

I. The meeting was called to order by President Prefontaine at 9:34 a.m.

II. Secretary Ballingall called the roll.

Absent: GGSA President Abad, Area I Representative-At-Large Wolf, Area 3 Curriculum Rep.
CBSR President Chamberlain

Proxies: John Cardoza for Historian Donovan Cummings, Ticha Patanarapelers for Area 4
Curriculum Rep Greg Osborn, Lauren Litel for Area 2 Curriculum Rep Mikendra McCoy,
Mike Bietz for SCDL President's Representative

III. Minutes from January 2008 meeting were circulated

Correction:

Move to accept as corrected: M/ Kamel, S/Fernandes , passes unanimously

IV. Officer Reports

President Prefontaine

Have distributed evaluations for State Tournament, will compare to last year's.

Welcome Ron Underwood to Historian's position.

Thanks to Nermin for setting up Hall of Fame dinner; read letter from Larry Smith thanking all for the dinner.

Congratulations to Marcus Walton on new baby.

Congratulations to Chuck Ballingall for being elected to the NFL Hall of Fame.

Thanks to all for work done during State Tournament.

4 total protests, all were successfully resolved.

Received 2 letters regarding the tournament, 1 from a student complaining about the amount of trash left by students in the dining area, in addition trash in the judges' area was unacceptable. 2nd letter was from a competitor who was concerned about the behavior of a judge in a round. Encouraged league presidents to tell coaches to tell students to bring this to their attention immediately.

Call for candidates: no one spoke up to run for office against the incumbents.

Thanks to Paul Pinza for helping set up the Seder. Pinza mentioned that much of the credit should go to Sue Maltiel, a Bellarmine parent.

Vice President of Activities Kamel

Thanks to all who helped at State; thanks to Pit Bosses, Parli prep room monitors, local judge people, Gay Brasher with food, Natalie Weber organizing both Hall of Fame dinner and student dinner, Carmendale for working with the hotels. Thanks to Melan Jaich for all his help as liason to Santa Clara U. Thanks to Donovan for attending. Thanks to Paul Pinza for this production of the Awards Ceremony, and Hoon Ko for his help with tournament setup and judge assignment.

I.E. Committee had a long discussion about judges' training; perhaps Curriculum could produce a DVD or we could have a standing committee on judges. Should look into this in the future.

Prefontaine: Thanks also to Sheila McKay and Scott Schiechl for running timers.

Vice President of Curriculum Prichard

Very productive day yesterday, finishing filming of TI DVD. It will be distributed to all free of charge in January, preview to be shown in September.

Next project might be something to do with OPP; update the CHSSA website with templates for UC approval of courses, other work with curriculum materials, particular across the curriculum materials.

Will have legislation to present under New Business.

Prefontaine: Great that we are moving into areas with cross-curricular applications.

Vice President of Public Relations Fernandes

State Tournament: 3 hotels, used 400 rooms (1900 room nights)

Thanks to Nermin for the clocks presented to the Hall of Fame members

Thanks to Natalie for work on the 2 dinners (475 attended student dinner-dance, 38 to Hall of Fame Dinner); thanks to Paul for great job with Awards.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

Sept. 11-13 San Jose, Holiday Inn Intercontinental \$79 a night

Jan. : Somewhere near State Tournament

May: Somewhere in the southern part of the state.

Thanks to Sharon and Nermin, Area 1, for all their help with State.

Because the Sales Manager is new and there have been a few minor issues leading into this meeting, the hotel has decided not to charge us for the use of this room,

Treasurer Barembaum

Ask for approval to change banks from current Credit Union to a new bank nearer to home.

Ask for approval to get a withdrawl-only ATM card for the purposes of better managing the account
m/Kamel, s/Pinza, passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report was presented.

Secretary Ballingall

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

Editor Walton

Apologize for not having a Bulletin published; one can go out in June, otherwise we can wait until September.

Should we take ads for the Bulletin?

We can also post job openings, but need help in putting together a list.

Kamel: can we have the '07 and '08 results in the Bulletin?
Please give me content: students, fellow coaches, anyone.
Sorry wasn't at State, but my wife went into labor, daughter born Friday of State.

