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CALIFORNIA STATE SPEECH ASSOCIATION
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4. A representative from the California Association of Secondary School Administrators.
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7. A Coordinator of CSA activities appointed by the CSSC.

SECTION III - Members of the CSSC under paragraphs 4, 5, 6, & 7 above shall be non-voting members.

SECTION IV - The CSSC shall have the power to:

1. Establish a State Speech Tournament .
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SECTION I - The CSSC shall interpret the Constitution and Bylaws in all cases brought before it for adjudication.

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SECTION I - The CSA shall hold a general meeting at the time of the Skate Speech Tournament.

SECTION II - The CSSC shall meet at least once in every school semester.

SECTION III - The CSSC shall establish procedures meeting the expenses of the representatives at meetings of the CSSC.

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ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION I - Proposed amendments must be submitted to the President of the CSA at least 90 days prior to consideration by the CSSC.

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SECTION III - Amendments must be ratified by either:

1. A two-thirds vote of the CSSC or,
2. A two-thirds vote of all member schools.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

SECTION I - This Constitution and Bylaws shall be in effect when ratified by two-thirds of the leagues.

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CALIFORNIA STATE SPEECH ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - FINANCE

- SECTION I - a. Annual dues of \$5.00 per school shall be due and payable on or before November 1st of each school year.
- b. Failure to pay dues by November 1st shall result in a fine of \$2.50.
- c. No school may participate in State or State Qualifying Tournaments until its annual dues have been paid.

SECTION II - Contestants to the State Speech Tournament shall be assessed fees, as outlined below, which shall be used to meet tournament expenses:

1. Individual entry--\$3.00
2. Debate Team entry--\$5.00

- SECTION III - a. Boards of State Qualifying Tournaments are authorized to assess entry fees not to exceed those of the state tournament.
- b. All schools entering a State Qualifying Tournament shall be assessed at the same rate regardless of league affiliation.
- c. Any surplus funds shall be retained to the treasurer of the CSA.

ARTICLE II - REPORTS

- SECTION I - The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit copies of the following to each Council Representative and to each League President, if the latter is not a member of the CSEA:
1. Minutes of the Council meetings.
 2. Financial report of Council expenses.

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3. Financial report of State Tournament operation.
4. Complete results of State Tournament.
5. Copies of official state ballots.
6. Copies of revised Constitution and Bylaws.
7. Regional Rosters.

ARTICLE III - QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

SECTION I - a. The following regions are established for the purpose of holding State Qualifying Tournaments (see attached map-- appendix A):

Region I--San Diego-Imperial

Region II--Citrus Belt

Region III--Orange County

Region IV--East Los Angeles

Region V--Metropolitan Los Angeles

Region VI--West Los Angeles

Region VII--Lower Valley

Region VIII--Upper Valley

Region IX--Coast

Region X--Peninsula

Region XI--Bay

Region XII--Northern

b. Three contestants in each event shall be eligible for the State Speech Tournament.

c. No school may participate in more than one region.

d. The CSSC shall appoint official tournament hosts for each Regional Tournament.

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e. Eligibility: A contestant must be a bona fide student of the school he represents (see note below) at the time he participates in the Regional Tournament, and he must not have been in high school more than eight semesters. (NOTE: Ninth grade students in a junior high may participate as representatives of the senior high school within whose district they reside.)

f. All schools shall be allowed equal access to the Regional Tournament. (Sub-qualifiers may be held to determine regional entrants but if held must be equally available to all schools eligible for the regional tournament.)

g. In the event of geographical problems, the regional tournament may be divided within the region.

h. A student may enter debate plus two individual events at the regional tournament.

i. In the event a student qualifies for the state tournament in two individual events, he must elect one within one hour after the conclusion of the Regional Tournament.

j. The CSA Bylaws shall govern all events at the Regional Tournament whenever disputes arise.

k. The following events shall be held:

1. Debate
2. Open Original Oratory
3. Girls Original Oratory
4. Boys Extemporaneous
5. Girls Extemporaneous
6. Boys Impromptu
7. Girls Impromptu

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Upon receiving notification of participation the area chairman will then send verification of entry to all contestants, plus time schedules, maps, etc.

SECTION IV - Official State Tournament ballots shall be used in the State Tournament and in all State Qualifying Tournaments, except NFL District Tournaments. Specific rules for each event shall be on the ballot for that event.

ARTICLE V - EVENT RULES

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ARTICLE VI - AWARDS

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ARTICLE VII - ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I - The President and the Vice President of the Council shall act as area chairman and shall function as follows:

1. Certify contestants for the State Tournament.
2. Act, with the tournament host, as a committee to conduct the State Tournament. The CSSC President shall be chairman of the committee.
3. Act, with the Council member who serves as the event's chairman, to arbitrate difficulties for that particular event.
4. Any complaints to be made to tournament directors must be registered by the coach of the school involved or his designated teacher alternate. In no case should a parent or a member of the student's family handle the complaint.

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SECTION II - Council members shall be appointed to handle sweepstakes, events, preparation of impromptu topics, extempore topics, distribution of extempore topics, extempore supervision, collecting copies of orations, and other necessary duties at the tournament. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide the ballots, scheduling sheets, and tally sheets. High School coaches shall be obligated to help judge when necessary at the State Tournament.

SECTION III - Results of the preliminary rounds shall be posted before the semi-final rounds begin, and the results of the semi-finals shall be posted before the final rounds begin.

