

May 5, 1962

To: Members of the California State Speech Council

Re: Spring Meeting of the Council

(While various members of the Council were sitting quietly at home, tending to local knitting, and others were safarizing toward Santa Barbara, a rump session of the Council was held Thursday evening, April 26, for a briefing on the approved manner of setting up rounds and tabulating results. Time and place for the regular meeting was set.)

1. At 7:50 P.M., Friday, April 27, 1962, in the Garden Room (windows look out on a rare view of rolling macadam) of the Miramar Hotel, Montecito, Mrs. Mary S. Ritter, President, called the spring meeting to order.

Members & Guests present: Mrs. Mary S. Ritter, President (YFL)  
Bro. Robert Maguire, Secretary (WLANFL)  
Mr. Jack Cody (CFL)  
Mr. Ted Moore (SPENFL)  
Bro. V. Hilary (CCNFL)  
Mr. Larry Mushrush (SODL)  
Mr. Herb Pooth (ELANFL)  
Mr. G. Edward Thornton (SONFL)  
Rev. Charles Henry (GCSA)  
Mr. Ken Clark  
Miss Fathleen E. Creutz  
Mr. Winston Miller

(Dr. Upton Palmer, Tournament Host and Council Activities Coordinator, Mr. Joseph Lagnese (SDSL), Mrs. Florence Gholz (SVFL), Mr. Ken Lynch (CESL), and Mr. George Armstrong, president emeritus, arrived late...busy tying up the loose strings of the debate phase of the tournament or being tied up in traffic.)

2. Minutes of the October 14, 1961, meeting were read and approved to the extent that they could be understood. The current financial report was that all league assessments had been paid, all current expenses (excepting tournament costs) had been settled, and the coffers rustled with the green stuff that comes out black on the books.

#### OLD BUSINESS

3. Mrs. Ritter, the CASSA Curriculum Committee, and what happened?
  - a. Finding it impractical --- time-wise, place-wise, and school-wise --- to serve on the Committee, Mrs. Ritter presented her problem to Mrs. Gholz who generously took up the speeachteacher's burden. But in the temporary absence of Mrs. Gholz, Mrs. R. commented on the Committee problem: it entails a two-day fall meeting and a two-day spring meeting, both on school days; committee membership is rife with administrators and counsellors; classroom teachers seem out of place. Conclusion: rather difficult to have a working-teacher on this committee. Eloquent summary summary: Mrs. Gholz probably won't be on the Committee next fall.
  - b. Mr. Mushrush suggested that if Conference Areas (Article V, Section V, A.) became operative and if members of such areas were on the State Council (cf. proposed amendment at end of minutes), one such Conference Area representative could serve on the CASSA Curriculum Committee.

- c. Mr. Moore tossed in a bit of apt wisdom, to wit, that desirable goals must have the means at hand to attain them.
- d. In general, the concensus opinion of the Council was that, although Mr. Norman McLeod, CASSA representative, said that the Curriculum Committee spot seemed more appropriate than a place on the CASSA Executive Committee, something should be done by CASSA to provide opportunity for attendance by a classroom teacher.
- e. Mr. Booth's motion-that Mrs. Ritter speak to Mr. McLeod, tell him about the problem of a classroom teacher on the Curriculum Committee, and ask about making provisions for time-off from classroom obligations--- was passed unan- imously.
- f. Mrs. Ritter pointed out that the 1960-61 CASSA Curriculum Report had nothing on speech. This gives the Council another item to file under "something ought to be done."
- g. Mr. Mushrush suggested that one solution would be a Council representative who would attend general curriculum meetings and pertinent specialized meetings.

4. Mrs. Gertrude Baccus, the Speech Symposium for the California Journal of Secondary Education, and what happened?

(Because of her father's illness, Mrs. Baccus could not attend this meeting.)

- a. Mrs. Ritter read from a letter written by Mrs. Baccus...a letter than ran the gamut from questions about the nature of the proposed symposium to practical suggestions for articles.

Questions: How many articles? When is the deadline? What things should be treated? Who should do the writing?

Analysis of CJSE: A typical issue has 65 pages, containing a four page editor- ial, four articles of about 2500 words, a feature section made up of five or six short articles. The feature section takes up about 60% of the magazine.

Suggested areas for articles:

(Listed here without comment and with no attempt to organize them.)

- a philosophy of speech for secondary schools
- a speech course of studies outline (e.g., one proposed by the Speech Teachers of America)
- Speech for everyday use (conversation, telephone, etc.)
- "communication" (This was followed by eloquent silence)
- Importance of speech in vocational training...law, government (unsolicited commentary from the floor mentioned something about speech as a dumping ground)
- misconceptions regarding interpretative reading and old-style declamation
- Speech in the junior high school
- speech and English course
- speech and the Social Studies program
- speech for exceptional (both ends of scale) children
- drama, history and workshop
- explanation of the structure...(here read alphabetical maze) of speech organizations: competitive leagues, NFL, NUEA State Council, Masque and Gavel, SAA, WSA, etc.
- explanation of the types of speaking used in tournaments
- competitive speech as enrichment of fundamentals course
- financing forensics activities (comment from floor: don't raise money yourself lest you become a fund-raiser and not a coach)
- relationship between secondary school and collegiate speech
- speech credit for college admission

- speech in the total school picture (interscholastic, curricular, service activities, etc.)
  - problem of teacher supply, training, replacement
  - speech and the community (speaking bureaus, parents' groups, service clubs)
  - an administrator's view of speech
- Suggestions that Dr. Palmer had offered to Mrs. Baccus
- get authors from the various leagues
  - get many articles and select the better ones
  - use special persons and special sources (solicit recommendations from league presidents)
  - treat both the competitive and educative phases of speech

b. Comments by Mr. Booth:

- the articles should be directed at Principals...sell 'em.
- the alphabetical maze of speech organizations is a constant source of confusion and frustration
- competitive speech should be promoted as motivation for academic speech
- speech is not English, is not social studies, specialized and qualified teachers are needed

c. Additional comments from around the table:

- Moore: don't apologize for competitive speech...has inherent value...sometimes learn more than in the classroom (careful, boy!)
- Mushrush: referring to Miss Creutz's series of charts, stressed speech competition as laboratory practice for English and social studies
- Mr. Mushrush's comment that highschool-college relations in the L.A. area are quite good led Mr. Moore to remark that traditional fog or no fog things are rosy in S.F. too, perhaps on the basis of anything you can do, we....
- it was suggested that the nice balance in the Constitution proper of the State Council between academic and competitive speech be followed in the symposium.

d. Summing up:

- one article by a college person, dealing with teacher training, highschool-college relationships in speech
- one general article with several sections dealing with competitive speech
- one analysis of the alphabetical maze
- one article on curricular speech
- one article on speech in a typical highschool...from which generalizations might be made
- one article by a principal (a friend of speech, e.g., the principal of Edison High, Stockton) setting forth questions that administrators would like answered

e. Names???

League Presidents were to submit names to the Secretary...but no names of prospective authors were submitted...so the suggestion is made here that such names be forwarded to Mrs. Gertrude Baccus, Redlands High School, Redlands, Calif. (When? Today!!)

- 5. Comments by Dr. Upton Palmer regarding operation of this tournament:
  - a. Necessary room changes were noted
  - b. Question of judges smoking during contests led to the motion by Mr. Pooth, seconded by Mr. Mushrush, that judges be instructed to abstain from smoking while judging. It was passed unanimously under a cloud of cigarette smoke.
  - c. Further comments about pressures exerted on personnel in the tallying room prompted suggestions that absolute secrecy be observed (public posting of results after the second and third rounds should be sufficient to satisfy the most curious), events chairmen should be free from annoying breath on their respective necks, and visitors to the tally room should be discouraged.
  
- 6. Request for formation of a new state-qualifying league:
  - a. Dr. Palmer read a letter written by Guy Mixter (Salinas High School) requesting information on procedure for forming a new state (tournament) qualifying league. The intent was to break off from the Coast Forensic League.
  - b. Mr. Jack Cody (CFL President) mentioned that this group had been inactive in CFL events. Mr. Winston Miller (CFL President-elect) commented on the fact that distance between the coastal areas and the peninsula areas seemed to be part of the problem.
  - c. Mr. Mushrush suggested that the interested schools first show evidence of strength. The new group could operate for one or two years as a sub-group of the CFL.
  - d. The factor of distance was cited as normal for many of the established qualifying leagues.
  - e. The secretary was instructed, by unanimous vote, to inform Mr. Mixter of the Council's decision.
  
- 7. Debate materials:
  - a. Dr. Palmer reminded the membership of the Rogge preliminary analysis of next year's debate topic and commented about ways and means of distributing the free debate materials that come to his NUEA office. Discussion was inconclusive. If nothing else happens, materials will be given to the league presidents at the October meeting. Each league will then do something about distribution.

