

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:19 am

II. Caperton took attendance.

Proxies: Jerome Robinson (Kathy Graber), Ried Niemi (Zack Kopecki)

Absent: Chuck Ballingall, Kathy Graber, Zack Kopecki, David Chamberlain, Greg Osborn

III. Minutes from Sept 2011 meeting were circulated (the amended minutes will be posted online)

Correction: Johnson: Page 4 of 9 11-01-B, modify "...**shall not access the Internet or {to} communicate...**" add the word to in front of communicate

Minutes accepted as corrected

IV Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

- ^ 2013 State Tournament will be April 19-21st
- ^ Grand Cayman is great.

Vice President of Activities Kamel

- ^ State tournament is happening at Lowell High School. April 27-29th
- ^ Hotels will mainly be in the airport area, not in downtown San Francisco. It may take 45 minutes to an hour to get to Lowell from downtown.
- ^ Hotels near the tournament have a poor safety record, and even though they are cheaper CHSSA is recommending that you do not put your students lives at risk to save ten dollars. Please stay at the tournament hotels
- ^ March 22nd is the deadline to get online registration completes, March 29th is the deadline for paper registration. There is a \$150 fine for missing the deadlines.
- ^ Hotels will be available starting march 1st.
- ^ There will be a dinner dance this year, details are pending.
- ^ Remind coaches that if they send debate teams, they need to send qualified debate judges. All coaches should be judging unless you are working the Tab Room.
- ^ League Presidents need to support new attendees

General Discussion on how to improve the running of the Judges House

Case: there were several problems last year, due to late computers, human error, and a constantly shifting judging pool.

Kalashian: How about increasing the penalties?

Case: we raised the fees significantly last year, and even though we did not charge anyone the full penalty, schools are already complaining about being fined.

Kamel: Some people upset should know that allowances were generous for rounds missed versus fees charged. People should expect close monitoring of schools meeting judging requirements and subsequent fines for rounds missed. Schools – make sure the named judges show up at the right time so no one will be penalized and tournament will run more smoothly.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

VP report will be given during the committee report.

Treasurer Barenbaum

- ^ Report was emailed prior to the meeting. One student has changed schools and his scholarship was returned by the school, it will be forwarded to his new school.
- ^ Scholarships- Recommends an increase in scholarship to \$500 for all 2012 state champions, we have plenty of resources. However, we may have to step back in the amounts in the future. The one concern is that many students do not currently claim their scholarships and by raising the amount more students may claim the scholarship. No objections to raising the amount.
- ^ To improve the process for judging deposit refunds forms will be provided by the area chairs at registration for the state tournament and coaches will be able to record how they would like their refund to be distributed (either a refund or roll over the bond to next years dues)

Secretary

- ^ no report, minutes passed amended.

Historian Underwood

- ^ An total of 12 hall of fame interviews are available on youtube
- ^ League Presidents will have to February 15th to submit their hall of fame ballots
- ^ Each league gets two votes, which may be cast for a single candidate, or one for two candidates.
- ^ Less than half of the leagues vote, please vote.

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

- ^ Hosting the State Tournament- all lights are green
- ^ Parking is in a residential neighborhood, there are 2 hour parking limits on Friday until 4pm. There are parking lots but they will not be large enough to accommodate all the cars.
- ^ Food choices unavailable near Lowell, but food will be provided on site, most likely through food trucks.
- ^ Friday during registration, only coach should come and leave students somewhere else due to the parking crunch on Friday.

Area 2 Chair Darling

- ^ Still looking for a location for 2014, Delta College reports only 20 rooms available on Friday, so site will not work for us.

Area 3 Chair Kindred

- ^ State 2013 will be at West Ranch High April 19-21st in Santa Clarita (Magic Mountain sign visible from site)

Area 4 Chair Munsell

- ^ not hosting, nothing to report.

VI. Committee Reports**Congress Committee (Matley)**

- ^ Bills were submitted, and thanks to all of those who sent bills. Were able to choose several quality pieces of legislation. Created criteria for selecting bills. These criteria will be posted online after state 2012 for consideration at May meeting.
- ^ Looked through the judging instructions for the state tournament, but there were no judging instructions for Congress in the booklet they received. Dave will email instructions to Kamel.
- ^ The idea remains for including comments on the ballot, but congress judges already have enough paper. Will try to create a comment sheet could be used on JOT, but that likely won't be for this year.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

- ^ OI DVD is ready to go, the DVD will be distributed at the state tournament (Sample shown)
- ^ Requesting funding of \$1000 to distribute the DVDs using Laser Etching on the DVD to prevent the labels from sticking in the DVD players. ***No objections to funding.***
- ^ The video will be released online as soon as the physical DVD distribution is started.
- ^ The committee is making new video for this year on impromptu, which will conclude the California Speech Event DVD Series. Would like \$8,000 to complete the DVD. ***No objections to funding.***
- ^ Rita will be retiring from teaching this year. Will stay with the council through the development of the impromptu video. There is a job opening next year in Sacramento. Interested parties, experienced in speech, should contact Rita.

