



Number: 0519A

Disposition: _____

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Allow Authorship Speeches in Congress

Submitted by: Congress Committee Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ , section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____



Addition to By-Laws: Article XIII, section 19, paragraph 1, page #73

Other change: Article _____ , section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

Section 19. Authorship Speeches

Speeches introducing legislation are allotted up to three minutes, followed by two minutes of questioning by other competitors. Any contestant from the school who wrote the legislation gets the privilege of recognition (called authorship), regardless of precedence.

- A. Should no student from the authoring school be present in the chamber to claim authorship, the presiding officer may recognize a sponsor from the chamber to give a sponsorship speech, following the regular priority system.
- B. In the event that more than one student from the same school is present in the chamber, priority will be given to the student from that school with the least speeches. If tied, priority will go to student from that school who has spoken least recently.
- C. Any contestant giving the authorship or sponsorship speech must relinquish their next priority card, following numerical order.
- D. Whether an authorship or a sponsorship speech, the introduction speech shall be followed by a two-minute questioning period. During the two-minute cross-examination in all rounds, questioners are limited to one question per recognition.

Rationale:

Authorship provides an incentive for schools to submit legislation that they have recently written and is of a higher quality than we sometimes receive. Following NSDA practice, if the school is not represented in the chamber, the privilege is extended to their closest neighbors.



Number: 0519B

Disposition: _____

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Include Direct Questioning in Congress at the State Tournament

Submitted by: Congress Committee Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____, section _____, paragraph _____, page # _____



Addition to By-Laws: Article XIII, section 12, paragraph 1 & 2, page #72

Other change: Article _____, section _____, paragraph _____, page # _____

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

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.

- A. **In preliminary rounds**, questioners are limited to one question per recognition.
- B. **In semi-final and final rounds, direct questioning shall be used. The presiding officer will recognize two questioners for a cross-examination period of no more than 30 seconds each.**
- C. **Direct questioning shall not be used for authorship or sponsorship speeches.**

Speakers shall not be interrupted during the three-minute speaking period.

Rationale:

By adding direct questioning to the semi-final and final rounds of Congress, we are continuing to align our practices with the NSDA. Direct questioning allows for a more thorough cross-examination of the speaker, enhancing the debate aspects of Congress. It also helps to better prepare the competitors for real world applications of the event.

Number: 0519C

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Clarify Genres for TI/POI**

Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_IX__ ,section 4 , paragraph a1 , page #_43
- ⑦ Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

- 1) Each program is to contain two or more separate selections or cuttings from different works. At least two pieces of literature that represent at least two separate genres (**prose, poetry, or drama**) must be used. Competitors are encouraged to devote approximately equal times to each of the genres used in the program.

Rationale:

This was in the rationale when TI/POI was introduced. This is to clear up any questions as to what the genres are.

Number: 0519D

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: General Interp Rules to exclude TI/POI from selection of 150 words

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Addition to By-Laws: Article IX , section 3 , paragraph A , page #39
- Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

Section 3. Interpretation of Literature Events: Dramatic and Humorous, Duo, Oratorical, and Thematic/Program Oral****

- A. General Rules for all Interpretation of Literature Events:
 - 1. Selections
 - a. A selection is any quotation from a work of no less than 150 words or a complete work of fewer than 150 words, **with the exception of TI/POI.**

Number: 0519E

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Add Official Timers for Final Round of Spontaneous Events

Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 1, paragraph A2 , page #_36

Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

2. Time: Each contestant shall be given time signals for at least the final two minutes, one minute, and half a minute of the contestant's speech. If these minimal time signals are not provided, then the contestant may not be penalized for going over the time limit. If these minimal time signals have been provided and the contestant exceeds the time limit by more than 15 seconds, the speaker will be penalized by a lowering of one rank by tab room officials. **For each final round, a tournament official or designee shall serve as the official timer and will provide the time signals to the contestants. This may be extended to the semi-final round at the discretion of the Tournament Director or designee.**

Rationale:

Time signals are very important for spontaneous events. Sometimes judges say they will provide the signals and then forget. Currently, an official timer is being used in every final event. We feel it is important to have it in the rules that an official timer will be used in the final round.