New Business

- 8. NUEA business:
  - a. Mr. George Armstrong, Council's representative to the NUEA, said that Council recommendations for debate areas (1963-64) should be presented earlier than next October. He mentioned (amid sounds that resembled groans) that NUEA powers were considering such fresh topics as television control, changes in presidential election procedures, public power development (the guy in Montana won't give up).
  - b. Motion by Mr. Joseph Lagness: This group should suggest different areas and a committee should be appointed to draw up such debate areas. Passed unanimously. Committee appointed: George Armstrong, Chairman, Miss Kathleen E. Creutz, Bro. Robert Maguire.
  
- 9. Money-making:
  - a. Mr. Cody initiated a discussion about taping (and selling) all state final events. It was noted that Dr. Palmer was planning to tape the debate finals this year. Comments about copyright laws, doubtful profits, etc. were bandied about.
  - b. Motion by Mr. Cody that Dr. Palmer be asked to tape all final events except interpretation events and that he check the possibility of taping interpretative events in the future was passed unanimously after an amendment to exclude "and that he check the possibility of taping interpretative events in the future" was defeated 7-5.

9. Things "something ought to be done about"

- a. As the hour grew late, items that had been held patiently in various craws were offered for consideration. (Seems to be some mixing of metaphors here.) Mr. Cody ventured that there might be a better way to draw debate pairings at the state tournament. Bro. Hilary suggested that no motions be put off until next October.
- b. Mr. Miller spoke on the virtues of some NFL techniques like double elimination, drawing for code letters. It was also mentioned that the "B" and "V" and "L" & "S" & "B" & "V" might lead to prejudicial decisions by judges.
- c. Power matching was suggested for debate rounds.
- d. Messers Cody and Moore brought up the hope that the State tournament be moved around . . . alternating between north and south. . . with the thought that the judging would be different. The gentlemen mentioned that the matter was brought up for the sake of the record but it did seem a bit explosive, leading some to suggest that the tournament site be moved to every conceivable part of the State and leading others to reminisce about the bad old days of itinerant tournaments before finding the happy haven in Santa Barbara.
- e. Mr. Mushrush moved that the State Tournament alternate between north and south. Defeated 9-3 with SFBNFL, GGSAA & CFL voting for the proposal.
- f. Mr. Lynch (CBSL) wondered if there were any objections to three year high schools using 9th graders from junior highs in their districts at the State Tournament. No objections were raised.
- g. The usual comments about restrictions were made: Mrs. Cholz questioned the restrictions on Clarence Darrow; Mr. Ritter spoke for a date limit on o.i. (e. g., 1919) ; Mr. Miller wondered whether winning selections might not go into a freezer for a few years; Mr. Armstrong preferred the thought that the extempore speaking area be narrowed to one topic (e.g.) (television control.)
- h. A motion by Bro. McGuire that the meeting close by 11:00 P.M. was gratefully passed.

10. A proposed amendment to the Constitution: (This is the official proilgation.) Submitted by Mr. Larry Mushrush (SCDL).  
Addition ---Article III, Section v: a representative from each of the conference Areas shall be a member of the California State Speech Council with the right to vote only on the noncompetitive and curricular phases of the speech program in the high schools.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 P.M.

Submitted by

Bro. Robert Magurie, S.M., Secretary

To: Members of California State Speech Council et alia.  
Re: Minutes of the annual fall meeting, Saturday, October 13, 1962,

Dear Council Members:

Braving (unfounded) predictions of precipitation, members of the Council gathered unprecipitously in Littlefield Manor, a pretentious name given to a tired, unpretentious cottage on the grounds of Montecito's Miramar Hotel. The Mrs. Mary Ritter's memorable term in office.

1. Members present: All those listed on the accompanying roster of Council members, except for two absentees:

Richard Lott of East Los Angeles NFL  
Norman McLeod, CASSA Representative

Also present: L. Day Hanks, President, Southern California Speech Conference area.

2. Minutes of the April 27, 1962, meeting were read, wondered about, and accepted.

3. Financial report:

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>	
Residue, 1960-61	\$ 43.36	Postage, etc	\$ 8.40
League Assessments	540.00	Telephone, etc	28.13
NUEA Assessments	300.00	Gift (UCSB Sec'y)	13.00
Arcadia High School	<u>2.34</u>	NUEA Travel	300.00
	\$885.70	Tournament Awards	220.00
			48.36
			8.30
\$885.70		Trophy repair	2.34
<u>673.26</u>		Certificates	25.48
		Tournament costs	8.10
\$212.44 = Balance		Postage, stationery, etc., for tournament	8.00
Bills out: a few telephone bills		Telephone 10/5/62	<u>2.65</u>
			\$673.26

Separate copies of the financial report were given to Council Members. The financial report was accepted amid various expressions of awe at this the first relatively solid black mark on CSSC's brief financial history.

4. Dr. Palmer read excerpts from a letter sent by Dr. Norman McLeod. It digested the report presented to CASSA's Executive Board of Council activities. Dr. Palmer will circulate copies of this letter among council membership.

5. Election of Officers: Lest the uninformed get the wrong idea, cigarettes and pipes were doused, the room ventilated, and caucusing suppressed.

Larry Mushrush (SCDL) was nominated by Joe Lagnese for the office of President to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Mushrush. He did, and Mr. Mushrush took over the Chair.

On a "what, again?" note Joe Lagnese nominated Bro. Maguire as Secretary-Treasurer. After a bit of maneuvering the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the Secretary. He did.

6. Committee report on debate topic areas to be submitted to the National University Extension Association (NUEA) convention next December in Cleveland: (Membership: George Armstrong, Chairman, Miss Kathleen E. Creutz, Bro. Maguire.)

Because Mr. Armstrong as Chairman was unable to either direct or complete the work (transferred from Coachella Union High School to Bradley University), the committee report was necessarily curtailed. The report offered twelve relatively "fresh" areas plus a detailed suggestion for Government Regulation of (TV) Broadcasting.

Mrs. Ritter mentioned that the NUEA is interested in getting grass-root suggestions for topics and to implement this has asked different parts of the country to present detailed information on a specific topic (in this case, California is supposed to stress TV control).

The concensus of the group was that the California coaches are not greatly interested in the TV control topic. Once again the yet-to-be-named NUEA representative was advised to put in a strong plea for topics suggested in October, 1961, ---social problems, tax structure reform, foreign policy, federal health insurance.

7. NUEA Representative: After some preliminary skirmishing, Ted Moore moved that the Council President represent California at the NUEA Convention. Passed unanimously.
8. 10:05 - 10:15 Coffee Break
9. Re. Taping of 1962 State Championship Debate: Dr. Palmer will make copies of this debate, recorded last April, available to whoever sends him a blank tape. No charge.
10. Continuation of NUEA business: Mr. Miller (CFL) initiated a lively discussion---the day was still young---on what our NUEA representative's attitude should be toward such perennial debate topics as Care and Custody of Natural Resources.  
If there were any thoughts that there was universal dislike for this old favorite of the rural communities, such thoughts were quickly dispelled by the "it's really a fresh topic with surprising ramifications" thinkers. Out of the discussion came Ted Moore's philosophy that the ideal topic is one that clashes with the biases of the students, making them realize eventually that on matters of policy no one side has all the correct answers.  
Mr. Gayle Todd's (SDSL) motion that the representative be directed to vote against including the Natural Resources topic area this year was passed unanimously.
11. An idea initiated by Dr. Palmer was picked up by the group. Mr. Mushrush was instructed to request that the NUEA people send out the three topic areas next January on separate sheets of paper...each list of debate and discussion questions to be accompanied by an evaluation, pro and con. Besides being a shot in the arm for the depressed paper mill industry, such a suggestion might prevent casual selections on the part of coaches and leagues.
12. Proposed amendment to the Constitution..to enlarge the Council by adding representatives of Conference Areas with right to vote in circular matters:  
Questions and comments were rife: how many such areas are now (1)? How many eventually? Amendment as proposed presents organizational problems: size, imbalance. Speech "education" can still be promoted without enlarging the Council. Present membership should just do more work (that wasn't ree

ceived too well??). Why not invite Conference Area representatives to meetings as members of a special standing committee? Even the theoretical separation of tournament and "educational" speech would be an unfortunate dichotomy.

Day Hanks summed up the history and accomplishments of the one extant Conference area, the one that so appealed to CASSA, and treated such matters as High school-college liaison, the relationship of forensics to classroom speech publications, seminars, clinics, workshops, etc.

Larry Mushrush reiterated the CASSA approval of the Conference area idea and its desire that such a happy thing be promoted throughout the State.

Mrs. Baccus and Joe Lagnese, speaking from Southern California experience fully supported the concept, objected to distance and organizational imbalance as the reason for not being active in the SCSC, and mentioned that present liaison in the Redlands and San Diego areas indicated imminent formation of new conference areas.

