, **in electronic form**, for all prepared individual events with appropriate cover sheets shall be ~~sent~~ **emailed** to the League President ~~by certified mail or hand delivered~~ at least three weeks prior to ~~any~~ **the** state qualification tournament. The League President shall **post all scripts to a website accessible by all league coaches. Any coach that questions the legitimacy of a script should notify the League President** ~~notify a coach of any rule violations~~ no later than one week prior to the tournament. Any corrections necessary for a script ~~to be legal for State Tournament competition must be delivered to and approved by the League President~~ **must be made** prior to the first round of the State Qualification Tournament. ~~in order for the student to compete~~ **All speeches must be performed using that posted version of the script.**

Rationale:

1. We live in a digital age. It seems very unnecessary that we use the amount of paper each year that we do. Additionally, it seems pointless to ask coaches, League Presidents and Area Chairs to cart around countless scripts when all could simply live “in the cloud.”
2. In the current system, some students and coaches rely on others (League Presidents and Area Chairs) to “approve” scripts. This often gives the student and coach a false sense of security, as they can still be disqualified at the State Tournament should the script eventually be deemed “illegal.” Since the student and school stand the most to lose, the impetus to ensure that rules be followed should be on them.
3. Full transparency of the scripts should allow for the possibility of a stronger vetting process.

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Allow for Online Payment for State

Submitted by: By-Law Committee (Gregg Osborn, et al) Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ , section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article VII , section 7 , paragraph C , 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**]*

C. The coach of each contestant qualified for the State Tournament shall send notification of participation with delivery confirmation by the designated due date. Notification of participation includes completed entry forms and a check **or online payment** for entry/judging fees. The judging fee shall be \$100.00. Checks must be school checks, money orders, or cashier's checks. Entry fees for contestants dropped from the State Tournament less than two weeks before the State Tournament will not be refunded. Schools with more than six entries must provide a qualified judge for each additional six entries or fraction thereof (e.g.: 7-12 entries = 1 additional judge; 13-18 entries = 2 additional judges). The \$100 judging deposit per school shall be refunded only when all school judges have satisfactorily and substantially completed their judging assignments.

Rationale:

- 'cuz it's true [makes bylaws an accurate reflection of current practice]

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to create consistency and clarity in election process

Submitted by: Bylaw Committee (Sharon Prefontaine, et al) Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

This revision will be a(n): By Law revision to make judging requirements consistent

★ Deletion from By-Laws: Article II, Section 1, Section III

★ Addition to By-Laws Article II, Section 1, Section III

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

ARTICLE II: Elections/Meetings

Section 1 The President, the Vice President Activities, and the Vice President Curriculum shall be elected from among and by the members of the California State Speech Council at the annual CSSC meeting held at the spring meeting after the State Tournament. Candidates must declare their candidacy ~~no less than three weeks prior to the State Tournament in~~ **by March 1** of the current competitive year. If there are multiple candidates, each will provide to the President a statement of no more than more than 200 words and a photo for publication on the CHSSA website. Candidates may be elected for more than one term. Only those people who declare by the deadline may be elected at the spring meeting. The term of office shall be one year: July 1 to June 30 of the following year. A candidate may serve multiple sequential terms.

Section 3 ~~All~~ Individuals wishing to run for Area Chairperson, ~~other than the incumbent,~~ must declare their candidacy to the ~~election official appointed by the CHSSA President~~ by March 1 and provide a statement of no more than 200 words and a photo **for publication**. Those declaring their candidacy must be affiliated with a school from within that Area. **Only those people who declare by the deadline may be elected. The CHSSA president must appoint an election official for the Area by**

March 10. The election official for the Area will ~~send out the declaration(s) and picture(s) along with a ballot~~ **open voting** to each member school ~~by email~~ by March 15. The member schools of each Area will then popularly elect Area Chairpersons by returning completed ballots electronically or in hard copy to the election official for the Area no later than ~~May 4~~ **March 31**. The election official will record which schools ~~submitted a ballot~~ **voted** then produce **the hard copies of votes** with school and personal identifying information removed. ~~At the Spring CHSSA meeting~~ **On the first day of the State tournament**, the Area Chairs from the other three Areas will each, independently, count the ballots and confirm the results. When all results match, they will be given to the CHSSA president who will ~~send~~ **notify the winners and publish the** results of the election **prior to the end of the State tournament.** ~~to each Area following the meeting.~~

Rationale:

Creates clarity and consistency and clear deadlines for voting for all elected executive council positions

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Allow Electronic Submission to Area Chairs

Submitted by: **IE Committee**

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____, section _____, paragraph _____, page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article VII, section 7B2, paragraph _____, page # 8
- 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**]*

2. League approved copies of all advocacy, expository, oratory, and prose/poetry, scripts for the qualifying contestants and alternates along with approved copies of all photocopy materials for dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, oratorical interpretation, thematic interpretation, and duo interpretation for the qualification contestants and alternates shall be sent by **electronic submission**, conventional mail or delivered in person.

Rationale: Recognizing that some League Presidents and Area Chairs may prefer to send, receive and store scripts electronically, this addition to Article VII allows for that.

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A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Article XIII, Section 1

Submitted by: Congress Committee Second by:_____

This revision will be a(n):

- Ⓐ Deletion from By-Laws: Article: XIII ,section: 1, paragraph____ , page #: 1
- Ⓑ Addition to By-Laws: Article: XIII, section: 1, paragraph____ , page #: 1
Article: XIII, section 18
ARTICLE XI, Section 1. paragraph K
- Ⓒ 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**]*

Article: XIII ,section: 1

Strike last line in paragraph: “no computers or electronic devices are allowed.”

Replace line with: “Computers or tablets are allowed in congress sessions provided that the internet is disabled. See section 18 for complete rules regarding the use of electronic devices in congress.”

Add: **Section 18. The Use of Electronic Devices.**

Electronic retrieval devices to store and to retrieve subject files are allowed to be used during congress sessions subject to the rules below and those in ARTICLE XI, Section 1. Paragraph K of the State Tournament Debate Rules. 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 except as timing devices during the round by the presiding officer. Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the round at any time. All computers used in the session must be battery operated at all times. Contestants shall not access the Internet or use it to communicate. All wireless capability must be turned off. Penalty for violation of this rule shall be automatic

forfeiture of the round by the offending speaker and/or disqualification from the tournament.

ARTICLE XI, Section 1. Paragraph K of the State Tournament Debate Rules

1. Subparagraph 1. Add “Congress” after Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
2. Add Subparagraph 5d In Congress, one computer or electronic retrieval device per debater. Congressional debaters shall not have access to or activate any other electronic device during the round. See Article XII, Section 18 for more specific information on the use of computers in congress.

Rationale:

Allows congress competitors the ability to transport and retrieve research during the round without having the cumbersome task of photocopying and transporting dozens of articles and potentially thousands of pages of evidence.

Encourages congress competitors to adapt speeches and evidence to the round and discourages the use of canned speeches.

Helps bring the CHSSA State Tournament in line with other large invitationals and championship tournaments.

Encourages the best congress speakers in the state to attend the State tournament in congress.