

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:33 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Absent: Donovan Cummings (Historian), Karen Meredith (Editor), Erik Miller (Area 3)
Proxies: Lynette Williamson for Janet Willford, Ron Underwood for Rod Landes, Sal Tinajero for Karen Barry.

III. Minutes from September 2006 meeting were circulated;

Paul Pinza listed as YFL President (p.1), should've been listed as CFL President.

Doug Lasken listed from Area 1 (p.1), should've been listed as Area 3.

Move to accept as corrected: Keller/Firestone, Seconded: Stockton

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Thanked people working on State Tournament (Suzanne Munsell, Sal Tinajero, Nermin Kamel)

Congratulations to Janet Willford, who had her baby, and to Sal Tinajero, whose wife had a baby. (both babies are girls named Grace!!)

Vice President of Activities Kamel

Thanks to Andara Macdonald, Suzanne Munsell, Sal Tinajero.

Fullerton H.S. administrators are enthusiastic and prepared.

Handed out State Tournament booklets to League Presidents; plenty of parking, rooms; registration will be on campus (officials register at 9:30); school on minimum day Friday, students gone by 1 p.m.

10 a.m. general registration begins (don't bring students to registration unless necessary)

Will be using online registration this year, through www.joyoftournaments.com website; detailed instructions for registration will be available in February.

CHSSA cover sheets for entries at qualifiers are on the CHSSA website (www.cahssa.org) and on the CD handed out to the League Presidents this morning. The sheets are the same as last year.

Vice President of Public Relations Fernandes

Thanks to all for meeting registration deadline at the hotel.

State Tournament:

Apr. 19-23: Hotels are the Sheraton (\$82), Wyndham (\$81), both in Fullerton, close to school. Dinner-Dance will be at the Sheraton. Deadline for registration is April 1.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

May 10-13: San Jose Holiday Inn Intercontinental (used to be the Hyatt, \$79)

Sept. 13-16: San Jose Holiday Inn Intercontinental (\$79)

Jan. 3-5: Hyatt Islandia (\$149)

State Tournament 2007 (Santa Clara University) hotel will be the Holiday Inn Intercontinental.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Very successful meeting yesterday; introduced new member Doug Lasken from Area 3.

Advocacy DVD is being copied right now; will be mailed to all schools which paid dues on time; Karen Barry has found a duplication company in Brea; they will handle all future copying and distribution of the Expository and Advocacy DVDs; linked from our website.

CATE Conference (Fresno Convention Center, Feb. 9-11); Karen Meredith will take the lead in representing us.

Macdonald: we will hand out packets of classroom activities, have Speaking Across the Curriculum and associate memberships available. Will try to locate IIUSP (underperforming) schools to give them curriculum assistance.

Congress DVD: Worked on storyboard, had hoped we could film at different tournaments, which became cost-prohibitive.

Asks for resolution to allow for (unobtrusive) taping of the final session at State Tournament 2007, will make certain that everything is in order.

The Council approved without objection.

Treasurer Barenbaum

Presented itemized report, listing current inflows and outflows; we are financially sound.

Secretary Ballingall

A roster was distributed and people were asked to provide current information.

Editor Meredith

Absent; no report.

Historian Cummings

Donovan is experiencing health issues and was unable to be with us today; we wish him well and hope to see him soon!

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 4 Chair Macdonald

Tinajero (tournament host): bad news is that school is under construction, but it shouldn't have a major effect. We will use some rooms at Fullerton College, across the street, and will probably have Congress take place there. Elected officials will be available to judge Congress. Rep. Loretta Sanchez will possibly be available to judge a final round.

Judges: local community colleges will be providing judges.

Food: arrangements have been made for student food and judge food. A ticket system will most likely be used for students (they will buy tickets and then redeem them for food items).

Parking: \$3 Friday morning for registration, across the street; parking free after school is out on Friday in the main lot.

Munsell: Schools working on community judges; thanks to the Sacramento people for tournament hosting book. Dinner-Dance: Best wishes to Natalie on her recovery; thanks to her for all of her hard work in helping to set up the event. \$24 per person, at the Sheraton.

Area 3 Chair Novak

Nothing to report

Area 2 Chair Darling

Starting to look for 2010 site.

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

2008 Tournament at Santa Clara University; will have another hotel in addition to the Holiday Inn.

VI. Committee Reports

Individual Events Committee (Kamel)

Will be presenting a motion regarding distribution of stopwatches to judges under New Business.

Extemp topic areas (in order by round, beginning with Rd. 1 and ending with Finals):

National: Social issues, federal politics, foreign policy, the economy, California (Finals)

Foreign: Middle East, Europe, Asia, Latin America, Africa (Finals)

Underwood: Is there enough on California for finals? Keller-Firestone: students in finals should be more informed.

Barembaum: Should we shuffle the topics? Kamel: Topics should be broad enough to be varied.

Graber: Are we using the same company? Kamel: yes, Champcraft; topics written specifically for our tournament.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Presented revised policy debate ballot.

Williamson: can we replace the word fair with the word average, to be consistent?

Ballingall: No objection.

The Council approved the revised ballot without objection.

Debate ballots will be posted to the website.

Parliamentary Debate: Prep room preference is not to have one.