Miss Creutz offered the key work, image, in the sense that the Council should project a forward-looking picture, welcoming the opportunity for fresh ideas, leaving the possibility of overcrowded Council meeting simply as a yet unrealized possibility.

Ted Moore injected the surprising thought, surprising because it was obvious and therefore ignored, that members of the Council were speech teachers by vocation and league presidents by avocation. Curricular problems would be safe in such hands.

Summing up: Virtually all present favored the idea behind the amendment, objecting only to the wording.  
The amendment was put to a vote, failing to pass: Yes 3 No 8

Constitutional amendment continued: At the suggestion of the Chair the Council voted unanimously for the selection of a committee of three to reword the amendment during the luncheon period. Committee membership: Ted Moore, Kathleen Creutz, Joe Lagnese.

Ideas offered to the committee to digest along with their lunch: Decide whether conference area representatives should have full vote, vote only for "curricular" matters, committee status, visitor status. Council members have both school and league obligations; there should be specialists with (relatively) more time to devote to curricular matters. If conference areas and are set up, the high schools should insist on co-equal rights, resisting any collegiate attempt to "take over."

12:15 - 1:20 Meeting recessed for lunch. It wasn't so much a prolonged and gout-producing affair as it was the slow service. After so much decision-making people couldn't quite decide between the pressed duck and the bacon-tomato sandwiches.

Proposed constitutional amendment (Here officially promulgated. Council members will be polled by mail after the regular 90 day--cooling off?--period.):

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - The membership shall be composed of representatives from north of the Tehachapi Mountains and an equal number or representatives from south of the Tehachapi Mountains as follows:

- A. No Change
- B. No Change
- C. Conference areas: to implement the purposes of ~~the~~ the CSSC AS stated in Article II, one representative from each of the four geographic areas (Bay Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego) to be selected as the conference area(s) in each geographic region shall see fit.

As was mentioned by a committee member when the newly-worded proposed amendment was presented, "If nothing else, the thought of an additional vote on the Council will encourage the formation of conference areas."

Dr. Palmer said he would notify the speech-orientated colleges and universities of the State and ask them to make their facilities available for initial exploratory meetings, necessary for gradual evolving of conference areas.

13. The Council designated Mr. Mushrush as its representative to the CASSA Curriculum Committee.

14. Hot Potato Department: (Background--Because of the pressures coming from expanding leagues and because of the failure to find equitable and proportional solutions to the question of how many state-qualifiers there should be, last year the size of the State Tournament was increased from 24 qualifiers in each event to 36. This was done with the approval and cooperation of Dr. Palmer with the understanding that by 1963-64 some plan should be devised to again reduce the number to 24. Two forces or biases were and are at work: coaches want a fair (read "more") number of qualifiers; the University staff responsible for providing space and judges prefers a practical (read "smaller") number of qualifiers.)

a. Reminder that the Tournament size be reduced was presented a Old Business.

b. Tentative exchange of ideas--try to keep number at 36.

c. Mrs. Ritter proffered ~~the~~ a plan, to wit:

1) Hold regional tournaments in both north and south.

2) Select the top eight debate teams and the top nine individuals in each individual event from each regional tournament.

3) Hold four rounds of debate, pitting winners against winners after the first round. Team undefeated after 4th round is winner; team losing to first place winner is second; teams undefeated until 3rd round a third.

4) Hold two preliminary rounds for individual events; select top six contestants for finals.

d. Other ideas: have double elimination rather than matched rounds; instead of eight teams from each regional, send 12 from each regional by stopping at the semifinals in individual events.

e. Motion by Gayle Todd that the number of qualifiers be reduced from 36 in each event to 24 by 1963-64.

Discussion: Winston Miller spoke in favor of present set-up with its multiple opportunities to qualify under varied conditions. It was suggested that coaches be used as judges if there is a shortage. The Tournament host expressed abhorrence for large, loose, room-shorted and judge-shorted tournaments. Just how many times should a student have the chance to qualify for the State Tournament? What about those privileged schools that can qualify from an NFL tournament?

- f. Miss Creutz moved (Somewhere along the line our parliamentarian had stepped outside for a bit of unauthorized bird-watching, permitting two motions on the floor at the same time...) that the Council accept Dr. Palmer's analysis of the situation (--number is unwieldy, method of qualifying is unsystematic...almost democratic? ...leagues must reduce number of qualifying students or send the good Doctor to an early and undeserved grave--) without necessarily becoming ecstatic about it or being the least bit happy about reporting such a reduction to League membership.
- g. Dr. Palmer clarified his position: not attempting to impose restrictions on leagues but his rather lengthy (32 years) experience in forensics gives him a definite bias favorable to systematic eliminations and smoothly running tournaments. To the initiate as well as to the uninitiate (some irreverent soul commented about the uninitiated state of administrators) the maze of qualifying tournaments with their differing approaches to elimination presents a problem. Things could be worked out...judges could be found, closets could be opened.
- h. For the parliamentarians---both motions were withdrawn.
- i. MOTION to appoint a committee to study the problem further was passed unanimously. Committee: Mary Ritter, Joe Lagnese, Winston Miller.
- j. Obiter dictu, Miss Creutz commented on idea circulated during discussion that administrators thought students were getting too much forensics. Ask the students to stay home to surf, to work on cars, rather than do something as academic as forensics?
15. Suggestion that NFL Leagues as such be left off roster of schools in State with forensics programs. NFL schools are in other leagues anyway. An asterisk could indicate their status. Repetition of schools tended to confuse. Passed.
16. Creative Writing Department: Report by Mrs. Baccus on the proposed series of articles on Speech in the California Journal of Secondary Education ---
- Mrs. Bassuc's four page report---theme of year for CJSE is "Expertness in Teaching and Expertness in Administration" (Excellence is dead; long reign Expertness!!)---list of things CJSE likes to see in articles ---lists of recommended writers---suggested topics and areas for articles.
  - Scattered articles (repeated exposure) will replace symposium idea.
  - Articles suggested by Council last spring be fitted to, adapted to CJSE theme.
  - Get many articles, give CJSE wide choice, publish both accepted and unaccepted articles in a Council publication.
- 3:13 - 3:20 Rediscovery of fresh air!!! During this time Mrs. Baccus lined up writers and topics.
- e. Mrs. Baccus will set up an editing committee.
17. Question: Would the SCNFL again give a qualifying spot to the State Tournament to the sprawling 130 school SCDL???? After the SCNFL, SDSL, & CBSL had caoused, the answer was affirmative for 1962-63.
18. Day Hanks promised to send copies of Southern California Speech Conference constitutions, progress reports, etc. to whoever requested them.

19. Bro. Maguire proposed an amendment to the By-Laws, Art. IV, B. Code Symbols, 1. a. the geographich areas shall be designated by symbols such as: T, W, X, Z, which shall rotate each year.
- b. Change LH to TH
  - LT to ZA
  - VA to ZA
  - VP to ZP
20. Re. NUBA Assessment: Ted Moore offered the thought that part of the treasury surplus be used to defray part of NUBA expenses. Motion by Winston Miller that \$125 of surplus be earmarked for NUBA travel costs with an assessment to be leveled for the difference between that amount (\$125) and the complete costs, figured at transportation plus \$20 per diem. Passed unanimously.
21. Motion by Mr. Kenneth Clark (SVFL) that By-Laws, Article IV, G, 6, B. (1) be amended by deleting "Effective 1960-61, speeches by Clarence Darrow are not permitted. Ted Moore advised the group about the inadvisability of bringing up controversial matters at the tag-end of meetings. Miss Creutz passed along the thought that many coaches resented petting restrictions. The proposed amendment passed, 7 - 4, with negative votes coming from SCBL, SDSL, & SCNFL.
22. Motion by Marian Mellgren (YFL) that By-Laws, Art. Iv, G,b,6, (2) be amended by adding "or records" after poems. Miss Mellgren pointed out that there is discrimination against humorous interpretation since there are recordings for OI and DI on the market. Motion failed, 1-9, with CCNFL abstaining.
23. Ted Moore's suggestion that something be done along the welfare line for stranded coaches at the State Tournament was accepted by the group. So, something will be done--a gathering place, some discussions, a gripe session, a meeting of the California Chapter of the I Hate Judges League....
24. Mrs. Baccus's MOTION that the Council felicitate and commend our retiring (that's not the word for Mary!) President was happily and sincerely passed. Mrs. Ritter abstained. She leaves with the Council memories of devotedness, efficiency, and friendliness.
25. Motion by Winston Miller that effective 1962-63 all interpretative selections, including the complete literary work, that placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the preceding State Tournament shall not be used the following year. Failed to carry, 3-6, with three abstentions.
26. Thinking in terms of the annual printing and publishing of the Constitution and league rosters, Dr. Palmer suggested
- a) in the future, By-laws be changed in the spring
  - b) league rosters be sent to him by Nov. 1

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

*Bro. Robert Maguire*

Bro. Robert Maguire, S.M.  
Secretary -Treasurer

2. The minutes of the first spring coaches' meeting, April 27, 1963, were read, nodded at, and commended --- with special kudos to Miss Kathleen Creutz and Mr. Ted Moore. (Many of the coaches' ideas carried over into the 10/12/63 meeting.)

