

- I. Called to order at 9:18AM by President Prefontaine
- II. Roll call
 - Cathryn Geyer-proxy for Zack Kopecki-YFL President
- III. Approval of Minutes from Jan meeting
 - Page 4—names Prichard and Matley spelled “oddly”
 - Page 1—Janet Hansen Area 1 NOT 2 Curriculum Rep
 - Accepted and noted.
- IV. Thanks, commendations, announcements.

PREF—all CHSSA minutes from 2006 to present are on line and current. I spent much time linking the minutes to the by-laws/constitution to bring them up to date. The footer still says 1/2009 though, and I will correct that. Thanks to Area 3 for a great State tournament. Alison Hunsaker was under a lot of pressure. Please consider sending a note of appreciation to the school because Alison is under much fire from her school for having hosted State. She is suffering as a result; please send a note.

GRABER-Alison said her name is mud. She was knocked for a loop. We spent \$600 on a lunch for the staff and muffin basket for admin. We spent close to a \$1000 on trying to make amends. Her students were amazing!

JOHNSON-I would like to make a motion to reimburse the area.

SAL-We should send something to the school board.

MOTION-Have CHSSA reimburse, for goodwill, up to \$1000 to the local hosting league. Moved by Johnson. Second James.
PASSED-Voice vote.

RITA-we need to write to the school board, Sal is correct.

MCCOY-Let us not make precedent please. We cannot always do this.

JAMES-More rude students than before. We need to monitor our students better. We need to respect others more.

PREF-Can we meet with the students to discuss.

WOLFE-maybe sign a pledge of conduct prior to tournament like Nationals. CFL maintains a fund for reimbursement for such an occurrence. We may want to consider this as a state body. It might help recruit schools to host as well. We ask that it be documented.

KINDRED-please no more paper to collect. Do the students really read it? A slush fund may not be the best practice also. May be security would be a better solution.

KARSON-preventative damage is important...to avoid excessive expenditures. Lets’ talk to the students prior to round one. Signing a paper is not sufficient. Karson volunteered to speak to the students before round one.

SAL-I agree with the paper...what about a video on the CHSSA site dealing with this?

PREF-If you are interested please write a proposal so we may discuss this in September.

GEYER-Judges have a lot of power in the room. We should speak to the judges to in order to avoid this also.

PREF-we have lots of ideas. Please formalize.

V. OFFICER REPORTS

President – Sharon Prefontaine

PREF-Record number of protests this year. The Gang of Five does not make decisions haphazardly. We speak to judges, timers, coaches, etc. We do a great job.

MATLEY-what was the DQ in HI?

PREF-the student added a lot of material that was not in the script. The tournament official in the room noted that. It was bad luck.

WARDNER-the material had been rejected then performed anyways.

SAL-a judge in that round told me the same thing.

NIEMI-no protest form was filled out though.

ABAD-Who did it?

PREF-A tournament official. Do we have to put this in writing? Much discussion was had. A tournament official is like a policeman. It gives us cause. It allows us to investigate. We worked hard to protect the student. We try to avoid precedent...

SAL-I thought you were very fair.

NERMIN-they played with fire and got burned.

PREF-We are holding firm on policy.

KELLER-bottom line our rules are clear. The script turned in was clear and not the speech that was given.

WARDNER-any other by-law changes as a result of protests from State 2013.

PREF-No, we cannot change by-laws in responding to protests. Protests were mainly in debate and about timing.

OSBORNE-script changes may not happen less than two weeks prior to tournament. The rule is clear.

PREF-that is true most of the time.

NERMIN-it is common for changes.

PREF-a suggestion has been made to make a date for a final cut.

PREF-the last two protests dealt with clothing...either the lack there of or costume. A frivolous protest was filed in an attempt to make a point about a previous decision re clothing.

Clothing worn as a requirement of religion may be excluded. (Example given).

GRABER-a student was injured this year. What is our liability? We happened to have had a nurse on site. We were lucky.

NERMIN-we may want to have a first responder in the future. We just do not want to announce it.

