

Rosalyn Foster	Motion to accept
Minnia Curtis	Second Motion to accept
	Minutes Passed Unanimously

Welcome new board members

Ashley Novak	Hi! I am Ashley from Arcadia High School. Been coaching for 20+ years. Was Area III Chair for about five years when Greg Cullen retired. Was SCDL president awhile ago and now I am back. Happy to be here.
Artem Raskin	New co-president of CFL with Mariel Cruz. Previous member of the CHSSA board, happy to join.
Rosalyn Foster	Sage Hill school on the central coast, and formerly Diamond Ranch. Thanks Area 4 for voting for her
Gaby Scully	Bakersfield California native. Fell into speech and debate by being a parent first. Thank you Angel and Mikendra for invitation.
Eleanor Nishioka	Teaching at Hart HS since 1998. TCFL Treasurer for many years. Glad to contribute.
Sarah Sherwood	Former league president and Area Chair. Working to help transition CHSSA from JoT to Tabroom. Here to support Area 4 Chair.

Conflict of Interest declarations, Electronic Communications, Duty & Care - per California nonprofit law and hardcopies must also be retained

Reed Niemi	Please return forms to Reed as soon as possible (required by state). All new members must sign the Electronic Communications Form. Conflict of Interest form is required from all members. Please turn in as soon as possible
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Conflicts of Interest

Ben Fagan	Runs a non-profit debate academy. Will possibly purchase ad space from CHSSA.
Angelique Ronald	Works for ISD as diversity commissioner. Speaks at conferences (paid) for other speech and debate organizations on inclusivity. Works with National Speech and Debate Association.
Steve Clemmons	Spouse owns a for-profit debate camp (Summit Debate). Does work for NSDA.
Sarah Sherwood	Ascend speech and debate executive director. Hired by institutions to work Tabroom for tournaments.
Chris Harris	Accepts offers to work at speech and debate camps. Starting a non-profit advocacy group to benefit speech and debate.
Mikendra McCoy	Writes for Speech Geek and other publishing houses. Privately coaches for schools in the Bay Area.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Reed Niemi (ED meeting 8/28)

<p>Reed Niemi</p>	<p>Pleasure to see everyone. Nice to see meetings back in session. Participation is greatly encouraged.</p>
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>As we start off a new year and have many new members to the board, I would like to take a moment to remind all board members of their duty and care provisions that were distributed to the entire board electronically. Since CHSSA has become a for-profit educational benefit corporation, we are governed by more state laws than we have for our previous 60 years.</p> <p>First off, we have to file an electronic communications agreement in order to be able to communicate electronically, have votes, and have non-prescribed committee and executive director meetings. That is the purpose of that form. I am required to keep them in a binder that may be called by either the Secretary of State’s office or our lawyer, Jill England, for audit purposes. Last year, I received all but one form. When Jill saw one was missing, she was not pleased. I sent out four reminder emails and still did not receive one, that I simply gave up on because it was obvious it was a protest non reply. If one looks at the Duty and Care document you all received, such actions are illegal and may result in removal from the board for lack of duty. If someone wishes to not sign it, I need the form returned with the box checked that says that they would rather have hardcopy communications and not be included in electronic meetings. For anyone that wishes to receive the hardcopy rather than the electronic communications, I will send that person a printed email that I send to the board.</p> <p>While we are the issue of duty and care, please take a moment to read the document. This does not need to be signed or returned to me, but by receiving the document, you are acknowledging acceptance of the terms and may/will be held accountable for misconduct.</p> <p>Conflict of interest form: this form is required yearly and must also be signed and returned to me. We are also required to declare at the Fall meeting any relationships that may be, or seem to others on the board, as a conflict of interest. I appreciate in the past people have been very forthcoming and it helps for all parties to be “in the know.” I will be reviewing these items in the meeting, for the record, and I hope everyone will return the required paperwork as soon as possible. You may send it by snail-mail or you may sign and scan the document(s) and email them back to me. I’ll print them out.</p> <p>A review of meeting procedures is also warranted yearly. As the chair of the board, I always try to run the meeting in the most productive and compassionate ways. As volunteers, our time is valuable and we often have necessary business that requires board approval, versus “just talking.” For the latter, I always allow unlimited speaking during the Good of the Order. This caveat I have extended to guests that may not speak during the meeting. Please refrain from being repetitive concerning the discussions. I have been appreciative and impressed by the board members in the past that exhibited the best practice of this by saying, “I agree with Charlie Brown,” for instance. As debate coaches, I think everyone understands the difference between support, extension, and new arguments. New arguments in our board meetings are always appreciated. I will continually let the board know the order of speakers, based upon the raising of the hand. This allows people who raise their hand first to speak, and to let others know when they will be recognized so that they may lower their hand. In-person, this has worked extremely well...in Zoom it can be more problematic. Please use your Zoom buttons in the raising of hands.</p>