Black Ink Department:

3. Copies of a detailed financial report for 1962-1963 were distributed by the Secretary-Treasurer. In summary form the financial status is as follows ---

<u>Income</u>		<u>Out-go</u>	\$
Balance from 1961-62	= \$215.09	NUEA Representative's travel	= 320.00
League assessments	= 540.00	Tournament Costs	= 375.80
NUEA assessment	= <u>195.00</u>	non-Tournament Costs	= 27.59
	\$950.09		<u>\$723.39</u>

Balance as of 9:30 A.M., October 12, 1963 = \$226.70

Growth Department:

4. Representatives of two new (albeit shadow) Conference Areas ---San Diego-Citrus Belt and San Francisco Bay Area--- were admitted to the Council.

Smoke-filled Room and Democratic Processes Department:

5. Following the custom of shuttling the service positions from ~~west~~ north to south to north, two members were nominated for President, Miss Marian Mellgren and Bro. Robert Maguire. Bro. Maguire was elected by a 12-3 vote. Phil Schediwy was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer (in absentia and in presumptive willingness) by his bosom friend, neighbor, and proxy holder, Mike Higgins. The choice was unanimous. The moral for Phil is simple...don't host an invitational early in the season!

Education Department:

6. The Council confirmed its April 26, 1963, choice of C. Gayle Todd (SDSL) as Council representative on the Curriculum Committee of CASSA. The President was directed to solicit letters to Mr. Todd's school authorities from Dr. Palmer and Dr. McLeod.

DEBATE Topics Department (Part I):

7. Bro. Maguire was selected to represent the Council at the December convention in St. Louis of the National University Extension Association (NUEA). (But here's an interesting thought--- the little matter of financing the to-ing and fro-ing was neglected! Last year the Council allotted \$125.00 from the treasury and assessed the leagues \$16.25 each...but that was last year. To make up this bit of legislative oversight...I hope it was oversight!!...a suggestion will be appended to the end of these minutes.)

Communication Department:

8. League and conference area representatives were reminded to send rosters and schedules to Dr. Upton Palmer before November 1, 1963. Mr. Lee Goburn, Dr. Palmer's assistant, suggested that varied items of chitchat, insight, advice, and the like also be forwarded for inclusion in a quarterly newsletter.

Creative Writing Department:

9. Mrs. Gertrude Baccus, Redlands High School, Redlands, long a member of the Council as representative of the CBSL, has served for more than a year as Chairman of the Publications Committee. Her final report, edited slightly, speaks for itself...as a record of achievement in stirring creative people to creativity and as an incentive to other

speech teachers in California.

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July 30, 1963

William N. McGowan  
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Burlingame, California

Dear Mr. McGowan,

Inclosed are four articles about the general area of speech education which the California State Speech Council is submitting for publication in the Journal of Secondary Education. Inclosed, also, is a list of proposed titles, some of which will be ready for submittal within the next month while others have been assigned to writers, and still others cover titles or topics which we think are important if they can be included.

.....  
These four articles and the proposed list give you an idea of our intentions. We are eager to have your reactions and we stand ready to make any adjustments you may suggest. If you prefer that we assemble the material for one complete issue we could do that under a chosen theme. If the single articles meet the trend of your publication we will be pleased to have them appear as you see fit.....

Gertrude Baccus (Mrs. J.H.)

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Articles submitted:  
"The Slight of Speech...The Demand for Effective Speech Instruction," Fred R. McMahon, San Fernando Valley State College  
"The Southern California Speech Conference and Speech Education in California," Martin Andersen, UCLA, and L. Day Hanks, John Marshall High School, L.A.  
"Speech, an Insurance for the Future," Marian Mellgren, Stagg High School, Stockton  
"What is the Next Curriculum Breakthrough?"  
Bro. Robert Maguire, Riordan High School, S.F.

Additional articles -- in process or already submitted or in search of an author --

"Enriching the High School Curriculum through an Enlightened Forensics Program," Miss Kathleen E. Creutz, UCLA  
"Speech Education with Value for All," Gertrude Baccus & William Simonson  
"Vital Issues in Proposed California Legislation," Fred R. McMahon  
"A Psychologist's View of Competitive Speech," Kenneth Clark, Fresno College  
"Participants in the Oral Communication Process"  
"Who Teaches Oral Communication in Your School?"  
"Profile of an Effective Speech Teacher Candidate,"  
Dr. Gail Richards, U.S.C.  
"Professional Speech Organizations"

Unless there is a change, Mrs. Baccus will continue to process any articles submitted for publication through the Speech Council.

Efficiency Department or Attempts to solve the Quality-Quantity Quandary:

10. Committee report --- Last spring a committee (Ted Moore, Richard Lott, Dr. Palmer) was appointed to study the State Tournament problems of rooms, judges, and time with a bias toward keeping the present 36 entrants per event. Because of distance problems the committee did not meet...but Ted Moore compiled a comprehensive, lucid, and witty summary of all extant thinking on the matter...gathered his ideas from his own fertile mind, from suggestions made at the 4/26 meeting and at the 4/27 meeting and from other public gatherings dealing with this matter.

Problem: For Friday debate how find 18 rooms and 54 judges per hour?  
For Saturday how find 30 rooms and 90 judges per hour?

Solutions (sans pro & con arguments):

- a. Friday -- reduce number of entrants from 36 to 24, to 12....either arbitrarily or by regional tournaments....  
 -- use N.F.L.'s two down and out elimination....  
 -- start later on Friday and run into Friday night  
 -- start debates on Thursday night....  
 -- get judges by using coaches and visiting adults  
 -- use only one judge in first four rounds
- b. Saturday -- lengthen day by running fewer events per hour  
 -- drop some events (e.g., OI & Impromptu)  
 -- combine boys and girls sections in some events in qualifiers  
 -- reduce number of entrants from 36 to 24, to 12...either arbitrarily or by regional tournaments....  
 -- use highschools and city college facilities for some rounds  
 -- put more students into panels...  
 -- use coaches and visitors as judges  
 -- use two judges rather than three in preliminaries

Mr. Moore's comprehensive summation of extant solutions was in Council members' hands before the meeting. Further suggestions came from the group:

- use only one judge in preliminary rounds; in debate, "seed" one top team from each league, giving that team two byes; each debate team bring one judge; run the tournament on Saturday and Sunday....  
 --- NFL District tournaments do not send qualifiers in OI, Girls OO, Impromptu  
 --- exclude all five NFL District Tournaments as qualifying tournaments  
 --- (Moore) to clarify things we should decide what the Council's intent is: to limit entry to State Tournament? go tinker with the status quo to assure more rooms and more judges?  
 --- (Coburn) the Host's Problems: -- difficult to find rooms on Friday morning; difficult to get judges on Friday morning  
 --- Ideas re. using coaches as judges: no coach wants to be "on the spot" coaches bring biases...  
 --- Why not get a group of college students from the L.A. area?

At about this time it became the concensus opinion that 36 entrants should be kept per event. Question: how make things easier on the Tournament Host?

And now...further ideas...what else?

- (Mellgren) if 90 judges are needed, then 30 from campus, 30 from community, and 30 from among coaches and administrators present...  
 This thought led to idea that schools bring judges or pay judging fee.....that coaches be used as a general thing....all of which finally led to the following  
 MOTION: Coaches may be used, if necessary, in preliminary rounds. Unanimous.

(and more on smoothing judging hills and filling room valleys and like that)

Motion: Use only one judge in preliminary rounds of non-national events. No 13-2  
(Opinion: state is state and national is national and let's keep the twain apart.)

Further tinkering Department:

Should a different tournament schedule be adopted? Ideas galore were bandied about...like starting on Thursday, running late on Friday evening, seeding teams, ....motions were made, amended, withdrawn....but finally came the motion:  
"The Council suggests the following debate schedule, if necessary:  
Rd. I 9:00 and 10:15; Rd. II 11:30 & 12:45; Rd. III 2:00;  
Rd. IV 3:30; QF 6:00; SF 7:30." Unanimous.

Motion: that the Council eliminate Oratorical Interpretation and Girls Original oratory and replace them with an event using college interpretative style. Also eliminate Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation.