Read: Saw several instances last year of coaches speaking to Parliamentary debaters.

Ballingall: Some confusion of whether coaching was allowed; once signs had been posted and announcements made, no problems.

Osborn: We need to rely on ethics of coaches.

Congress Committee (Stockton)

Topics will be available 1 month before tournament; bills are very good

According to By-laws, \$100 penalty for not submitting bills on time: CFL, Sac Valley, Marmonte, SCDL, SDIVFL.

Will post a sample bill to the website so that people can see the format.

Ad Hoc Judge Instructions Committee (Williamson)

Need something for lay judges; produced draft copies of individual events and debate; should also be able to produce something for Congress.

Ad Hoc Sweepstakes Committee did not meet; will reform the committee with a new membership.

VII. Old Business

There was no Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Hall of Fame

Nominees: Neil Barembaum, Don Oberti, Suzanne Munsell, Carl Adams.

Kamel, Macdonald, Stockton, Matley spoke for Suzanne Munsell; Read spoke for Carl Adams; Hayden, Underwood spoke for Don Oberti; Kamel, Johnson, Prichard, Williamson spoke for Neil Barembaum; Keller-Firestone spoke for both Suzanne Munsell and Neil Barembaum.

President Prefontaine declared the meeting in recess at 11:30 a.m. to resume at 1 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:09 p.m.

VIII. New Business (continued):

B. Judging Instructions

M/Keller-Firestone, S/Munsell to approve the instructions as corrected by suggestions submitted to Lynette Williamson.

Motion passes, unanimously

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C. 07-01-A (M/Kamel, S/Munsell) Stopwatches. (motion as revised and amended appears below)

Kamel: Stopwatches are inexpensive; all rounds will have a stopwatch, as opposed to the clock on the wall, their wristwatch, etc.

Johnson: We are baby-sitting judges; reluctant to see us getting into student-judge interaction; fine to give judges watches.

Osborn: Time violations are most prevalent violation; this motion protects the students and makes sure the ones who deserve to be punished for going overtime receive punishment.

Minick: Better to be consistent; all should be timed the same way.

Johnson: Where in any other context do we allow students to interact with the judge?

Students cannot lodge protests. More elaborate rule than needed.

Kamel: Not every judge uses the stopwatches they are provided.

Minick: Students ask for their time.

M/Underwood S/Johnson to divide the motion: One motion 1st and last sentence, the other the rest.

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Passes, 16-8

Debate on the first part of the motion:

Graber: Motion doesn't solve the problem of one judge railroading the other judges without any way to have a check.

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Motion passes, unanimously.

Debate on the second part of the motion:

Underwood: We need to trust the judges; we trust them to give the score.

Matley: Friendly amendment of the 3rd sentence: "At that time, the stopwatch will be shown to the other judges, if requested." (accepted by Kamel)

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Graber: Friendly amendment of the 1st sentence: "The judges will clear the time prior to each speech." (rejected by Kamel)

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Chamberlain: There should never be a time when the 3 judges will have a different speech time.

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Johnson: Remand the rest to committee. No second.

Johnson: Motion to amend, to strike the 1st sentence. S/Graber.

Johnson: Eliminate the rule to eliminate possible protests.

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Motion to amend fails, 8-15

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MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 07-01-A: M/Kamel, S/Munsell (as revised and amended)

Article IX, Section 5, Page 19 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

A stopwatch will be issued to each judging panel. The judges will be instructed to show that the time is cleared prior to each speech. At the conclusion of each speech the judge will announce the speaker's time. At that time, the stopwatch will be shown to the other judges, if requested. Each judge will record the speaker's time on his/her ballot.

Motion passes, voice vote

D, 06-09-F

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 06-09-F: M/Kamel, S/Wolf

Article VII, Section 3, Page 3 (new next in bold, deleted text stricken):

G. No motion to increase the number of entrants in the State Tournament in a particular event will be considered unless accompanied by answers to the following questions:

1. Revisions to the schedule necessary to facilitate extra entries.
2. How many more rooms will be needed? How will we provide those?
3. How many more judges will be needed? How will we provide those?
4. Additional logistical components required by addition.
5. Rationale for addition of this event or increase in entry numbers?

Wolf: Do we really need a form? Will there be enough changes in events to justify the use?

Kamel: This will deter frivolous proposals for change.

Graber: This closes down discussion before it can happen.

Kamel: Discussion can occur in a committee meeting or a league meeting; irresponsible for us not to consider this.

Johnson: The motion is the vehicle through which the discussion begins.

Underwood: Have found ways to add competitors in the past; this will stifle proposals for change.

Graber: Strongly object to this.

Motion passes 14-11.

D, President Prefontaine announced the composition of the Ad Hoc Sweepstakes

Committee: Chris Wolf, Paul Pinza, Chad Hayden, Ashley Novak, Einar Johnson, Neil Barembaum, Suzanne Munsell. Overseen (but not chaired) by Nermin Kamel.

E. Area Chair candidates:

Area 1: Shirley Keller-Firestone; Area 2: Linda Darling

Area 3: Ashley Novak; Area 4: Andara Macdonald and Suzanne Munsell (election to take place at the State Tournament)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by Chuck Ballingall, CHSSA Secretary.

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