John Cardoza, proxy for Historian Cummings

Cummings emailed his report to Cardoza, would like to receive email at dorvisc@yahoo.com

Member of the Council since 1963, 3 major concerns upon leaving the Council:

1. Must have a published Bulletin, perhaps a corroboration between the Historian and the Editor would be helpful.
2. Many schools not in CHSSA: we should have outreach to the nonmember schools.
3. Declining entry numbers in debate events; should be investigated.

Thanks to Nermin, Ron Underwood, Natalie, and Melan Jaich for their efforts at the tournament.
Ron will do a great job as Historian.

“It took a long time, but I have finally entered the 21st Century. Respectfully submitted by email,
Donovan Cummings.”

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 2 Chair Darling (reelected)

Thanks to Area for their support
2010 Tournament will more than likely be in Bakersfield.

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

Tournament happened, and went better than expected. Thanks to all who helped, including:
Angel Grindon (Bellarmine parent) for coordinating judge recruitment
Gay Brasher for coordinating food service/hospitality for judges and coaches
Melan Jaich for use of facilities
Scott Schiechl and Sheila McKay -- two league coaches without State qualifiers -- for recruiting and managing all student volunteers (timers and ballot stuffers)
Janet Willford for organizing the collection of donations and the assembly of all goodie bags
Ron Grandia and BC Communications for the video montage.
Looking forward to the 2012 Tournament.

Area 3 Chair Novak

USC has fallen through as a site; Saturdays in spring are unavailable.
Culver City High School. The preferred weekend is April 24-26, but April 17-19 is possible. There is a middle school across the street.
Kamel: For purposes of planning qualifiers, etc., plan on the earlier weekend. Emailed a list of dates to each Area Chair that cannot be used for future State Tournaments.

***m/Ballingall, s/Johnson: “It is the sense of this Council that the 2009 State
Tournament be held at Culver City HS on the weekend of April 24-26.”
passes, unanimously***

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Will have a site for 2011 soon; possibly Cypress College.
Concerned about coach retention, given RIFs and cutbacks in programs

VI. Committee Reports

Individual Events Committee (Kamel)

We will comment as by-laws revisions are proposed.

Debate Committee (Ballingall)

Will present Mark Hamilton's resolution to allow use of computers in debate under New Business.

General Parliamentary Debate discussion:

Parli topics: Petit: too much emphasis on policy? Alternate policy/value/fact in 1st 3 rounds.

Graber: Open ended topics? No. May we have last year's topics. Yes.

Cardoza: Should align topic areas with state standards in Social Science

Read: Concern over teams being allowed to consult other students on teams, haves vs. have-nots.

Pinza: Did the prep room work? Read: Double entry made topic announcement problematic.

Petit: Outlines become canned speeches, debate cases Kamel: right now purposely vague, because different areas do things differently.

Walton: Why not open resolutions?

Graber: What was Donovan's concern regarding entries? Cardoza: Cummings feels that different areas should be allowed to allocate entries in the 4 debate entries according to the strengths of each area.

Congress Committee (Matley)

Thanks to Nermin, CFL and Melan Jaich for all their help in running a successful State Tournament.

Have been working on revising and writing a complete set of By-laws for years. Will be submitting a brand new Article 13 regarding Congress. This is a clean-up and set of minor changes to the current By-laws.

2 guests visited the Congress Committee at State with a proposal for a Congress Manual, including student and coach information, Parliamentary Procedure, etc. Would like to get any proposals for material that individual leagues and schools have. Any materials should be sent to Dave Matley; Einar Johnson will be headed up the effort to write the manual.

Problem at State: no-shows. In future, students who must miss a round due to illness won't be reseated until they show up physically to the Tab Room and say they will be in the next round; any student missing 2 rounds will not be allowed to continue.

Nermin: Do we need nametags? David: No, shouldn't be necessary.

Will try to generate a template for writing bills/resolutions for Congress.
Still having problems with having legislation turned in on time from the leagues.

Prichard: Suggest that when the manual is produced, copies of the Congress DVD be included as a way of promoting Congress.

Curriculum Committee (Prichard)

Nothing further to report.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

Election of Officers

President Prefontaine, VP Activities Kamel and VP Curriculum Prichard stood for reelection without opposition, and were reelected unanimously.

President Prefontaine declared the meeting in recess at 11:36 a.m. to resume at 12:45 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 12:54 p.m.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-A: M/Matley, S/Firestone

Article XIII:
A complete revision of Article XIII was presented to the Council (due to the length of the revision, it is appended to these minutes).