Comments: -- girls live in the same world (Live in it? They run it.)  
-- many complaints about acting and impersonating  
-- return to literary interpretation  
-- we want thinkers, not elocutionists  
-- OI is good for training beginners

Motion: Divide above motion into three parts: eliminate OI, eliminate Girls OO, substitute college interp for HI & DI Passed unanimously.

re. elimination of OI Failed 14-1 after discussion such as follows:  
-- OI is basic training in delivery  
-- OI opens vistas to young speakers  
-- elimination = complications in all tournaments; hurts beginners  
-- generally speaking, young speakers would be hurt  
re. elimination of Girls OO Failed 9-5, 1 abstention

re. replacement of DI and HI with college-style interpretation (program reading, interpretative theater, or what have you)  
-- despite theory, colleges have same problem of acting, etc.  
-- holding a script curtails acting  
-- In Iowa, sight-reading is used  
-- what about qualifying to DI at nationals?  
-- to the nether regions with the nationals  
-- colleges reverting back to HI & DI  
-- let's not be rash...why not poll people in all leagues?

All of which built up ye olde appetite..leading to a motion to recess until 1:30. Lunch time-out 12:17 - 1:30, an indication of either good food, good appetite, or congenial company or all three.

-- strong suggestion to poll all coaches on preference among all events (Will do!)

Motion: table part three until the spring meeting. Unanimous.

Meanwhile, back to Saturday's judging problems:

A straw vote indicated that the Council was amenable to a discussion of some sort of mandatory stand on bringing judges to the tournament.

Motion: Each of the four geographic areas shall be responsible for one fourth of the qualified judges deemed necessary by the Tournament Host in addition to the judges supplied by the Host. Passed with one abstention (CFL).

Motion: Each geographic area shall have a judging chairman who shall be responsible for the number and quality of judges requested. Such chairmen to be designated at this meeting. Passed.

Bay Area: Ted Moore  
L.A. Area: Dr. Jack Cullen

Valley area: Donovan Cummings  
S.D.-C.B. area: Joe Lagnese

A Word from the Sponsor Department:

11. The Coordinator's Office ----

a. Newsletter: Wanted ideas, reports from conference areas, bibliographies, schedules, rosters, and the like for a quarterly issue.

b. Operation shoestring: Coordinator's office is developing new techniques for scrounging around for, ferreting out, creating, etc. the necessary funds for operating the office. Costs do mount. Solution? One answer is "Buy Santa Barbara" when rounding up debate materials.

--- maybe conference areas could charge a fee and split said fee with Coordinator's office?

Quickie-question department:

12. Should the coaches' meeting at the State Tournament be continued? Yes.

Egg in the fan department:

13. Mr. Higgins (ELANFL) recalled that at the 9/28 SCDL meeting a motion to withdraw the SCDL from participation in the State Tournament at the discretion of the SCDL President was defeated 26-25. This elicited no gasps since most members were aware of the secessionist movement.

Comments:

- there is a movement in some quarters for a CIF setup
- in the Valley areas there may not be as many schools but the numbers from each school are huge
- this bizness of SCDL request for more entrants at the State Tournament is perennial...and in all cases the SCDL has asked for more but has not presented any positive thinking on the matter
- State Council was founded on idea of division by <sup>geo</sup>geography not by #s.
- Mr. Higgins said that the SCDL will bring concrete and practical suggestions to the spring meeting
- Mr. Lagnese reminded all that the emphasis should be on the growth of the whole speech program in all of the State
- Mr. Pritchard pointed out that the dissident element in the SCDL was the group of "have-nots" who never seemed able to crack the qualifying barrier...

So, in the months to come we may expect the L.A. area to be rife with constructive ideas in a matter that to date has been solutionless.

Welcome Mat department:

14. Is there any provision for new (State qualifying) leagues in California?

- older leagues are tending to subdivide, e.g., CFL, SCDL, SDSL
- such subdivisions and leagues in new territories should be encouraged
- But, when Mr. Coburn visits the Humboldt State College area and is asked what the schools in that area can do about entering the State Tournament, what should be the answer????? Where should schools located between Santa Barbara and Salinas go?
- new leagues should first prove their ability and stability before applying
- wanted a map, showing land area covered by each league
- The Council should have criteria for membership on the State Council with the right to send qualifiers to the State Tournament.

So: the President appointed the following committee to draw up a tentative criteria: Mr. Michael Higgins, Mr. Gayle Todd, Bro. Maguire.

When you come to the end of the Tournament Day department:

15. Can the long delay at the end of the Tournament be avoided?

Comments: -- from Ted Moore's report: run all finals, including debate, at same time  
don't attempt to type results of finals  
curtail contents of results booklet

So? All agreed that every attempt possible to speed up conclusion should be used.

'Goodies' Department:

16. In view of a treasury surplus and in view of the dignity of the State Tournament, should more awards be given?

Motion: Trophies of descending size be awarded to all finalists and medals to all semifinalists.

-- certificates to all...finalists' certificates to be mailed

-- quoted increase in trophy costs would be ca. \$150.00

Passed unanimously.

(oversight: how deep do the awards go in debate?)

Debate topics Department (Part II):

17. What topics should be recommended by the Council NUEA representative in December?

-- same topics recommended in the past, namely: (October 14, 1961 minutes)  
Social Problems, Tax structure, foreign policy, radio and TV control.

-- any topics suggested to representative by any league or any coach before December 1.

N.B. the best approach is to draw up actual debate topics and discussion questions.

Culture Department:

18. Any reports from Conference Areas?

- conference areas could be force for curriculum improvement in the State
- eventually there could be a speech teachers association with real influence
- all areas should collaborate in compiling a course of study for the State
- Mr. Gayle Todd as CASSA Curriculum Committee representative will work closely with the Conference Areas

New Business Department:

19. Motion (Marian Mellgren): In Sec. IV, G., 2., b. of the By-Laws delete In the final round the top four plus ties shall be placed, not to exceed six and replace it with The final round shall be composed of the top six.

Motion (Ted Moore): In Sec. IV, G., 2. add applicable only when three judges are used in parentheses behind Eliminations:

Motion (Ken Lynch): In Sec. IV, G., 2., a. delete those ties shall be eliminated and replace with the judges' preferential system shall be used to break the ties.

The three motions were passed unanimously.

-- Bob Bargman reminded the Council members of the Western Speech Association convention in San Francisco, March 12-14, and urged all members to join the Association.

Motion (Ken Lynch): The President is directed to write a letter of good wishes and gratitude to 1962-63 President, Larry Mushrush. Passed.

Yep, we finally did...meeting adjourned in early dusk, 4:30 P.M., after a lengthy but relaxed enjoyment of the varied sedentary joys of the Garden Room.

QUICKIE SUMMARYremindersDeadline

1. November 1 All rosters and schedules to Dr. Palmer
2. November 1 An expression of approval to either the President or Secretary-Treasurer to tap the till for \$100 and to assess each league and conference area \$10.00 for NUEA Representative's travel expenses.
3. November 1 Send the President a California road map (check your friendly gasoline station) with the geographic boundaries of your league marked out. A master map may then be set up as guide to a) schools wondering in whose domain they are and b) collections of schools that would like to set up leagues in such virgin territory as the hand of a present league has not yet set foot.
4. December 1 Your league's choice of one of the three debate topics for next semester. In late December each league President will be airtailed the NUEA's choice.
5. December 1 Your league's suggestions (if possible in form of actual topics and discussion questions) for future debate topics, e.g., 1964-65.
6. February 1 After you have made up a list of all present State Tournament events and other events like poetry reading, sight reading, "program" reading, etc. and have made a preferential poll among the coaches, please send the results....to become part of the agenda for the spring meeting.
7. February 1 Any suggestions for the smooth, efficient running of the State Tournament....along the lines of those suggested in Ted Moore's memorandum.
8. Remind people in your league to buy through the Coordinator's Office when purchasing debate material.

With apologies to Secretary-Treasurer, Phil Schediwy, who was absent, these minutes are submitted by a former S-T who will miss going into the vault every night to count the assets.

Sincerely,

*Bro. Robert Maguire, Pres*

Meeting during State Town May 5, 1963

To -- Members of the California State Speech Council  
Re -- Minutes of the spring Council Meeting, Friday, April 26, 1963

Dear Council Members,

Thursday, April 25, 1963: To the accompanying patten of .79 inches of un-seasonable rain the preliminary phase of the Spring Meeting of the California State Speech Council got under way at 8:00 P. M. in the Montecito Banquet Room of the Miramar Hotel, Montecito. The "rump" gathering (to be interpreted neither figuratively nor literally but historically) had diverse purposes, to wit, setting up the four preliminary rounds of debate, giving generalized directions for setting up the first rounds of the individual events, meeting representatives of the University staff, and preparing an agenda for the regular meeting.

In attendance: President Lehr R. Mushrush, Mr. Joseph Lagnese, Bro. Hilary, Mrs. Gertrude Baccus, Miss Marian Mellgren, Mr. Gayle Todd, Bro. Robert Maguire, Secretary, and guests -- Mr. Robert Sanders, Mr. Don Cummings, Mr. Kenneth Lynch, and University representatives Mr. Forbes Hill of the staff and Mr. Lee Coburn, former Chief of Chaplains, Air Force, and soon to be associated with Dr. Upton Palmer in NDEA and related word.