PREF-every school must have a safety plan.

MR B-our contract says we know the safety plan.

PREF-this year's program was awesome. Thank you Nermin. And, by the way, congratulations to Nermin and Matt on their pregnancy.

Vice President/Activities – Nermin Kamel Fraser

NERMIN-Alison and the local league did a great job! Thank you, so much. The yellow shirts worked very well. [To council] I was humbled by the award you gave me. Thank you to all of you. Thank you to our state workers, it has become like clockwork. Wow. It was great. We forget that this is 100% volunteer. We have not raised our fees—we have a great team in the state. We do this with nothing. The Dinner Dance was at 850 students! Two areas where we are struggling: 1) we have no site for 2015 yet. 2) We are running out of space.

The judge room needs to hold 250, for example. We have made progress in judges but it is still a rare problem. We have lost college judges. We are attempting to use quality judges. We should ask the local league to increase their burden in order to increase the number of local judges. Community judges are not reliable insofar as the computer is concerned.

SAL-we need to have qualified judges in out-rounds.

NERMIN-the pool is too large...and I went in and accommodated the requests.

NIEMI-we had a process.

UNDERWOOD-what are you asking?

NERMIN-a single day judge is needed...not a half day judge.

UNDERWOOD-local people are hard to keep for the day.

NERMIN-the problem is the no-show judges. It is proportional to a school's entry. It is fair.

MATLEY-the judge pool was awesome. It made our life easier. On Sal's note, it is a good idea to identify quality judges.

OSBORN-are you going to want more single day judges?

NERMIN-yes.

Much discussion was had with confusion over the non-proposed proposal.

NERMIN-the hotel issue was tough this year. I received a great note from a hotel I would like to share. (Note read to the council)

Vice President/Curriculum – Rita Prichard

RITA-we had a great meeting. Six of our members were present. It was great having Neil there. We bought a copyright, yeah! Margaret is a great addition to our team. Online you will find one-page overviews for all events. We took some descriptions down, but our new material is great. We are moving towards making classroom lesson plans. We are going to copyright the material. The DVD for impromptu is complete and given to the league presidents to be given to teams that did not attend State. These are benefits of CHSSA membership. Please make sure every one gets it.

For 2014-2015 we are moving toward Core Curriculum tie-ins. We would like to have classroom teachers to use our materials across the curriculum. We want to represent the organization with valuable materials.

OSBORNE-the survey the committee made had interesting results. 84 were returned. Five choices were given. The top two choices were a Parli DVD and a judging DVD.

RITA-the common core was on the survey in two places. As a committee, we want to keep the focus even though the schools did not desire that as much. We are working towards turnitin.com contact. In a couple years we hope to have that.

OSBORNE-we would be the first state speech association to use turnitin.com. Very exciting. It would find citation errors and plagiarized pieces.

RITA-we would only check qualifiers.

NERMIN-I am also talking to turnitin so we need to talk.

SAL-our state is one of the toughest on scripts. The young coaches are penalized.

RITA-the sign of good organization is when we are working on the same thing. Thank you Nermin. We are holding kids to their character. Our action items are many. We will do this under new business.

Treasurer – Neil Barembaum (Mr. B)

MR.B-no one is paid for CHSSA. Only five schools received checks. The report you have is mainly 2012 expenditures. The full report is forthcoming. Scholarships are waiting to be picked up. Let's think about this; we have many sojourner schools. I am concerned that certain schools pay dues but do not have a team. We need to measure participation, not only membership. Not sure how to do this but I would like all to consider this, please.

GRABER-what do you mean?

MR.B-Think about how to measure this.

KARSON-sometimes the number for NFL is also the same. Some programs stop midyear due to funding.

JOHNSON-the basis of allegations is what Neil is talking about. When you allocate state qualifiers based on money we need to be careful.

Editor/Secretary – Reed Niemi

NIEMI-no thank you.