Matley explained both the proposed clarifications to the By-Laws as well as the proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Graber: Should be recorded at 10 to the 12, 10 to the 13th, etc.

Johnson: We track true cum both ways, thus info will be available on the computer spreadsheet.

Kamel: Can we look at this over summer and make suggestions to Congress Committee?

Matley: Would prefer to pass now, make revisions later if necessary.

Passes unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-B: M/Hamilton, S/Minick

Article XI , section 2, paragraph J, p.4
Article XI , section 3, paragraph E3, p.7
Article XI , section 5, paragraph F1, p.10 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):
~~Debaters shall not utilize computers for any reason during the debate round.~~

Hamilton: Should move into the modern age. Haves vs. have nots? That will always been the case; actually could level the playing field; some schools will be able to check them out to team. Should be able to print evidence out when called for.

Johnson: 1. Invitational, hard drive crashed, created a problem in round. 2. Impossible to enforce internet prohibition. 3. Does inhibit speaking skills. Seen examples of poor speaking. 4. Tremendous disservice to kids if we teach them this is a computer-only society, and that we never default to

paper. 5. Great disparity; laptops not universally available. We are a communicative organization that teaches students how to speak.

Pinza: Until digital teleprompter becomes prevalent, internet access a huge problem.

Walton: decision for individual schools to determine what they use to compete. Not our role to tell them what to use. Problems brought up by Johnson are not problems. Regarding internet access, it can probably be turned off, and I like to believe that people will not cheat. Finding evidence during a round given the prep time limitations will not lead to success. Speaking skills aren't an issue because teams who will use computers during speeches won't win anyway.

Bietz: cost: airlines are charging money for luggage, will overcome cost of laptops. Cheating not a problem. Speaking skills: business meetings use laptops.

Pettit: Considered both sides in committee. Cheating can happen, both in speech and debate. Speaking skills will be checked by coaches. Already haves and have nots.

Ballingall: Can include direction on the ballot regarding speaking skills. TFA guidelines on the use of computers. NFL experience. No evidence of cheating.

Cardoza: Arguments regarding use during as opposed to before.

Barembaum: Issue of communication during round. Can't disable Macs, turning built-ins on and off difficult to detect. Cheating happens, will use internet to communicate. Need a specific penalty for access. If have to have a print out, what is purpose of that.

Johnson: Preparation is part of what we're about. What will prevent them from getting access to info during rounds. Electronics one of the biggest areas of cheating. Tubs: I don't fly anywhere. Highlights disparity issue. Speaking skills: policy debate has denigrated from excellent activity to something bogged down and terrible; we allowed it to happen. Why give students a tool that will allow them to denigrate the activity even further.

DeBoer: Standards to use technology in our classes, no good to deny the existence of technology, we would be more effective in getting to know the technology to help prevent cheating.

Caperton: Flowing on a laptop better; as to cheating, students will be able to check each other, they will self-monitor.

Cardoza: Mission Statement. Goal #3, 9, 10. One can only cheat if you have a rule to break. What is the problem with using the internet?

Bietz: Possibly increase disparity between haves and have nots.

Motion fails, 9-14

Prefontaine: Please discuss this issue with leagues.

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-C: M/Prichard, S/Underwood

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph A1b, p.9 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):
No contestant may enter the same selection in two state qualifying events. A selection is any quotation from a work ~~in excess of~~ **of no less than** 150 words or a complete work of fewer than 150 words.

Keller-Firestone: clarifies current practice, 151 words not required currently, only 150.

Motion passes unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-D: M/Kamel, S/Keller-Firestone

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph A1f, p.9 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)
Article IX , section 3 , paragraph B1f, p.11
Article IX , section 3 , paragraph C1f, p.14
Article IX , section 3 , paragraph D1f, p.16:
All contestants must use ~~published~~ materials **published prior to September of the current traditional school year.**

Kamel: arose from a script that was worked on and edited over the course of the year and then published in March, putting others at a disadvantage because it hasn't been readily available to others.

Cardoza: Proposes friendly amendment to say "prior to the competitive year." Kamel: not accepted.

Johnson: Should coaches be allowed to publish their own scripts.

Graber: This would prevent working on a script at a summer camp and having it published.

Underwood: This won't prevent a coach from writing a script and publishing for themselves, which is the issue.

Graber: Friendly amendment to exclude OI.

Cardoza: Object to the consideration of the question, violation of by-law that requires remand to committee, motion defeated.