Friday, April 26, 1963, 8:15 P.M.

1. In the temporary absence of President Larry Mushrush the meeting was unceremoniously opened by Br. Maguire. Delay in starting could be traceable to such things as the problem of locating the meeting place, a cavernous banquet hall at the bottom of a flight of flooded stairs, negotiable in part via a semi-stable raft, reluctance at leaving a Friday trout with its soulful eyes still contemplating its skeletal remains, and the reluctance to admit that not all debate teams could get beyond the prelims. Before Harry arrived (breathless, supperless, and clutching a CHP citation as warrant of good intent to arrive earlier), the Council disposed of such preliminary matters as

a. Informing the group of pertinent University personnel -- Mrs. Florence Sears, secretary of the Speech Department, Miss JoAnne Benson, UCSE, student coordinator, Mr. Forbes Hill, faculty representative, and Mr. Lee Coburn;

b. notifying the council about the status of the amendment to the Council Constitution (The amendment passed, 9 favorable votes to 3 unfavorable votes. Leagues voting for the amendment were SDSL, CBSL, SCNFL, SCDL, WLANFL, ELANFL, SVFL, CGNFL, & GCSA; voting against were YFL, CFL, & SFBNFL.);

c. informing the Council that all leagues had paid regular and NDEA assessments and were eligible for the Tournament;

d. pointing out an error in the printed version of the Constitution recently sent out from Dr. Palmer's office. The error is in Article III, Section I, C. The correct version should read:

"C. Conference areas: To implement the purposes of the C.S.S.C. as stated in Article II, one representative from each of the four geographic areas (Bay, Valley, Los Angeles, San Diego-Citrus Belt) to be selected as the conference area (s) in each geographic region shall see fit.

e. posing the question (unanswered because no one knew the answer) why no roster of schools was sent out from the office of the Coordinator of Speech Activities;

f. agreeing that in the presumptive absence of Mr. Mushrush next fall (a sabbatical jaunt to Cambridge and London University is in the offing) the secretary-treasurer should be responsible for calling the October meeting.

2. Members and guests present: SCDL--Mr. Lehr R. Mushrush, President  
 --Mrs. Mary Ritter, Past President  
 CBSL--Mrs. Gertrude Baccus  
 SFBNFL--Mr. Ted Moore  
 YFL--Miss Marian Mellgren  
 SVFL--Mr. Kenneth Clark  
 CFL--Mr. Winston Miller  
 ELANFL--Mr. Richard Lott  
 WLANFL--Miss Kathleen E. Greutz  
 SCNFL--Mr. Joseph Lagnese  
 CCNFL--Bro. Hilary, FSC  
 SDSL--Mr. C. Gayle Todd  
 SGSC--Mr. L. Day Hanks  
 GOSA--Bro. Robert Maguire, S.M. Secretary  
 Mrs. Edna Speltz, Father Charles Henry, Mr. Richard Weatherington  
 Mr. Lee Coburn, Mr. Forbes Hill

3. Agenda item: Larry Mushrush and the CASSA Curriculum Committee

It was brought out that information from the Curriculum Committee about meetings and the like had gone to Mrs. Florence Gholz and not to Larry. The idea of the advisability of having representation on the Curriculum Committee was bandied about and found acceptable. Dick Lott's motion to direct the President to appoint a Council member as representative next year with the provision that the Council be responsible for travel expenses and \$15.00 per diem was seconded and passed unanimously. (Mr. Mushrush designated Mr. Todd; the request for Mr. Todd's services will come for the Coordinator of Council Activities, Dr. Upton Palmer. Never underestimate the impact of a letterhead!)

4. Agenda item: Mrs. Baccus and writer's cramp. Mrs. Baccus reported that three articles for the proposed symposium on Speech in the California Journal of Secondary Education had been received (Dr. Martin Andersen & Mr. Day Hanks, Mr. Bruce Kirkpatrick, and Bro. Robert Maguire) Mrs. Ritter noted that Miss Marian Mellgren had an article ready. Mrs. Baccus said that another article, previously submitted by Dr. McMahon of San Fernando Valley State College, was also available. Because of the time-situation and because next fall the Journal will be taken over by CASSA, it was suggested and agreed to by Mrs. Baccus that she would keep all present articles, await supplementary articles (to be sent to her c/o Redlands High School, Redlands), from an editing committee, and decide on the disposal of the articles during the 1963-64 school year.

5. Agenda item: setting date for 1964 State Championship Speech Tournament

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In view of such things as an early Easter (March 29) and the possible conflicts with Public School Week, English A test, major track meets, Service Club Finals, etc., Mr. Moore moved that the President and/or Secretary set the date of the 1964 Tournament after considering all pertinent factors. Motion was seconded and passed with one dissenting vote. (SCNFL). League presidents will be notified before the end of May.

6. Agenda item: revised allotment for the SCDL?

Using the agenda item as base, the Council ranged far and wide on this item. The basic thought behind the item was recognition that three NFL Districts had each voluntarily relinquished a qualifier to the SCDL for the 1963 tournament and this raised the thought that maybe such a procedure should be legitimized. Mr. Lagnese raised an interesting spectre by querying whether a change in the philosophy of allotment (from geographic to population basis) were being contemplated. Bro. Maguire moved that the SCNFL, ELANFL, & WELANFL each give one qualifier to the State Tournament to the SCDL. Mr. Lott recalled to the group the 130 active school size of the SCDL and the de facto existence of two leagues under the single title, SCDL. Mr. Moore injected the thought that other areas too have population problems and growth situations. He further suggested that this was an internal problem, confined to the Los Angeles area and that it wouldn't be logical for smaller leagues to legislate themselves out of existence for the sake of larger leagues. Mr. Hanks supported this view, saying that the present 18-18, north-south division should be maintained and that settling allotments inside an area was not a function of the Council. About this time some good soul moved that the motion on the floor be tabled, a difficult maneuver since the motion had not been seconded. Mr. Miller then seconded the motion, which was then put to the vote and failed to pass. Mr. Lott then moved that a committee be appointed to reevaluate the system of allotment to see whether total student participation could be used as a basis. The motion was seconded and defeated, 11-1. Mr. Lagnese's motion to continue the present system of allotment was seconded and passed, 9 to 3.

7. Agenda item: Mrs. Ritter's Committee Report regarding limitations of entries to the State Tournament and the establishment of pre-State Tournament regionals.

Mrs. Ritter (Win Miller & Joe Lagnese) passed out the multi-paged report, which she had previously sent around the State to interested parties for comment. In essence the report, following the directives of the Council at the October, 1962, meeting, called for a northern and a southern regional with 18 qualifiers per event in each of the regionals. Each regional tournament would then qualify 12 entries per event to the State Tournament. Objections to the ~~proposal~~ proposal of the committee ranged from unwillingness to reduce the numbers of qualifiers through reluctance to face the problems of cost and travel and administration of an extra major tournament to the inadvisability of having a major "State" tournament two weeks before the regular Tournament.

Alternate ways of reducing numbers of qualifiers were suggested: eliminate the NFL Districts as qualifying tournaments thus eliminating

15 entries per event; eliminating certain events or combining certain boy and girl events as a means of reducing numbers of qualifiers. This led to some comments about the virtues of NFL as being the heart of active speech programs. Miss Creutz wondered if the State Tournament actually was too large and Mr. Miller pointed out that the California system (offering a double chance to qualify...from NFL District and from one of the other leagues) was envied by coaches in other States.

Mr. Moore moved that another committee be appointed to study the problem with a bias toward maintaining the present 36 entrants per event setup. The motion was seconded. Speaking for the University of California, Santa Barbara, Mr. Hill asked the Council to make decisions with the thought of all the future pressures from leagues yet formed, and Mr. Coburn pointed out that the Santa Barbara campus had reached the saturation point as far as providing rooms and judges. Mr. Lott offered the thought that if the purpose of the Tournament were primarily to stimulate local interest in speech the size should be maintained, but if the purpose was to win awards then the Tournament should be reduced. Two points of view developed---those speaking for a small, high-quality Tournament of Champions and those speaking for the fringe benefits of the State Tournament, particularly its role in building administrative support for local speech programs.

Mr. Moore's motion was put to the vote and passed, 7-5, Mr. Hanks abstaining.

Mr. Mushrush appointed the following committee: Mr. Ted Moore, Mr. Dick Lott, and Dr. Upton Palmer or his designate. Mr. Hill stated that although the University felt the Tournament was too large to handle efficiently there would be nothing even remotely like an ultimatum.

As directed by the SFBNFL, Mr. Moore moved that a committee be appointed to consider the possibility of moving the Tournament away from Santa Barbara and to contact the speech departments of other campuses around the State. The motion died without a second.