Debate Committee (Wolf)

- ^ Two new rule proposals under new business: one about the use of only handwritten notes in Parli. Another rule would allow electronic devices in parli prep similar to extemp prep.

Individual Events Committee (Darling)

- ^ nothing remanded. Working on streamlining the bylaws. Darling will submit a draft with highlighted changes and they will be posted online as soon as possible.
- ^ Extemp topics areas will be the same as last year, they will be posted online ASAP.
- ^ Brief discussion on expos, the committee fears that the event is moving from a speaking event to a graphic design event. Should we limit the VA's? Please discuss with your leagues and we will discuss the issue in May.

Discussion

Johnson: is there any discussion about the use of electronic devices in expos?

Darling: not yet, that needs to be a league discussion

Dave Matley: would advocate the elimination of VA's because some schools have gotten out of control with paid VA's.

Alexander: Question for IE committee, what is the feeling about the use of canned speeches in impromptu rounds?

Darling: currently being discussed, but not against the rules

Prefontaine: How would we possibly enforce – how could we determine if a speech is “canned”?

Public Relations Committee (Caperton)

- ^ PR Committee still working on getting all of the hall of fame videos up on youtube
- ^ School-tube Channel should be operational by the end of January
- ^ Committee worked on creating a PowerPoint presentation for people interested in starting a new program. The focus is on why schools should adopt a speech and debate program.
 - o The presentation will be available on the website with custom pages inserted for each league. A Prezi version will be forthcoming at the next council meeting.
- ^ Seeking approval to work on a 50-55 minute video for distribution to the media on the benefits of speech and debate. Seeking \$1,000 for the creation of the video.
- ^ Reid mentioned the use of the State Capitol conference room for the September 2012 meeting. The meeting would occur the weekend after Labor Day.

VII. Old Business: There is no Old Business.

VIII. New Business

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 12-01-A: M/ Johnson S/Underwood

This revision will be a(n): Addition to By-Laws: Article XI ,section 4 , paragraph C , page # 5

C. Preparation Time:

During preparation time, Parli teams will report to designated Prep areas and remain there until dismissed to go to their rounds. At the end of 20 minutes of preparation time, the First Proposition speech begins.

1. A topic is presented to both teams prior to the start of the round. The teams have 20 minutes of preparation time from the announcement of the topic to prepare for each debate.
2. Students may consult *their partner*, dictionaries, reference materials, and prepared notes during the preparation period. **Each Parliamentary debate contestant may make use of an electronic retrieval device to store and to retrieve their subject files. 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. Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the prep room at any time. All computers used in the prep room must be battery operated at all times. Contestants shall not access the Internet or to communicate All wireless capability must be turned off.**
3. The next speaker must get up to speak within 20 seconds of the preceding speech.
4. All speaking time must be timed, including “thank you’s” and “roadmaps.”

Rationale:

This addition allows Parliamentary debate competitors to use laptops for the retrieval of information only during preparation time and only in the preparation room. Competitors are still required to hand write on colored paper all quotation and/or facts they bring into the debate itself. This addition creates parity with the Extemporaneous Speaking rules passed at the last CSSC meeting.

Discussion

Johnson: makes sense to not have a separate prep box just for extemp. Debate committee agreed. Proposes that this would be effective for the state tournament this year.

Ralph: Why does the state care about his bill when we are limited to one event per student. Computers just mire the works. Against the use of computers.

June: Parli should be spontaneous and the use of computers would allow the creation of canned cases. Would like to hold on voting on this bill to seek guidance from her league.

Kamel: This would add nothing new, students can already have unlimited boxes, the research is there, it just lowers the amount of material they have to carry to the prep room.

Wolf: the fact that students can only take in handwritten notes keeps the event spontaneous. Students do not have access to data during the round, and using a canned speech has its own problems.

Barenbaum: friendly amendment to add language to include turning off the internal wifi on a computer.

Wolf: it is acceptable to him.

Kamel: should just change the language to exclude all wireless capability.

Wolf: Agreed, strike the last sentence and include new language. (see motion)

Johnson: Leagues follow state rules, and not passing this affects the leagues as well.

*Motion passes
[voice vote 16 ayes, 5 nay, 2 abstention/s]*

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 12-01-B: M/ Johnson S/Kindred

This revision will be a(n): Other change: Article XI ,section 4 , paragraph D , page # 6

2. Debaters are not permitted to read published material in the speeches of the debate to support their argument claims from anything other than their **handwritten** notes prepared during preparation time. Those notes may contain specific factual information (such as statistics) and/or hand transcribed quotations from published materials so long as full quotations are included in the notes as opposed to eclipsed versions of quotes (ellipses occur after the first word of the quotation and before the final word). Full citation to the referenced information or quotation must be included. The citation must include the name of the author, the source title, and the date. The opposing debaters may ask to see the debaters' notes containing any cited material as part of a Point of Information and the team reading the cited materials must show the handwritten notes, with citation, upon such request.