Number: 0519F

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Remove contradiction for Congress Bonuses

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article_VII_ ,section__5 , paragraph_B3, page25
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_VII_ ,section__5 , paragraph_B3, page25
- ⑦ Other change: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

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

B. Distribution of Student Congress entries: There shall be ninety entrants in Congress plus twelve presiding officer entrants. Twenty-one entrants in Congress shall be allotted to each Area. Each League will be allotted one presiding officer entrant. A bonus of six entries for Student Congress will be added (one per House) using the following formula:

1. 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 allotted league entries.
2. This number is to be used to rank the leagues in order.
3. The top ~~seven~~ **six** leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.

Rationale:

Current practice. Remove contradiction

Number:0519 G

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: Manuscript Requirements for Interp Events

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

X Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A5a , page # 41-42
Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph B3c , page # 43

X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A5a , page # 41-42

Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

5. Manuscript Requirements:

a. Photocopies of the interpretation selections including title pages (and table of contents if from an anthology) and the publisher page must be submitted with each contestants entry to the State Qualifying Tournament (~~for Oratorical Interpretations sourced from the internet, see event specific rules~~). Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles or similar script publisher need not have a publisher page, but must provide proof of being commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed. An example of such proof may be in the form of a receipt for purchase which shows above criteria have been met. **For Oratorical Interpretation and Program Oral Interp, the internet may be used with the following stipulations: a) that the website is on the approved National Speech and Debate Association Approved Website list; b) that the first page and all other pages which indicate table of contents and/or other information from the website is provided or a copy of the search engine page with the terms searched and the link taken highlighted is provided c) all other manuscript requirements are met.**

~~3c. Manuscript Requirements: The internet may be used with the following stipulations: that the manuscript be printed directly from the screen; a copy of the search engine page and all other pages which indicate table of contents and/or other information from the website be included in the manuscript. The material may not be sourced from a social networking website, personal website, or similar website. The transcript must be an official transcript. Transcripts may only be printed from websites on the National Speech and Debate Association Approved Website List. Online transcripts must meet all other event requirements.~~

Rationale:

Online sources are used for POI and OI. Instead of writing it for both OI and POI having these rules in the general rules specifying OI and POI should make it easier for coaches. Having the URL has been common practice but has not been written in the rules. This is to verify the source of the material.

Number: 0519H

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Remove committee from President Duties

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article_3_ ,section__1_ , paragraph_K , page 7
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_3_ ,section_1_ , paragraph_K_ , page 7
- ⑦ Other change: Article_____ ,section_____ , paragraph____ , page #____

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

K. The President shall serve on the following committees: 1) State Tournament Committee; 2) **Protest**/Grievance Committee; 3) ~~Protest Committee~~; 4) NFHSS-Debate Wording Committee (or shall designate a Representative)

Rationale:

The protest and grievance committees were combined with a previous by-law change.

Number: 0519I

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: Removal of December 31 published date for TI/POI.

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

X Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A1e , page # 39 - 40

X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3 , paragraph A1e , page # 39 - 40

Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

e. Every contestant must use published materials. "Published" as used in these rules means materials commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed by December 31 of that competitive school year. The only exception to this rule shall be Oratorical Interpretation (OI) **and Program Oral Interp (POI)**. ~~Speeches~~ **Selections** used as scripts in OI **and POI** may be delivered and published after December 31 of the competitive year, but must meet all other publication guidelines. Selections available only on nationally distributed phonograph, compact disc, audio or video tape recordings, shall be permitted only if the material used is printed on the jacket or box of the recording or on a printed insert with the recording. Only the original printed source or a photocopy of the original printed source shall be considered adequate proof of publication.

Rationale:

POI often deals with topics that have limited published literary works and typically use articles. Students should be allowed to use current articles to keep their piece relevant. Students will gain educational experience from adapting their piece as newer articles become available.

Number: 0519J

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Add duties to the IE Committee

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article__ ,section__ , paragraph__ , page
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_IV__ ,section__1 , paragraph_5 , page 16
- ⑦ Other change: Article_____ ,section_____ , paragraph_____ , page #_____

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

5. The Individual Events Committee shall suggest rules and procedures to facilitate individual events competition.

a. The Individual Events Committee will announce the topic areas for Extemporaneous Speech by the January CSSC meeting.

Rationale:

This is written under the rules of Extemporaneous but not under the Committee Duties. Current practice.