6. Mr. Mushrush pointed out that Mr. May Hanks was on the Council as representative of the only extant conference area. Miss Creutz, vice-president of the Southern California Speech Conference, said she would have samples of the conference area's work at the Saturday coaches' Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 P.M.

November 30, 1963

To: Members of the California State Speech Council et al.

Re: a. Deadlines

b. A suggestion for tapping the till

c. a PROBLEM....and an attempt to pinpoint it, to focus attention on it, to put the problem into perspective, & to proffer a solution

Because some of the material in this missive is important one way or the other.... please read it through in its entirety...boring as it may be...non-sequitured as it undoubtedly will be.....

....check off the appropriate items.....and when you have finished, do go on record...send an answer or a comment.

a. DEADLINES: This is the somethin' oughta be done about it department!

...yes ...no Did you send in league membership rosters and schedules to Dr. Upton Palmer, Coordinator, at the ~~U/C~~ University of California, Santa Barbara?

...yes ...no Did you send our Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. J. Philip Schediwy  
Compton High School  
601 S. Acacia  
Compton

a. League assessment @ \$15.00 per qualifier (e.g., the GGSA would owe \$45) ?

b. NUEA assessment of \$10.00 ?

...yes ...no Did you send Bro. Maguire a cut-out from a California road map, showing the (general) land area covered by your league?

Information in to date from three (ELANFL, WLANFL, CFL) leagues?  
...yes ...no Did you send Bro. Maguire your league's preference for one of this year's debate topics?

(If you want me to airmail you the topic choice or to telegraph it --collect!--, would you send me your home address?)

...yes ...no Did you send in suggestions (preferably already worded topics) for future debate areas?

...yes ...no Are you anticipating things and stirring up talk about modification of events at future, non-'64, State Tournaments?

...yes ...no Are you cogitating, pondering, devising, etcetering about ways and means to make the State Tournament more efficient and enjoyable for contestants, coaches, and hosts?

b. a SUGGESTION: --because the Council has a responsibility regarding the curricular aspect of speech in California,  
--because the straws in the wind and the trend of events point to the introduction of Speech as a required (not just an elective) course in the schools,

the Council should be prepared to present a syllabus and a course of studies on request.

So??? At the Council meeting next spring or at the Coaches' meeting during the Tournament, each Council member or designee should be able to present specific recommendations.

To do this he should be familiar with whatever syllabi and courses of study are now in use in his league's area.

As a common basis for comparison each member or designee could review the two courses of study prepared by the Southern California Speech Conference (based on the outline presented several years ago by the Speech Association of America).

If you accept the preceding points, would you express approval for spending about \$15 of Council funds to purchase the SCSC material for each member...as study items. We would need a majority approval of ~~8/8~~ eight votes.

c. the PROBLEM: a movement, certainly indeliberate but quite inopportune, to take over direction and leadership from the Council itself and to use CASSA as a tool for imposing the convictions and interests of one group on the rest of the Council...and by-passing the Council in the process.

Specifically: Principals around the State have been contacted about Council "problems":

--Council is not interested in opening State Tournament opportunities to new leagues...

--Council is not interested in work of Conference areas Dr. Palmer (Coordinator) and Dr. Norman McLeod (CASSA representative)are "concerned" about these problems....

Questions are being bruited about -- Should Conference Areas disengage selves from Council and form a separate group?

-- If so, which group would

CASSA RECOGNIZE recognize??

Conclusions are being drawn -- CASSA would recognize Conference Areas and not the Council???

What are the facts; what does the record show???

11/12/63

- a. Regarding expansion, just check the minutes of last October's meeting on page 7, part 14 (Welcome Mat Department): The problem is presented, examined, and specific steps taken to solve it!
- b. Regarding Conference areas and the Council's interest we should be aware of the realities. We cannot move faster than the interests of the speech people of the State. In some parts of the State the interested people have channeled their interest into such a professional organization as the Western Speech Association. Also, on a statewide basis the Conference Area idea is only a year or so old. In the Los Angeles area about five years ago something fortuitous happened --- a happy combination of college people from UCLA, USC, LA State, Long Beach State, Pasadena College, San Fernando Valley State, and other colleges and of experienced high school people formed a special interest group to meet a special problem that was meaningful to virtually everyone involved. If people in other areas solve problems differently or if they do not have problems or are not aware of them, then there is a different situation.
- c. Since neither Dr. Palmer nor Dr. McLeod attended the last two Council meetings they gathered their information either by hearsay or by a careful reading of the minutes.
- d. Unless we are following some law of misproportion it does not seem fitting for a tail to wag a dog or for a camel's nose, only recently invited into the tent, to take over the tent.

In order to place this matter in full perspective ---particularly because memories are short and because many members of the Council are relatively new to the Council's history and work--- I have reread the minutes of recent years and culled such material as seems pertinent.

Maybe you can get some in-service history credits for following faithfully along in the next few pages...???

OPERATION HISTORY:!!!

1. The State Speech Council developed in the early 1950s. Frankly, I am not sure of the exact date or place or personnel. The earliest record I have in the files is January 10, 1955, a paper that refers to "Your State championship tournament committee."

In effect this seems to mean that the present Council evolved from a group of coaches interested enough to promote and run a Championship tournament. Also, the paper states, "The number of state-qualifiers will be increased to eight entries per event per half of the State."

Significance: growth in size of tournament was a problem then...and geographical division, not population, served as basis for participation in the Tournament.

2. Minutes, October 18, 1958 (Mrs. Mary Ritter, secretary)

"Edna Speltz presented information regarding the possibility of liason with the principals' association (CASSA). She referred to the minutes from the May meeting, a letter from Day Hanks which had been forwarded to some of the council members, and a letter which she had just received from Bruce M. Lawson of the CASSA Executive Board.....Edna Speltz moved that the ~~president~~ president and the secretary act as a committee to communicate with Mr. Lawson regarding CSSC's association with CASSA. Seconded and carried."

"Martin Andersen asked that we consider a formal affiliation of some kind with UCLA since his university is in a position to lend us assistance and financial support and is desirous of doing so. This could take the form of an executive secretary who would handle routine matters at the direction of the CSSC."

3. Minutes, March 18, 1960 (Bro. Robert Maguire, secretary)

"Dr. Martin Andersen gave a brief run-down on the SCSC (Southern California Speech Council), touching on its services to leagues and schools, its emphasis on speech education, its college-high school makeup, its complete separation from the competitive phase of speech work."

4. Minutes, April 28, 1960

"Mr. Ray Kendall brought up a question, old hat to the experienced hands but of interest to newcomers. Why Santa Barbara for the State Tournament? Centralized, neutral, we're welcome, good judges."

"In the hot potato department, Mr. Duane Johnson introduced for consideration, not decision, the possibility of changing the proportion of Los Angeles area representation in the State Tournament. The Los Angeles area contentions were that the large number of schools, e.g., 91 active schools in the SCDL, and the large student population merited special consideration. Mr. Johnson's proposal was treated at some length, given an implied "no" and much friendly but serious comment. In summary, the remarks went somewhat like this: the L.A. area could have a regional tournament for elimination purposes...all areas could limit students to only one spot per student in the State Tournament...other areas are also feeling the population problem...other areas have special problems, especially the travel problem...Bruno Jacob sees the problem on a national basis and has suggested that California have its own eliminations among the five NFL districts before sending a delegation to the nationals...an interesting analogy: when a big school with a big program operating among small schools with small programs can solve its problems, then maybe we'll have the key to solve the big city vs. less big city and rural problems...it was suggested that we settle our problems among ourselves without seeking recourse from among the administrators lest speech be subjected to the same strait-jacket as athletics.

"A committee...Mr. Joseph Lagnese, Miss Carmendale Fernandez, Mrs. Edna Speltz, and Mr. Duane Johnson...will study the problem further next month in San Diego."

5. Letter from Miss Carmendale Fernandes, CSSC President, to Council members, 5/23/60:

Among other things she thanks Mr. Bruce Lawson, CASSA representative, for his help in setting up interviews for her with representatives of the Lions and Optimists Clubs regarding changes in contest rules.

6. Minutes, October 22, 1960 (Mr. Ted Moore, Secretary)

"Mr. Bruce Lawson, Principal of Mark Keppel High of Alhambra, Cassa representative, said that speech interest and speech programs have grown to such an extent that he has been assigned a committee of six more principals...three in the north and three in the south...to help him help the speech program.

"Because of the numerous leagues and their alphabetical nomenclature CASSA is interested in clarification and simplification.

"He stressed two things: a) CSSC is the representative of and spokesman for speech activities in California.

b) His committee wishes to help, not to hinder, nor to meddle."