Rationale:

This revision emphasizes that the notes brought by competitors to the debate must be handwritten. It serves to reiterate the check against published and prepared materials being brought into the round as a facilitation for the use of computers in the preparation room.

*Discussion: none
Motion passes [voice vote-- unanimous]*

Kamel: Discussion on the fact that students are not allowed to share computers, they each must have their own, and cannot help each other.

Kalashian: is this in the rules?

Johnson: Yes

Kamel: We need to clarify the laptop rules in IE.

Prefontaine: There's no motion on the floor -- if you have a bylaw proposal, please submit it after lunch.

Recess for lunch at 11:40

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 12-01-C: M/Kamel S/3/4 vote of council
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Addition to Article IX, Section 1, A5

5. Use of Computers: Extemporaneous Speaking contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices to store and to 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.***

Students may consult published books, periodical articles, newspaper articles, think tank articles, government reports or journal articles saved on their electronic retrieval device or present in hard copy form provided:

a. There are no notations made within or on the saved article other than citation information.

b. Any highlighting or underlining of the articles is done in only one color within each article. Bolding, italicizing, or any other manipulation of the original text of sources (other than highlighting or underlining as previously stipulated) is prohibited. Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the prep room at any time. All computers used in the prep room must be battery operated at all times. Extemporaneous Speaking contestants shall not access the Internet or to communicate. ~~Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition.~~ All wireless capability must be turned off.

Discussion

Read: The supervisory job is going up this year -- with this it will make supervision easier.

Johnson: get rid of "retrieval"

Underwood: no change to paper extemp tubs

Kalashian: in prep you are not supposed to talk to one another anyway

Matley: this is a bit of overkill, most kids would like to have their own devices, but what happens if a device breaks? Could have potential negative ramifications.

Case: no difference between passing a magazine or a computer. Creating an inconsistency between hard and electronic copy.

Caperton: don't need another rule.

Johnson: shocked that team members help each other by passing around magazines. Kids need to stand on their own.

Kamel: the sharing of magazines was based on the cost of magazines, would like to keep the prep room as simple as possible.

Driggs: Prep instructions are very clear that no communication is prohibited.

Kalashian: things slip through the cracks, need to clarify directions

Matley: is passing a laptop to another competitor when you are done the same as sharing?

Kamel: Absolutely not. Passing a computer once done is not sharing a device.

Matley: need to send this to IE committee

Wolf: let's not worry about it until a protest has actually been lodged.

Niemi: the protest committee is the judicial body of the organization, let them decide. Chris Wolf is brilliant (laughter).

Voice vote: Inconclusive Division of the house Aye:12 Nay:11 Abstain: 1

Motion passes

Hall of Fame (Prefontaine):

- ^ There are 5 candidates for Hall of Fame this year, please look at the write ups. Dave Matley's write up will be handed out after lunch.
- ^ Ballots passed out for Hall of Fame candidates from the council.
- ^ Terry Abad Spoke on behalf of Jack Anderson-he was a cofounder of GGSA
- ^ Mikendra McCoy spoke on behalf of Craig Austin: He is a man of ethics and would like to see him be recognized for his work.
- ^ Gay Brasher also spoke on behalf of Craig Austin.
- ^ Karson Kalashian spoke on behalf of Craig Austin.
- ^ Linda Darling spoke on behalf of Craig Austin.
- ^ Sal Tinajero spoke on behalf of Craig Austin. "Cool son o' bitch"
- ^ Nermin Kamel spoke on behalf of Craig Austin
- ^ Einar Johnson spoke on behalf of Dave Matley, excellent coach that represents speech and debate extremely well at all levels.
- ^ Rita Prichard spoke on behalf of Dave Matley, constantly tries to improve anything he is involved in.
- ^ Reid Niemi spoke on behalf of Dave Matley
- ^ Gay Brasher spoke on behalf of Dave Matley
- ^ Terry Abad spoke on behalf of Dave Matley "Dave Matley Wake"
- ^ Jerome Robinson read a letter from Ali Taylor on behalf of Sarah Rosenberg.
- ^ Jennifer Osborn spoke on behalf of Sarah Rosenberg. Giving teacher who buys suits and ties for students in need. (cried)
- ^ Jennifer Kindred spoke on behalf of Sarah Rosenberg.
- ^ Gay Brasher spoke on behalf of Sarah Rosenberg. Read a note from Ryan Knowles praising Sarah Rosenberg.
- ^ Sal Tinajero spoke on behalf of Sarah Rosenberg.
- ^ Einar Johnson spoke on behalf of Tom Vavra. Tom has a long experience of service with his league and is a great coach.
- ^ Neil Barenbaum spoke on behalf of Tom Vavra.
- ^ Jerome Robinson spoke on behalf of Tom Vavra
- ^ Nermin Kamel spoke on behalf of Tom Vavra
- ^ A candidate needs 60% of votes turned in to earn a spot on the Hall of Fame. If a candidate receives 40% but less than 60% of the votes their candidacy will be rolled over to next year.

Ballots distributed, completed and handed to Ron Underwood, Historian.

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Caperton
For Chuck Ballingall
CHSSA Secretary