Historian – Ron Underwood

UNDERWOOD-two handouts coming around. First are the video interviews of HOF. All that are recorded are now on line, thank you Ben Cummings. I still need to record 19 more. By next May I would like to get those 19 recorded. Can any of you do these for me? Secondly, "Where are they now" is something I would like to bring back. Preferably pre-2004. We know that are doing exciting things. I Googled some champions and made contact but not enough.

GRABER-Our Facebook alum page is growing.

UNDERWOOD-we could use our CHSSA Facebook for this.

MCCOY-do you have a better way to track our successes?

UNDERWOOD-send any people my way please. Natalie Weber just had open heart surgery. She wanted me to say hi for her.

PREF-Let her know we all wish her well.

VI. AREA CHAIR REPORTS

3 – Jennifer Kindred

KINDRED-State 2013 is over

1 – Shirley Keller-Firestone

KELLER-FIRESTONE-we have not started thinking about 2016, but we will soon.

2 -- Linda Darling

DARLING-at this moment in time we will be at Enochs HS in Modesto for 2014. Kopecki is confident that it will work. Geyer is here as proxy for Kopecki. Thank you Zack for your service

4 – Suzanne Munsell

MUNSELL-we are working towards finding a site for State 2015. The schedule and space are our issues.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**Curriculum – Rita Prichard**

None

Congress – Dave Matley

MATLEY-Our committee worked a ton yesterday. We are looking at issues to make Congress better at State. We made a list and addressed the list. Some are housekeeping issues and computers in Congress. As our committee discussed this and it was decided that it would not be a good idea. Tough to monitor. It is a 3 minute speech. Are they going to be playing games... ABAD (looking up from computer)-Oops, sorry. (Much laughter ensued)

MATLEY-we saw little need for such a motion. It is up to you though. For housekeeping, some students had printed placards and such. We are going to suggest codifying this.

A bye-system is suggested in case there are no-show PO's at State. We are also going to suggest in September that we scale down the votes of students as rounds progress. No PO semi award; so we will propose this later. Another issue for September to discuss is the Congress Manual students receive when qualifying...but we also have rules that sometimes don't match—we will fix it. We think that working with the group in Congress is as important as their speech. We are going to look at keeping the same students in the same room for prelims. It would build friendships and group dynamics.

The JOT software does not work for balance of power. Travis has to go through by hand and make the adjustments. If we keep the chambers the same, it would fix this problem. All of this is for September—please speak to your league.

WARDNER-would you please send an email with the talking points.

KARSON-how do we avoid creating a “power chamber”?

MATLEY-we will discuss that.

Debate – Chris Wolf

WOLF-I emailed a bunch of proposals to you all last night. The use and practice of evidence is what we spent much time on. There is much “McCarthyism” occurring in and out of rounds. This makes debate impossible because of “he said, she said”. We cannot legislate this away, but we do need to teach students the best practices. Debate person-ship is the next key. We need to teach “debatequette” to our students. Please take this to your leagues.

IE – Linda Darling

DARLING-we had a nice meeting...thank you to all that attended. We have no by-law revisions to propose. We would like to request under New Business to have a meeting over summer to align the by-laws, coversheets, judging instructions and ballots.

Public Relations – Mikendra McCoy

MCCOY-we are dealing with two facets of our purpose. First, is making a logo and catchphrase for CHSSA.

PREF-we are speaking with Teri Terrentine who does our State gear currently. Her only condition is that it must be a circle. She also will take a copyright for our logo.

KARSON-if we rebrand are we going to be able to vet it? We need to have a say as a body unlike the NFL.

MCCOY-Second, how do we sell ourselves to others? Wei is working with us to make us a "product" that is wanted by all. We also want to have a team to spread the word; we are creating kits. Last, we are dealing with website design and organization.

PREF-Also, on the website we now have the entire program on line.

CUMMINGS-we are going to make it for last four years.

PREF-we would like to make Ben a contractor. We are working on that.