7. Minutes, April 27, 1961

"Mr. Bruce Lawson, CASSA representative, addressed the group and made these points:

- a. Reported his activities during the year in assisting harmonious relationships between speech people and administrators.
- b. Restated his purpose as being to assist the Council, not to dictate.
- c. Reported that the Southern California Speech Council offered to disband if the CSSC would take over some of its projects.

f. Reported that CASSA was anxious to be of assistance and felt that it could help if the CSSC were able to accept the following suggestions:

- 1) Decide tournament schedules before the beginning of the year so that they can be coordinated with other activities and included in the school handbooks.
- 2) Set up a group of coaches, two from the north, two from the south, to meet with a Principal representative of CASSA to handle difficulties that arose between the administration and the coaches with regards to forensics programs.
- 3) Attempt to publish information on speech programs, sponsor workshops, symposiums, etc., to assist speech teachers throughout the state.

"Discussion of the above proposals followed:

- a. George Armstrong noted that demands on the time of Council officers were already great.
- b. Brother Maguire inquired whether such a program would not require some kind of executive secretary.
- c. Mary Ritter noted that such an arrangement could lead to the exclusion of the coaches themselves from effective control.
- d. George Armstrong asked Dr. Palmer if assistance from UC, Santa Barbara, would be available for such a program.
- e. Dr. Palmer noted his long interest in the State Tournament and his belief that some of its strength was that it was run democratically. He reported that a part-time coordinator could probably be made available by UCSB in 1962-63.
- f. Mary Ritter noted that she favored the idea of a group of teacher-principal trouble shooters and the Coordinator on the UCSB staff.

- g. Joe Lagnese favored the offer to disband the SCSC and the taking over of its functions by the State Council.
- h. Mary Ritter suggested that a committee, two from the north and two from the south, be appointed to draft the necessary amendments to carry out the suggestions offered. The President (George Armstrong) appointed the following: Mary Ritter, Carmendale Fernandes, Bro. Maguire, Joe Lagnese.

"Mary Ritter and Bro. Maguire were appointed a committee to correct the present draft of the Constitutions to detect any clerical omissions over the years."

#### 8. Summer, 1961.

Correspondence in the files indicates that Mrs. Ritter spent 55 hours studying old past minutes and numerous past revisions of the Constitutions and By-Laws and typing up all her findings plus suggested deletions, amendments, and additions. (Then...conveniently, I say.... she broke her wrist!)

Miss Kathleen Greutz analyzed the Constitutions and By Laws, noting the contradictions, obscurities, etc.

Bro. Maguire put the ladies' efforts in final form for presentation to the Council in October, 1961.

#### 9. Minutes, October 14, 1962 (Bro. Robert Maguire, Secretary)

"George Armstrong read a letter from Dr. Norman McLeod, CASSA representative, concerning the appointment of a CSSC member to the CASSA Curriculum Committee.

(Mary Ritter's appointment was approved...but later the position was taken by Mrs. Florence Ghols.)

"Discussion of the revised Constitution submitted by Mrs. Mary Ritter and Bro. Maguire. The procedure adopted was to go through the revision page by page until some member offered objection to the wording or to changes. No vote was taken until Article III was reached. Dr. Palmer offered to attempt the enlargement of the State Tournament, provided for in Article III, and to provide three judges per round, if possible, if the Council would consider some new pattern of representation and participation in the Tournament for the future.

Motion: 'That the ~~the~~ Council accept Dr. Palmer's offer to increase the size of the State Tournament and consider in the future some some method of elimination to reduce the representation and size of the Tournament.'

Discussion: General approval of the increase in size; some opposition to the 'futuse' portion of the motion. Motion passed 7 - 5.

Motion: 'That the geographical distribution of entries be retained.' Unanimous.

Motion: 'That high school coaches be obligated to help judge when necessary at the State Tournament.' Passed unanimously.

At this point Dr. Palmer asked that the Council hear from Dr. Norman McLeod, the CASSA representative, before he had to leave. Mr. McLeod restated the decisions of CASSA as reported in his letter read earlier by the President. He stressed the interest of CASSA in the Council with special reference to curricular speech. He noted the success of the Southern California Speech Council and asked for confirmation of the adoption by the State Council of the activities of the SCSC. Extended discussion followed. Should we have regional groups? What should be their scope? How are they to be financed? General agreement seems to have been reached that the type of activity suggested by Dr. McLeod was desirable but would have to be adjusted to local conditions and opportunities."

(As a result of the discussion the present paragraphs A & B of Article V, Section V were added to the Constitutions by unanimous vote

## 10. Minutes, May 5, 1962

"Request for the formation a new state-qualifying league:

- a. Dr. Palmer read a letter written by Guy Mixter (Salinas High School) requesting information on procedure for forming a new state (tournament) qualifying league. The intent was to break off from the Coast Forensic League
- b. Mr. Jack Cody (CFL President) noted that this group had been inactive in CFL events. Mr. Winston Miller (CFL President-elect) commented on the fact that distance between the coastal areas and the peninsula areas seemed to be part of the problem.
- c. Mr. Mushrush suggested that the interested schools first show evidence of strength. The new group could operate for one or two years as a sub-group of the CFL.
- d. The factor of distance was cited as normal for many of the established leagues.
- e. The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Mixter of the Council's decision.

Messrs Cody and Moore brought up the hope that the State Tournament be moved around...alternating between north and south...with the thought that the costs would be less for some poorer schools in the north and with the thought that the judging would be different. The gentlemen mentioned that the matter was brought up for the sake of the record but it did seem a bit explosive, leading some to suggest that the tournament site be moved to every conceivable part of the State and leading others to reminisce about the bad old days of itinerant tournaments before finding the happy have<sup>n</sup> in Santa Barbara.

(N.B. It should be noted that Santa Barbara is not really south...that it is farther away from the schools of the Citrus Belt League than it is from schools in the Bay Area and in the Stockton area.)

Mr. Mushrush moved that the tournament alternate between north and south.. Defeated 9 - 3 with SFENFL, GGSFA, & CFL voting for the proposal."

## 11. Minutes, October 13, 1962 (Bro. Maguire, Secretary)

(A motion to amend the Constitution to enlarge the Council by adding representative of the Conference Areas with right to vote in curricular matters was discussed at length but rejected because of the wording, not the idea. A wording committee composed of Ted Moore, Joe Lagnese, and Kathleen Creutz reworded the proposed amendment. It was passed by the Council and promulgated to the Leagues for ratification...and this ratification was complete by 5/26/63, 9 - 3.)

12. Non-minutes....In the spring of 1963 (the paper I have is undated) Day Hanks circulated a memo that said in part, "Can we get the newly voted Conference Areas implemented and functioning so that we can develop something in the way of a course of study that will indicate that the secondary schools of California do teach an academic course which has all the 'content' of the English composition course plus much more besides?....Perhaps if we really get college people in the conference areas who are seriously interested in speech education, we can get something done for California. If the high school course is well outlined, then we can throw the responsibility on the colleges to prepare teachers to teach such a course."

## 13. Minutes, May 26, 1963.

(1. proposal to give SCDL a greater representation in the State Tournament led to much discussion, including the following:)

"...Mr. Moore injected the thought that other areas too have population problems and growth situations. He further suggested that this was an internal problem, confined to the Los Angeles area and that it wouldn't be logical for smaller leagues to legislate themselves out of existence for the sake of larger leagues. Mr. Hanks supported this view, saying that the present 18-18, north-south division should be maintained and that settling allotments inside an area was not

a function of the Council...Mr. Lagnese's motion to continue the present system of allotment was seconded and passed, 9 - 3."

14. Minutes of Coaches' Meeting, May 26, 1963 (Miss Kathleen Crautz, secretary)

'Most of the coaches felt that the present size of 36 entrants per event was O.K. Quite naturally there was much discussion about 'quantity' vs. 'quality,' and as someone said --- shades of Council Meetings! The thought of pre-State Tournament regional meetings got the 'What? another travel tournament?' response."

15. Non-minutes: suggestions proffered by Day Hanks about things Conference Areas might work at ---

- "1. Revision and enlargement of the SCSC course of study so that it reflects the statewide viewpoint. Get other areas concerned with revision.
2. Stressing relationships between forensics events and the speech course and content. Prove that we are not paying lip service to the idea that tournaments are the laboratory experiences for classes which have content.
3. Setting standards for the rhetorical content of speech courses in California secondary schools. Trying to arrive at some core of subject matter and skills which should be fundamental in any speech course."

Your October 1963 minutes and the hectographed report prepared by Ted Moore for the 10/12/63 Meeting should bring you up to date.

The purpose of the lengthy regurgitation of past Council activities is to give all of us some background information...some understanding of perennial Council preoccupations and perturbations....to help all of us understand the impatience of some of us...to promote better understanding through knowledge.

Those of us who are impatient must learn to slow our pace....what may be first in intention may well be last in execution....

Those of us who are somewhat narrow in our outlook and who view Speech primarily as tournament-centered competition should try to raise our sights, to broaden our horizons, to stretch our minds.

Sincerely,

*Br. Robert Maguire*  
Council President, 1963-64