SECTION IV - Procedure for handling the State Tournament shall be outlined and disseminated to the host and the Council members.

SECTION V - Late registration for debate on Friday or for individual events on Saturday shall result in either an automatic debate loss or an automatic fifth place in the first rounds.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSEMINATION OF RULES

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ARTICLE IX - DEBATE TOPIC

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ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

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ARTICLE XI - Recognized Leagues

SECTION I - The following are recognized speech leagues within the state and entitled to send representatives to the CSSC:

1. San Diego Speech League
2. Citrus Belt Speech League
3. Southern California NFL District
4. Southern California Debate League
5. East Los Angeles NFL District
6. West Los Angeles NFL District
7. Central ~~Valley~~ California Valley NFL District
8. Southern ~~California~~ League
9. Yosemite Speech League
10. San Francisco NFL District
11. Coast Forensic League
12. Golden Gate Forensic League

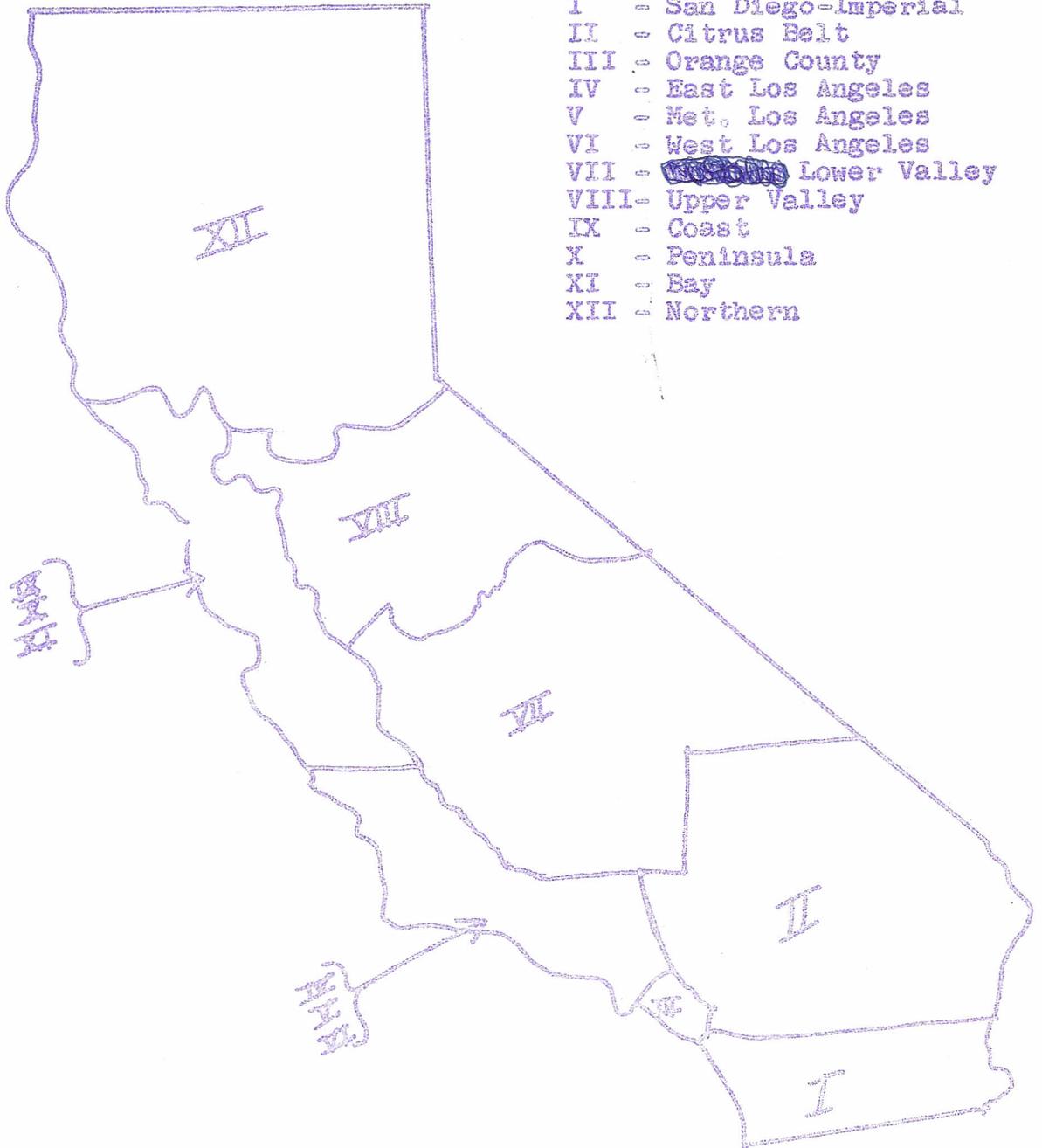
SECTION II - The following are recognized Conference Areas within the state and entitled to send representatives to the CSSC:

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- 3.
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PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

Tentative Regional Divisions:

- I - San Diego-Imperial
- II - Citrus Belt
- III - Orange County
- IV - East Los Angeles
- V - Met. Los Angeles
- VI - West Los Angeles
- VII - ~~West Coast~~ Lower Valley
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CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION

TENTATIVE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

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ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

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SECTION I - The legislative powers of this organization shall be vested in a California State Speech Council, (CSSC).

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