Graber: This penalizes everyone for the bad practices of one coach. Scripts that come in after January 1 may be the perfect script.

Pinza: Issue of timely material isn't exclusive to OI. This isn't a question of publication date; current by-laws say no student produced work.

Fails, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-E: M/de Boer, S/Underwood

Article X, section 2, paragraph D3, p.3 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):
c. During tabulation of individual events, if there are violations noted, with the exception of time violations, a good faith effort will be made by the pit boss and tournament director to contact the coach of record prior to the next round of that event or prior to the awards in the case of the final round.

deBoer: should let coach know of violation in finals, since there is no recourse.

Pinza: does this contradict our current practice of ballot review?

Pettit: should take care of any violation before tabulation of results so we don't lodge protests to move students up in rank.

Kamel: Should be able to fix violations so they don't recur.

Kamel proposes a friendly amendment: good faith effort be made to notify coach of any violations at any time during the tournament. (accepted)

Pinza: could lodge the coach protest before next round? Kamel: Yes.

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-F: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Underwood

Article IX, section 3, paragraph D1h, p.17 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

Manuscript Requirements: Photocopies of interpretation selections including title pages (and table of contents if from an anthology) and the publisher page must be submitted with each contestant's entry to the State Qualifying Tournament. Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles need not have a publisher page. Each page used in the interpretation must be copied in its entirety. Words not used in the cutting must not be crossed out The portion(s) of the author's work being used in the interpretation must be highlighted. **Each of the three selections including the identification materials (copyright, title page) shall be highlighted in a different color.** League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson proper photocopies of all contestant interpretations which have qualified for the State Tournament.

Keller-Firestone: much easier for Area Chairs.

Darling: proposed a friendly amendment: "selections... INCLUDING THE IDENTIFICATION MATERIALS (copyright, title page)...shall be..." (accepted)

Passes, unanimously

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-G: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Ballingall

Article III , section 11 , paragraph M, p.11 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

M. No later than three weeks prior to each State Qualifying individual events tournament, each League President shall conduct a meeting with a committee of coaches from that league for the purpose of collecting, recording, and reviewing all scripts and manuscripts entered in the State Qualifying tournament. Within one week following the review meeting, the League President will return to each school any of their scripts and manuscripts that need revision. The revised script(s) must then be returned to the President or his/her designee at least a week before the tournament. That the revision has been made will be recorded. All scripts/manuscripts will be stored by event and the entire collection will be available at each State Qualifying individual events tournament. Prior to the beginning of the semi-final round, the script/manuscript for each student advancing to the semi-final round will be verified; if no script/manuscript is available, the student will not advance to the semi-final round and the next student in order will be advanced, pending verification of his/her script/manuscript.

Kamel: IE Committee felt that leagues should be able to check their scripts as they see fit.

Underwood: If League President has a great system, shouldn't force change.

Kindred: President has to sign it, has to read it anyway.

Johnson: Many more script errors, as President I read and sign them individually, committee will introduce errors.

deBoer: Time frame too long. Area Chairs checklist and President's checklist aren't the same; perhaps Presidents should have same list. Issues aren't when we meet and how we collect them.

Munsell: OCSL had fewer scripts to kick back, had 49 scripts to send back, reading until the State Tournament.

Graber: On cover sheet, script must be in 10 days before qualifier.

Hamilton: 3 weeks is too early; too close to winter break.

Johnson: move to remand to IE Committee to revise language relating to the Area Chairs, not to regulate leagues and their practices before League Finals.

Motion to remand to Individual Events Committee passes

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-H: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Pettit

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph A1h, p.10 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

h. Manuscript Requirements: Photocopies of interpretation selections including title pages (and table of contents if from an anthology) and the publisher page must be submitted with each contestant's entry to the State Qualifying Tournament. Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles need not have a publisher page. Each page used in the interpretation must be copied in its entirety. Words not used in the cutting must not be crossed out. The portion(s) of the author's work being used in the interpretation must be highlighted. League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson proper photocopies of all contestant interpretations which have qualified for the State Tournament. All **introductory and** transitional ~~and updating~~ material shall be typewritten or printed neatly and inserted into the selection and underlined.

Unpublished material used for introductions and transitions of interpretations shall be the original work of the contestant. Published materials used for introductions and transitions of interpretations shall follow all manuscript requirements.