Number: 0519K

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: Clarify manuscript rules for Interp Scripts

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 3, paragraph A5b , page #42
- X Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

5. Manuscript Requirements:

- a. Photocopies of the 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 (for Oratorical Interpretations sourced from the internet, see event specific rules). Scripts provided by Script City, Book City of Burbank, and Hollywood Collectibles or similar script publisher need not have a publisher page, but must provide proof of being commercially printed, published, readily available, and nationally distributed. An example of such proof may be in the form of a receipt for purchase which shows above criteria have been met.
- b. For all interpretive events, the pages used and **ONLY** the pages used in the interpretation must be copied in their entirety. **The pages must be in the order that the words are performed.** The portion(s) of the author's work being used

in the interpretation must be highlighted. Words not used in the cutting should NOT be highlighted but must not be obscured so as to be illegible.

c. All added words including introductory, transitional, and updating material shall be typewritten or printed neatly and inserted into the selection and underlined.

The introduction must be typed, double-spaced, and underlined on a separate page. The placement of added words must be clearly indicated.

Unpublished material used for introductions and transitions of interpretations must be the original work of the contestant. Published and/or quoted material used for introductions and transitions of interpretations must be properly cited according to MLA guidelines. Transitions and other added material must not change the author's intent.

d. League Presidents shall forward to the Area Chairperson proper photocopies of all contestant interpretations that have qualified for the State Tournament. The coach, contestant, parent/guardian, and a school administrator must sign the CHSSA coversheet and attach it to all scripts submitted for qualification for the State Tournament.

Rationale: Following the checklist

Number: 0519L

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Fix paragraph reference for student eligibility

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article_VII_ ,section__6 , paragraph_F6b3, page 30
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_VII_ ,section__6 , paragraph_ F6b3, page 30
- ⑦ Other change: Article_____ ,section_____ , paragraph____ , page #____

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

3) In addition to legitimate transfers as listed in this Article VII, Paragraph ~~L~~ **F**, during grades 9 through 12, a student may transfer only once from one school or other school without affecting his/her eligibility, unless material inducement such as scholarships have been offered to the student who is currently competing in interscholastic speech activities. In such a case, the student shall be ineligible for an academic year.

Rationale:

There is no paragraph L in Article VII section 6. Student Eligibility is written in Paragraph F.

Number: 0519M

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:

Allow electronic voting for Hall of Fame

Submitted by: Jennifer Nguyen

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- ⑦ Deletion from By-Laws: Article_VI_ ,section__2 , paragraph_E3, page 21
Deletion from By-Laws: Article_VI_ ,section__2 , paragraph_E5, page 21
- ⑦ Addition to By-Laws: Article_VI_ ,section__2 , paragraph_E3, page 21
- ⑦ Other change: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

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

E. Voting Procedure.

1. At the Winter Meeting, or no later than January 15, the CSSC shall vote by secret ballot on the slate of nominees.
2. Immediately following the Winter Meeting, or no later than January 15, non-council Hall of Fame members will be sent final ballots which must be returned with their votes to the Historian by February 15.
3. Each League president ~~will be sent two ballots to be returned with the League's votes~~ **must e-mail their League's two votes** to the Historian by February 15.
4. Council members, Leagues, and Hall of Fame members not on the current council may vote for zero to two candidates on the ballot. (Each League may vote for zero to two candidates on each of its two ballots.) All official ballots shall list the nominees in alphabetical order and provide a space to vote for "none of the above" and a space to indicate "abstention" which shall not be included in the total count of votes.
5. The Historian will ~~be~~ report to the CHSSA president who shall notify candidates of result by March 1.
6. Elections to the Hall of Fame shall require a 60% vote for a nominee. Should a nominee fail to achieve a 60% vote, but receives a minimum of a 40% vote, that nominee shall be retained on the ballot for the following year.

Rationale:
Current practice.

Number 0519N

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: **Remove Dec 31 for all events**

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- Deletion from By-Laws: : Article IX ,section 3, paragraph A1 , page #39-40
- Addition to By-Laws: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____
- Other change: Article _____ ,section _____ , paragraph _____ , page # _____

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

Selections

- a. With the exception of Thematic Interpretation/Program Oral Interpretation, a selection is any quotation from a work of no less than 150 words or a complete work of fewer than 150 words.
- b. No contestant may use the same literary work that s/he used in previous competitive years. Contestants are further prohibited from using the same literary works in other interpretation events in the same or subsequent years.
- c. Violation of this rule [Sec. 3. A(b)] shall result in disqualification from the tournament.
- d. No selection shall be the contestant's original work; the contestant shall suggest the thoughts, emotions, the ideas and purposes of the author.
- e. Every contestant must use published materials. "Published" as used in these rules means materials commercially printed, published, readily available, and

nationally distributed **by 30 days prior to your leagues state speech qualifier for state qualification and 30 days prior to the state tournament for competition at the state tournament.** ~~December 31 of that competitive school year. The only exception to this rule shall be Oratorical Interpretation (OI). Speeches used as scripts in OI may be delivered and published after December 31 of the competitive year, but must meet all other publication guidelines.~~ Selections available only on nationally distributed phonograph, compact disc, audio or video tape recordings, shall be permitted only if the material used is printed on the jacket or box of the recording or on a printed insert with the recording. Only the original printed source or a photocopy of the original printed source shall be considered adequate proof of publication.