Vice President/Activities – Angelique Ronald (President’s meeting 8/19)

<p>Angelique Ronald</p>	<p>Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jan 8 - League Information for Qualifiers Due ● March 25 - Master Entry Sheets Completed ● April 1 - Registration Closes for State at 5:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team must be registered on Tabroom and fees must be paid ○ Tracking number for payment being sent must be collected if physical payment ○ Teams cannot compete if payment is not collected. ● April 29 - May 1 - State Tournament at Culver City High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Safety Guidelines will be followed, but goal is to be in person.
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>We are fully planning for an in person California State Championship for the 2021-2022 season. Health and safety best practices providing, State 2022 will take place April 29 through May 1st, 2022. Dan Carter and the awesome team at Culver City High School has graciously agreed to host us (thank you so much Dan and the Centaurs!). While we are planning for IN PERSON COMPETITION, we are planning for a VIRTUAL awards ceremony. More information will come later on in the year about this.</p> <p>Important Dates</p>

	<p>January 8, 2022: League Presidents must submit their State Qualifier dates, locations, and procedures to the Vice President of Activities by this date.</p> <p>March 25, 2022: League Presidents must complete their league's Master Entry Sheets by this date.</p> <p>April 1, 2022: Registration will close for State on this day at 5 PM. Coaches, this means 1: your team must be fully registered on Tabroom by this date and time and 2: your tournament fees must be fully paid by this time.</p> <p>April 29 - May 1, 2022: State 2022 at Culver City High</p> <p>Should health and safety guidelines not permit us to host State in person, we will host the tournament virtually on the same, scheduled weekend.</p> <p>Finally, I need a bit more time to adjust our tie break procedures to work with Tabroom, as it has been a busy summer for so many folks who are helping with that project. As such, I will provide this update on or before our January meeting.</p> <p>I appreciate you all! 🏆</p>
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Vice President/Curriculum – Minnia Curtis (Curriculum committee report)

<p>Minnia Curtis</p>	<p>Curriculum Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Creating a Novice LD Values/Value Criterion Understanding Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End of Week Publication Hopefully ● Sharing information out to Curriculum to work with PR Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beginning Calendar or outline of what to do at the beginning of the year from experienced coaches. ○ PR committee working to help build new coaches ○ Will work in coordination with PR. ● If there is something you need, and we can reach out to the board at large to mine the deep knowledge of the organization.
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>Three members (Minnia, Katie, and Aaron) met and we are working on the creation of a requesting Novice LD Value resource. We will also possibly work with Public Relations on a coaching calendar. I hope to be able to rally ALL Curriculum Team Members soon to get more work done, as I did not hear back from most of them.</p>

Treasurer – Jennifer Nguyen (Treasurer report)

<p>Jennifer Nguyen</p>	<p>Transitioning information from Neil to Jennifer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Received lots of great information from Jennifer. ● Transferring money from CHASE ● Closing old accounts and moving to new accounts. ● CHASE is statewide and has fewer fees ● Transferring 21st Century fund ● Hired an accountant for monthly meetings to help balance books ● Financial report prepared by Neil with Neil's notes as Jennifer does not have all files ● Shared out a budget based on previous state tournament costs, etc.
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>Neil has been super helpful for this transition. He provided me with a very lengthy and detailed document to guide me throughout the process. His wisdom cannot be replaced and I will be going back to the document often. Hopefully I don't need to contact him and he will be able to enjoy his retirement from CHSSA.</p> <p>We are in the process of transitioning. I was able to open bank accounts at Chase in July with \$6,000 from our old accounts. I received the majority of the money (\$140,000) from the accounts that were in his control on Aug 17, 2021 and will be depositing it into our new account at Chase bank on Aug 20, 2021. \$130,000 was deposited into savings and \$10,000 into the checking. I will transfer money into checking later as needed. I was advised by Neil not to use the Credit Union he was using because they were difficult to work with. This also allowed us to use a bank that is accessible throughout the state. I have also sent in the paperwork to transfer our 21st Century Fund to me. This has not yet been completed. We are working on adding Reed as a second available signee on all accounts. We have hired an accountant who will be reviewing my files and balancing our books monthly.</p> <p>I have submitted a financial report prepared by Neil Barembaum along with his notes. I did not make</p>