Introductions and transitions ~~and other added material~~ must not change the author's intent.

Kamel: IE Committee reported negatively, continued updating should be allowed; concern is adding jokes, different characters; that falls outside the definition of all introductory and transitional material already, so not allowed. This new rule wouldn't add to the ban because one already exists.

Cardoza: What is the definition of "other added materials"

Johnson: proposed a friendly amendment to leave updating in (not accepted)

Matley: kids try to get creative in their use of transitional and introductory material.

Pinza: What does this proposal actually do?

Graber: Given the context of where the revision is made; the bylaw revision actually does the opposite of what is suggested because it removes the phrase "and other added material" from the author's intent section.

Matley: Motion to remand to committee to clarify the revision and clarify the definition of "other added material" and "updating"

Motion to remand to Individual Events Committee passes

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-I: M/Keller-Firestone, S/Hamilton

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph B1h, p.12 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

h. Manuscript Requirements: Photocopies of interpretation selections including title pages (and table of contents if from an anthology) and the publisher page must be submitted with each contestant's entry to the State Qualifying Tournament. Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles need not have a publisher page. Each page used in the interpretation must be copied in its entirety. Words not used in the cutting must not be crossed out The portion(s) of the author's work being used in the interpretation must be highlighted. **Each contestant's part will be highlighted in a different color.** League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson proper photocopies of all contestant interpretations which have qualified for the State Tournament.

Hamilton: Does the current rule say that the division between partners has to be exactly 50/50.

Keller-Firestone: No; approximately 50/50

DeBoer: There are lots of non-verbal parts of an interpretation and it is impossible to measure this if you just look at the script.

Cardoza: Creating a rule makes it possible for people to cheat; Sometimes in DUO they speak the same lines... highlighting would get messy Graber: already a rule that they have balance; this will lead to more script errors.

Matley: 3rd color for lines said together?

DeBoer: How does this make our lives easier?

Graber: performance responsibility doesn't mean speaking.

Pinza: good for students to have to go through and highlight.

Kamel: This isn't really an issue; but we're making this process unnecessarily more difficult and complicated. This is an issue we can leave to judges.

Motion fails, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-J: M/Kamel, S/Johnson

Article X , section 1 , paragraph A3, p.1 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

3. Contestants shall be changed from one panel to another to avoid paneling together the following in the precedence listed:
- a. Contestants from the same school.
 - b. Contestants with the best ranks from the preceding round(s).
 - c. Contestants from the same League.
 - d. Contestants who have competed against each other in preceding rounds.
 - ~~e. Contestants with the same selection in OI, DI, HI & Duo.~~
 - ~~f. Contestants from the same Area. This is impossible, but seven panels should have a balance of areas in each panel.~~

Kamel: Language makes things so much more difficult now in pairing and tabbing, especially by computer.

Motion passes, voice vote

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-K: M/Kamel, S/Munsell

Article IX , section 3 , paragraph B2a, p.12 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

a. Performance: The selection must be memorized; scripts are not permitted. The performance must begin and end from the center stage area. Contestants must remain in the center stage area throughout the performance. During the performance, off-stage focus (meaning contestants may not look directly at each other) must be employed by both contestants; during presentation of narration, or transitional material, eye contact should be made with the audience. The contestants may react to each other's verbal and/or non-verbal expressions, but they may not touch each other. **In the event of accidental touching, the duo will be penalized one rank for each touch. In the event of planned touching, the duo will be given last place in the round. This penalty will be deducted by the tab room staff and not by the judges.** Contestants may touch and make eye contact during introductory material.

Kamel: Default penalty for violations with unenumerated is making the student last in the round. This penalty is too great.

Underwood: Good actors can make an intentional or unintentional bump look unintentional.

Johnson: Kids are getting closer together to push the envelope, we shouldn't encourage them.

Kindred: Putting them in smaller rooms, accidents increase.

Motion passes, 15-4

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-L: M/Novak, S/Pinza

Article IX, section 2, paragraph A1d, p.3 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

Article IX, section 2, paragraph B1d, p.5

Article IX, section 2, paragraph C1d, p.6

Article IX, section 2, paragraph D1d, p.7

Article IX, section 3, paragraph A1g, p.9

Article IX, section 3, paragraph B1g, p.11

Article IX, section 3, paragraph C1g, p.14

Article IX, section 3, paragraph D1g, p.16

Violations of general and/or specific rules, except as noted, shall **be penalized by a lowering of one rank unless otherwise noted.** ~~result in the contestant being ranked no higher than seventh (7th) place in the round(s) in which the violation occurs, and/or being disqualified.~~

Kamel: Changes default penalty on unenumerated violations to one rank lowering as opposed to last in the round.