Rationale: December 31 was an arbitrary date which did not allow students to choose newer scripts. 30 days prior to the tournament provides a fair balance between allowing choice for the competitor and a reasonable deadline.

Number: 05190

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: Editing of Interpretive Works

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Submitted by: Michael Orfield Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

Addition to By-Laws: Article IX , section 3, paragraph A 5 c, page # 42

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

Editing an author's work down to 10 minutes is a creative exercise. However, it shall be a violation to create new piecemeal sentences from the individual words or phrases of the author unless such words or phrases follow the rules for 'added words' and will be counted toward the limit of 'added words'.

Rationale: The creative process of editing an author's work has gotten out of hand. Much beyond editing to cut the work down to 10 minutes, to shorten the time line, to bridge two distant periods of time, or to update, competitors are now taking single words found over 50 pages and combining them to make a joke or comment never referenced by the author. OPP is now freely being employed by the trick of using single words and phrases of the author and creating brand new sentences that were never apart of the original work. This abuse demeans the author's work and the essence of interpretive events.

Number: 0519P

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: POSTING THE OUTS

(CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATE BOX)

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article XII ,section 5 , paragraph , page # 64

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

Section 5. Posting of eliminated teams/individuals: Lists of eliminated teams/individuals (~~with two or more losses~~) shall be posted beginning after round ~~three and before round~~ four. Thereafter, list of eliminated teams/individuals shall be posted before the next round begins.

Rationale:

Under the new debate rules, we aren't eliminating based on two losses, but on the prelim ranks that are used to seed the octo-final bracket.

That elimination happens after round 4, not round 3.

Number: 0519Q

Disposition: _____

Date: _____



NAME OF PROPOSAL: A MOTION to HONOR THE ELIM BRACKET

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Submitted by: _____ Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article 12 ,section 3 , paragraph G.6 , page # 64

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

4. Losers of any single-elimination round are eliminated from the tournament. Winners of each round advance along their branch of the bracket. Results of any elimination round shall not cause a team to jump to a different branch of the bracket.

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~~6. In the semifinal round, the highest remaining seed will debate the lowest remaining seed. The other two seeds debate in the other semifinal round. If this results in a pairing wherein a contestant is scheduled to debate an opponent from the same school, the lower seeds should swap opponents. If this adjustment yields a new, similar conflict, then the original pairings will be used for the semifinals.~~

Rationale:

When we adopted the new debate rules with four prelims and an elim bracket for the top sixteen, we added rule XII.3.G.4 (see above). This should have superseded rule XII.3.G.6, since their wording conflicts, but either the deletion was not made or coaches argued for keeping the older rule. This leads to a strange situation, in which we start a bracket, follow it for two rounds, and then break it for the semi-finals. Allow me to illustrate why this is a problem (cont.) . . .

At this year's state tournament, Policy Debate shows us how a bracket should work (see attached photo of bracket). The branches have been seeded based on prelim ranks, and the winner of each debate proceeds down the branch until the last two teams meet in the finals.

LD shows us what happens when a bracket is broken and debaters don't follow the branch they are seeded onto (see attached photo). 15th ranked Faraaz Godil beat the #2 seed Christine Tu. He then continued to face and defeat the #7 seed (Gottlieb). By following the bracket he should then debate #3 (Hitchings), but instead he is jumped up to a higher branch to face the 1st ranked debater (Pillai) who has been undefeated the entire tournament. At the same time, 4th seed Durgude is saved from having to face Pillai, and allowed to debate the lower ranked Hitchings.

Is this shift significant? Its effects are probably minor, and might not have changed the outcome of the tournament. After all, Godil beat Pillai and faced Hitchings in the final round.

Is this shift fair? No. Brackets are created to give the top-ranked debaters easier competition on the road to the finals. When a "Cinderella" team defeats a higher ranked team, they should inherit that easier path. They've earned that reward, but our status quo denies it to them.