VIII. Declarations of candidates for President, VP-Activities, VP-Curriculum

President-Prefontaine

VP Activities- Fraser

VP Curriculum-Prichard

Motion for a "white ballot." Moved by Johnson. Seconded by Munsell.
PASSED-voice

RECESS FOR LUNCH at 11:45AM

Meeting reconvened at 1:05PM

Upcoming CHSSA Meetings

September 6-7, 2013-Oakland

January 10-11, 2014-San Diego

May 16-17, 2014-Los Angeles

OSBORN-Why do we have a meeting at the location of State?

FRASER-So we can find the site and identify the problems.

OSBORN-I do not want to go to Modesto twice in one year.

PREF-We have not met at the State site in two years. We are open to change it.

(KONA ARRIVED AS PROXY FOR CBSR)

PREF-We could have it always here (at LAX).

Extensive discussion...leading to no clear proposals....

OLD BUSINESS

There was no legislation offered in the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

13-05-A Public Relations duty and title

KELLER-FIRESTONE-we need to update our by-laws to what we do. A VP would be elected, therefore, appointed, not elected.

PREF-it aligns practice to the by-laws.

JOHNSON-second

MOVED by Keller-Firestone. Second by Johnson.
PASSES-voice

13-05-B Eligibility

KARSON-this would update our by-laws to the new face of education in California. Any student could

Second by Kona (DUBEL)

FRASER-I am opposed because this does not mirror athletics. I had a student shop schools. He has a bigger budget and creates an unfair balance.

PREF-Schools are competing for enrollment. If we pass this we limit the ability for students to compete. I don't care how athletics deals with it because they have changed the rules recently. Mobility is not only about recruitment, the whole school is doing it. We may exclude too many.

OSBORN-as a coach from a charter school, I agree. I support this.

DUBEL-I agree with Greg. We have academies in our school. We are a school of choice...it makes it more fair for all.

MATLEY-We need to be inclusive. If the school and parent allow the transfer, let them compete.

KARSON-the current structure of the by-laws allows for a one-time public student to transfer a private school. There is an inequity currently. The NFL allows this.

GRABER-the attendance area language does not reflect reality.

OSBORNE-same here

KARSON-this is about transfer.

KAMEL-for sports there is a hardship appeal. Instead of voting now, let us remand it so we do not damage.

PREF-what is the damage? It is only a one-time transfer.

MOVED BY MCCOY. SECONDED BY JOHNSON
PASSES - voice

13-05-C-Paper in Parli

WOLF-this simply adds words to the existing language.

SECONDED BY JOHNSON

MOVED BY FRASER. SECONDED BY DUBEL
PASSES - voice

13-05-D-Definition of Evidence

WOLF-it has four places where in the by-laws we would insert the proper language. It assumes the evidence was read in the round. A bright line is created to evaluate and would add educational importance. One must read the evidence in the round. You cannot talk about something without citing it.

SECONDED BY KELLER-FIRESTONE

GRABER-I like this. In a PF round I judged there was much talk about opinion versus evidence. This is a Bill Clinton parsing. If I quote an opinion is that evidence?

WOLF-Yes.

WARDNER-empirical evidence is different. They must read it into the round to be evidence. It is meant to clarify the language.

KARSON-I agree and would add we felt this would help you coach your debaters to know what evidence is. We need the coaches to tell the students to follow this.

KELLER-FIRESTONE- We may have opposition.

MOVED BY UNDERWOOD. SECONDED BY WARDNER
PASSES - voice

13-05-E Judges in Final Rounds

WOLF-This clarifies the language of what we do. It is housekeeping.

Second-KELLER-FIRESTONE

FRASER-is it an issue insofar as the number of judges? Do we have the judges necessary?

GRABER-why are there fewer judges in IE finals than Debate finals?

WOLF-it is in order to make multiple preferences.

SAL-NFL has the same number of judges, speech and debate. Why are we not even?

FRASER-may we divide the motion?

Discussion followed....denied

PREF-We need to align the rules to what we do.

GRABER-this makes it so that coaches from the same area could judge the round?

WOLF-we have a set of procedures.

GRABER-if two areas are debating one area could have more judges from their area?

WARDNER-No.