Motion to remand to the IE Committee passes

MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 08-05-M: M/Kamel, S/Hamilton

Article IX , section 3, paragraph A4, p.2 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken):

4. Bonus entries: A bonus of seven entries per existing individual event will be added (one panel), using the following formula (Appendix G: worksheet):

a. Based on the previous three years' State Tournaments and total league entries, the number of sweepstakes points earned shall be divided by the total number of allocated league entries.

b. This number is to be used to rank the leagues in order.

c. The top seven leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.

d. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Tournament, a league must average a .75 sweepstakes points per entry or better.

e. Any bonus entry remaining shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest percentage of sweepstakes points per entry.

f. Tie-Breaker. In the event of ties between leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater percentage of sweepstakes points over the past 4 years. If still tied, then past 5 years, etc.

Graber: taking entries away from leagues is counterproductive. Rewards the usual suspects.

Kindred: We would pick up an extra bonus (smallest).

Pinza: .75 means 3 points for every 4 entries.

Bietz: Bonuses = entrenches advantages for those who already do well.

Consideration postponed to next meeting

Prefontaine: At the next meeting, we need to consider consider single entry and sweepstakes.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Chuck Ballingall
CHSSA Secretary

ARTICLE XIII: The State Tournament – Congress Rules

Section 1. Description

A State Congress shall be a regular contest of the CHSSA State Tournament. Said Congress shall have six preliminary houses of 15 members each. The members shall be chosen as 21 Congress persons from each of the four Areas plus bonus entries as allocated according to Article VII, Section 3, plus Presiding Officer contestants from each Area. All Congress contestants must follow the rules specified in the CHSSA Constitution, By-Laws, and Congress Handbook. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. No visual aids or props may be used during any round of Student Congress.

Section 2. Qualifiers

All delegates to the Congress must have qualified for such a position at an earlier League qualifying Congress within each Area. Those qualifying Congresses shall be run according to the rules of the State Congress as much as possible.

Section 3. Presiding Officers

Each League shall assign one presiding officer to the State Congress. There shall be a total of twelve presiding officers per State Congress.

- A. Each presiding officer shall be selected by at League qualifying Congresses. Presiding officers shall compete only as presiding officers, whereas the delegates to the State Congress shall be selected by a panel of adult judges without Congress contestant input. Those state qualifying League contests in which no presiding officer candidate is to be selected for the State Congress shall treat all participants as potential state qualifying delegates to the State Congress.
- B. Each presiding officer elected to the State Congress shall, as much as is possible within an Area, come from different Leagues within an Area.
- C. Presiding officer contestants cannot be eligible for "best speaker-delegate" awards.

Section 4. Submission of Bills/Resolutions

- A. Bills and resolutions shall come from 6 topic areas chosen by the fall CSSC meeting of the congress committee.
- B. Each League shall prepare one bill and one resolution per topic area according to the following:

	LEAGUE	TOPICS
Area I	Coast Forensic League	2,4,6
	Golden Gate Speech Association	1,3,5
Area II	Southern Valley League	1,3
	Sacramento League	2,5
	Yosemite Forensic League	4,6
Area III	Southern California League	1,3,6
	Tri-Valley League	2,4
	West Bay League	1,2,5
	Mar Monte League	3,6
Area IV	San Diego Imperial Valley League	2,5
	Citrus Belt League	1,6
	Orange County League	4,3

- C. All bills and resolutions shall be typed in proper form on one side of 8.5 by 11 paper shall be submitted to the chair of the State Congress Committee by December 1 via certified mail or facsimile. The League submitting the bill/resolution shall indicate its name on the resolution. Any League not complying shall be assessed a \$100 late fee to be paid CHSSA before April 1. All fine moneys for failure to submit Congress resolutions shall be placed in the general scholarship fund.
- D. The Congress Director shall meet with the Congress Committee at the winter CSSC meeting. The Congress Committee will write/design all legislation for the State Tournament or select from any bills submitted with right to modify or revise submitted material. The Congress Committee shall select seven (7) bills/resolutions to be distributed to the coaches of qualified delegates. The Congress Director shall prepare the Student Congress Handbook inclusive of the seven (7) selected bills/resolutions and have it made available to students thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the state tournament.
- E. The Congress Committee shall designate one bill/resolution for each session, and they shall be announced prior to the start of the tournament.

Section 5. Paneling of Congressional Contestants

- A. There shall be four preliminary legislative sessions of ninety minutes each. Sessions 1 and 2 shall be randomly pre-matched and then balanced to avoid to the extent possible contestants meeting from the same school, the same League and the same Area.
- B. Placement of students on the seating chart should be adjusted each session to avoid contestants placed in the same seat and row.
- C. Session 3 and 4 shall be matched after the results for the previous two sessions are tabulated using the precedence listed in Section 5D below. All subsequent rounds shall be matched after the results are recorded from the previous round.
- D. Contestants shall be changed from one panel to another to avoid paneling together in the precedence listed:
 - 1. Contestants from the same school.
 - 2. Contestants with the best ranks from the preceding round(s).
 - 3. Contestants from the same League.
 - 4. Contestants who have competed against each other in preceding rounds.
 - 5. Contestants from the same Area (balanced as much as possible)
 - 6. Contestants placed in the same seat and row.

Section 6. Semi-Final Unicameral Session

- A. Twenty-eight members shall be selected for semi-final competition based on low cumulative ranks in the four preliminary sessions. Ties shall be resolved with the following criteria:
 - 1. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in the preliminary rounds.
 - 2. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. on all judge ballots in the preliminary rounds.
 - 3. Judge preference if met in previous round.
 - 4. If ties cannot be resolved by the above method, those tied shall advance to the semi-final round.
- B. Two houses, designated A and B shall have fourteen members each.
- C. Each chamber shall discuss and act on the bill/resolution assigned to the semi-final session.
- D. The semi-final sessions shall consist of ninety (90) minutes.

Section 7. Final Bicameral Session

- A. There shall be two final sessions of Congress. Fourteen congresspersons shall be chosen on a low cumulative score basis using all semi-finalist judge ballots added to the preliminary cumulative rank totals, with ties resolved using the following criteria.
1. Lowest total cum in the semi-final round only, speakers tied need not be in the same panel.
 2. Judge's preference in the semi-final round if both speakers were in the same panel
 3. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in the semi-final round
 4. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in round ranks of all rounds including the semi-final round.
 5. All individual judges' decisions from all rounds on a low cumulative basis.
 6. Greatest number firsts, seconds, etc. awarded by individual judge's in all rounds.
 7. Judges preference if met previously.
- B. Each final session shall have 90 minutes of debate time. The first session shall close followed by a ten minute recess to be followed by the opening of a second session of the final round.
- C. Each session shall discuss and act on one of the two bills/resolutions which were assigned to the final sessions by the Congress Committee.
- D. Each semi-final session shall select one presiding officer by popular vote to preside over one-half of the final sessions.
- F. Contestants in the final sessions shall be assigned seats by the Congress Committee.

Section 8. Official Scorers/Scoring.

- A. There shall be three official scorers in each chamber serving for each preliminary session. The three judge's scores shall be added together for each contestant. Any contestant not ranked 1-9 shall receive a score of 10. The cum (sum of the three judge's scores) will then be used to determine a contestant's rank within the session relative to other contestants within that session. Ties shall be broken in the following manner:
1. Two-way ties shall be broken by judge preference
 2. Three and four-way ties shall not be broken in any panel. Each contestant involved in a three or four-way tie shall be awarded the better middle position for which the speakers are tied. For other contestants in the panel, the next position after the tie ranking shall be eliminated.
- B. There shall be five official scorers in each semi-final session.
- C. There shall be nine official scorers serving in the final sessions.
- D. Each scorer shall choose 1st through 15th Best Speaker for each preliminary session. For tabulation purposes any contestant not ranked 1st through 9th shall receive a score of 10.
- E. Each scorer shall choose 1st through 14th best speaker for each semi final session and for the final session. For tabulation purposes any contestant not ranked 1st through 9th shall receive a score of 10.
- F. Each scorer shall be provided a copy of the assigned legislation, a seating chart of contestants, and an official ballot.

Section 9. Final Score

- A. First through fourteenth best speakers shall be computed on a low cumulative score basis using the total ranks from the four preliminary rounds added to the total of all scorers' ballots in the semifinal and final sessions.