GRABER-I am still confused. Codifying this makes me concerned.

WOLF-The judge house has a practice already.

FRASER-We have not done this before.

GRABER-I am not saying stacking judges would occur. But it means that it "could" happen...

UNDERWOOD- Let's pass this to get the wording consistent. If it is a warm body, it will judge. It does not matter.

MOVED BY MCCOY. SECONDED BY KARSON
PASSES - voice

13-05-F Awards

WOLF-We have two issues concerning the awarding of awards...we say Octo-finals but we have 20 in the field (15 in others) this makes the language correct. Our solution is simply to rank the top 20 in 64 and 15 in 48. We would rank the same way as we seed. At awards we would name their place rather than the round.

SECOND-SAL

MOVED BY LARSEN. SECONDED BY JOHNSON
PASSES - voice

13-05-G Selection of Byes

WOLF-this adjusts the language to reflect what we do with computer tab. We will come back with language that will be both cards and computer tab. We do not draw a bye, the computer selects it.

FRASER-recommendation for language clarity.

WOLF-you draw to the side that needs it.

FRASER-I withdraw my amendment

MOVED BY JOHNSON. SECONDED BY JAMES
PASSES - voice

13-05-H Ballot Review

WOLF-this only adds the language of the use of computers in review. It adds a computer to be used and furnished by CHSSA
MOVED BY WOLF

GRABER-is this a result of a complaint?

WOLF-No. We just need to allow a computer to be used for checking.

ABAD-the concept of ballot review is to have more eyes review. Shouldn't there be something that indicates a timeframe needed to review.

FRASER-we waited to allow that. My only concern is what happens if we don't have computers?

WOLF-then we would go to paper review.

FRASER-I worry that as we pass these things we need to know what we [CHSSA]

ABAD-It is not requiring it. Only recommending it.

MOVED BY WOLF. SECONDED BY DUBEL
PASSES - voice

13-05-I Evidence Challenges

WOLF-the rules for evidence challenges for PF were different than LD and Policy. We are making parity. This is housekeeping.
SECOND UNDERWOOD

GRABER-spelling and grammar recommendations made. Often students quote the rules when they do not know the rules.

FRASER-that is too much work.

KARSON-I agree but it is our job as coaches to teach them.

JAMES-spelling error mentioned.

MOVED BY JOHNSON. SECONDED BY JAMES
PASSES - voice

13-05-J Computers in Public Forum

WOLF-the debate committee supports this motion. We send it you with neither a recommendation or otherwise.

WARDNER-the students want to use computers in the round. It is a common practice in the event outside of State.

SECOND OSBORN

MATLEY-since we talked about this may we only hear from the opposition.

JOHNSON-I do not like being called irrational. First, you need to prepare a month ahead. Allowing computers means they will buy evidence and not research it. Two, cost is huge. Computers cost a lot of money. Third, this creates inequality. We do not give computers to all. My students cannot

afford computers. Fourth, get rid of PF and Parli if they're going to turn into policy – we don't need them.

SAL-I agree with Johnson. It is hard to afford Policy. PF is easy to understand. Parents like it. It is understandable and linked to Common Core better. If a student does not have means, diversity suffers. Keep it as is.

WOLF-I take umbrage. These are not mutually exclusive. In PF, you don't have time to read a lot of evidence. It is not an advantage to use computers in PF.

SAL-Why change it?

WOLF-It is about using the technology available. This is not about advantages.

MATLEY-PF is what it is. Very much an evidence based event. Computers will not change the event.

LARSEN-Evidence exchange is my problem. How do we do it with computers?

WARDNER-you have to give them the evidence. The burden is on the reader to provide the evidence.

FRASER-if I don't have a computer?

WARDNER-then you must hand them the computer.

KARSON-why do I need the computer?

WOLF-You don't! Exactly.

WARDNER-our top teams don't use computers. We don't want to print what we all ready have electronically.

JOHNSON-my whole point, and some others, we don't give computers away. (anecdotes followed)

MR B-I am bothered by this. When we first allowed computers into rounds we were told they needed them. This seems like a bait and switch.