B. Ties shall be resolved by the following criteria:

1. Lowest total cum in the final round only.
2. Judge's preference in the final round.
3. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in the final round.
4. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in round ranks of all rounds including the semi-final round.
5. All individual judge's decisions from all rounds on a low cumulative basis.
6. Greatest number firsts, seconds, etc. awarded by individual judge's in all rounds.
7. Judges preference if met previously.

Section 10. Presiding Officer Competition

- A. The presiding officer competition shall consist of a total of 12 presiding officers with one presiding officer representing each league. In every round, each presiding officer will serve half of the session with the exception of the final round in which each presiding officer shall preside for one of the two final sessions.
- B. Presiding officers will alternate from first position to second position in preliminary rounds to the extent possible. In semi-final and final rounds, positions shall be determined by coin toss.
- C. The paneling of the presiding officers for the first two preliminary rounds shall be assigned randomly.
- D. In all subsequent rounds presiding officers will be changed from one panel to the next to avoid paneling together in the following precedence:
1. Contestants from the same school.
 2. Contestants with the best ranks from the preceding round(s).
 3. Contestants from the same League.
 4. Contestants who have competed against each other in preceding rounds.
 5. Contestants from the same Area (balanced as much as possible)
- E. The four presiding officers shall be selected for the semi-final round based on the following criteria:
- a. Students in each of the preliminary sessions must vote for the best presiding officer in that session. The presiding officer with the greatest number of votes in each session will be given a "win". The four presiding officers with the most "wins" will advance to the semi-final round.
 - b. Ties shall be broken in the following precedence:
 1. Head-to-head competition.
 2. Total number of student ballots.
 3. Greatest number of judge ballots.
 4. Special election by all semi-finalists
- F. The presiding officers for the semi-final round shall be paired on a high-low basis using the following criteria:
1. Greatest number of wins.
 2. Head-to-head competition.
 3. Total number of student ballots.
- G. The winner of each semi-final chamber, determined by the greatest number of student ballots will serve in the final round. Ties shall be broken by judge's preference.
- H. The presiding officer champion is determined by the greatest number of both student and judge ballots in the final round.

Section 11. Recognition of Delegates

Delegates shall be recognized on a priority system. Each shall receive six numbered cards to be used in numerical order (1-6). Delegates shall receive the following number of priority cards to be used in numerical order (1-6).

1. Six cards in preliminary sessions.
2. Two cards in the semi-final session.
3. Three cards in final session.

Only official CHSSA priority cards are to be used. Any delegate who attempts to speak by use of a counterfeit, imitation, simulated, or otherwise unofficial priority card will be disqualified from the State Tournament. Furthermore, the Presiding Officer who recognizes the speaker using a counterfeit, imitation, simulated or otherwise unofficial priority card will also be disqualified from the State Tournament. Delegates who lose or misplace their official priority cards must immediately appeal, in person, to the Congress Committee. Upon investigation, the Congress Committee may replace some or all of the missing priority cards at the Congress Committee's discretion. A delegate who has exhausted his/her supply of numbered cards may be recognized to speak if those holding cards choose not to be recognized. The procedure shall begin anew at the beginning of the semifinal session and at the beginning of the final sessions.

Section 12. Cross-Examination

Speakers for and against a bill/resolution are limited to three minutes plus one minute of cross examination. Questioners shall be recognized at the discretion of the presiding officer. Questioners are limited to one question per recognition. Speakers shall not be interrupted during the three-minute speaking period.

Section 13. Punctuality

Any delegate who is ten minutes or more late for a session shall not be seated except by permission of the Congress Director or designee.

Section 14. Resolutions and Amendments

No bills or resolutions are in order other than those provided by the Congress Committee. Amendments which do not alter the intent of the bill/resolution are in order if germane and submitted in writing in double-spaced typed form to the Congress Committee for approval of form and specific applicable content. This Committee approval may be sought at any time prior to the session in which the amendment will be used. Upon approval, the written amendment must be submitted to the Presiding Officer before gaining the floor. Those speaking on an amendment must surrender a priority card. No amendments to the amendment shall be in order.

Section 15. Adjournments and Recesses

Motions to adjourn or recess are not in order unless called for by the agenda.

Section 16. Rules of Procedure

Participants in the State Congress shall not be permitted to suspend the above stated rules. A motion to impeach the presiding officer is out of order.