MOVED BY WOLF. SECONDED BY MCCOY
DIVISION OF HOUSE 7-13-6. FAILS

13-05-K Computers in Congress

WARDNER-the feeling in our league is that this is a debate event and they should be allowed computers. To be prepared for three hours of debate needs the computer.

SECOND WOLF

OSBORN-cross-apply all previous comments.

CUMMINGS-are we going to have to monitor?

FRASER-it is a three minute speech.

MOVED BY FRASER. SECONDED BY JAMES
DIVISION OF HOUSE 2-21-1, FAILS

13-05-L Sweepstakes retraction

MOVED SAL

FRASER-it repeals the September Sweeps legislation.

SECOND ABAD

SAL-I brought this up before...I played within the rules and entered in Division 2. Bellarmine wins every year...but they are not the best speech team in the state. *Sal then recommended something not on the table*)

PREF-let us focus on this motion.

SAL-This may be my last meeting but I wish to address the Sweeps issue and I will have some one carry my motion in the future.

WARDNER-we are going to get rid of three tiers. I recommend we vote against it.

FRASER-A new proposal is needed. At this point there is something in the by-laws that is impossible. I cannot execute the status quo.

KARSON-your motion makes a top 20 right?

FRASER-correct.

KARSON-we wanted this before and voted for it.

MOVED BY UNDERWOOD. SECONDED BY DUBEL
DIVISION OF HOUSE 13-9, PASSES

Driggs requested to be excused. It was granted.

Curriculum Committee money requests

PRICHARD-Curriculum committee wants to add some dates to our meetings. We would meet Saturday and Sunday next January. In May we would like to have three days to work. They are asking to reconfigure their meetings.

PASSES - voice

PRICHARD-We are carrying over \$3500 from last year. I would like to ask for up to \$1000 to allow Lynette Williamson to attend for one year our committee. Also Paul Pinza to work with ESL.

PASSES -voice

PRICHARD-State tournament next year we want to a judges DVD and Parli DVD. Therefore we request \$10,000.

PREF- Just a comment as president: the judging DVD is going to cause much discussion. You may need more time than allotted. I offered the webinar as an alternative. I would suggest going for Parli first.

PRICHARD-Easy to adapt. We will also try a webinar.

MOVED BY UNDERWOOD. SECONDED BY JAMES
PASSES - voice

GRABER-we need a judging DVD.

PRICHARD-we are working towards that.

CUMMINGS-we could host it on a website instead of a DVD.

IE Committee money requests

DARLING-IE Committee would also like to get some money for extra days.

PREF-we need to look at how we deal with our work time during CHSSA meeting days.

MOVED BY DUBEL. SECONDED BY KARSON
PASSES - voice

PREF-please broadcast your meeting time so others may attend.

DARLING-July 23-24, 2013. We want to get the changes so that you may get the issues in August, discuss with your league.

GRABER-If we are updating script issues in September, and IE rules, please get the ideas to IE Committee as soon as possible.

GOOD OF THE BODY

Residency

PREF-residency in the state of California in order to compete in CHSSA events.

FRASER-the NFL contacted us to see if a West Virginia resident taking on line classes out of California could compete for California.

JOHNSON-our boundaries are old and out of date. We ought to reconsider this in the future. I will send out a survey this summer to see how it is going.

Funding of CHSSA reps to NFHS meeting

PREF-Chris Wolf will be attending the NFHS meeting since Chuck Ballingall is on the wording committee. The monies are all ready budgeted so there's no extra cost.

WOLF-And Chuck?

PREF-I worry who is representing CHSSA. That's who CHSSA can pay for. Is it you or Chuck?

WOLF-well....both.

PREF-is his cost covered by NFHS since he is on wording?

WOLF-I don't know.

PREF- We probably need to know that. Ok. [to council] All those in favor of funding Chuck's costs in addition to Chris' say Aye.

FAILS - voice

Meeting adjourned at 3:50

Submitted by Reed Niemi