	<p>any edits to this document as I do not currently have the files. He has indicated that he will provide them in a few months. I also included a budget based on our last in person tournament. Hopefully the notes attached helps everyone understand it. This was a great recommendation from Neil!</p> <p>The 2021-22 Assessment form is completed and available. It does not auto email the PDF so that I can make sure that it gets emailed to both the coach and the Area Chair. If there are any problems with the form please let me know.</p> <p>I know I have big shoes to fill and hope I can live up to the standard that Neil set. Thank you everyone for your support!</p>
Reed Niemi	Jennifer has been doing a great job. Getting past files from Neil are difficult to obtain. Any files prepared for the State Council is property of the CHSSA. Not personally owned.
Chris Harris	Which Files are missing?
Jennifer Nguyen	Quickbooks files are missing.
Reed Niemi	Checking to see if vendors were paid, we do not have that information.
Angelique Ronald	The actual bookkeeping information is missing. Not having the information means that Jennifer is not able to audit books, and therefore cannot sign documents without getting a chance to review the information.
Chris Harris	Bank of America was going to give us a good deal on debit cards for the money for students on food. Have we checked with them about discounts.
Jennifer Nguyen	Chase is preferable because there are no fees since it is affiliated with a military business account.
Chris Harris	Were there any outstanding debts from the tournament.
Jennifer Nguyen	I only know what Neil wrote into the report because I do not have access to the books. We must merge the old books into the new books. Neil said "in a few months"
Chris Harris	There is one school from Area 1 that had some issues paying and will email Jennifer individually.
Ben Fagan	Do we realistically expect to receive the information from Neil in time?
Reed Niemi	This is a big deal. There is a Tuesday meeting with the attorney about how to receive the books on a stricter timeline. Jennifer is doing a great job.
Ben Fagan	This is obviously not an issue with Jennifer, thank you for her work.
Chris Harris	There is a lot of money right now. Are there any discussions about spending that currently?
Reed Niemi	PR is working hard to do outreach to schools and coaches on mentorships. 21st Century Fund has a lot of money for those activities. Must be careful to spend funds in a way that fits the purpose of the money. Angelique voiced concerns about some purchases. Things such as gift cards for board members are not legal purchases as that is considered payment. Because of virtual meetings we have saved quite a bit of money. Hoping to pass that savings along to our schools/students.
Chris Harris	Since PR is asking for a small amount of \$5,000 perhaps that should be increased since there is so much leftover money.

Public Relations Coordinator -- Mikendra McCoy (PR Committee report meeting 8/5)

Mikendra McCoy	<p>Had a great meeting with the new PR committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PR is working to create information for new programs to have access to information from CHSSA. ● Increase access to information ● Developing mentorship program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking each league to select 2-3 young coaches who will need some help.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PR Committee will facilitate opportunities for league presidents to help those young coaches grow. ○ CHSSA has been doing this, but we are just going to do it even more, and grow out the programs we have. ○ Share out the information that each league has to promote statewide growth ● Monthly meetings to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ● Theme for the year: Redefining the Win <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Things have changed, so we want to change how we think about it
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>We have had our first meeting and there is a lot to be excited about!</p> <p>First, our focus this year will be “Redefining the Win!” ... We are elated to be looking at the world of competitive speech through the lens of our adaptability and versatility!</p> <p>That being said, here are the things that we are doing:</p> <p>We have a Mentorship program for new, young, coaches!</p> <p>While this has been able to happen at the league level, that has not always been the case; especially as coaches get into season and are doing their best to care for their immediate team needs; this partnership is CHSSA coming alongside the new, young, and helping with team management, curriculum, fundraising, qualifiers, tournament help and ANYTHING else that comes along! The idea is that there are a few per league, 2-5, that are connected to the area chairs and mentor coaches to help! If you are a veteran coach and are wanting to help foster new coaches, maintain teams and grow your league and CHSSA, please send me an email, or your Area chair, so that we can connect those “big buddies” with their other life line! This design is intended to work in conjunction with what your league does, and help to take the pressure off of the “go to,” while simultaneously growing other leadership within the area.</p> <p>So, please, league presidents, help to communicate new team leadership and coaches that would be amazing to help come alongside those newbies! Send your information to the Area Chairs and then be on the lookout for the flyer, emails, posts and more!</p> <p>Additionally, we are going to be doing Monthly Q&A sessions, which will be two parts; first part “lecture” ... guest speakers, experts (in whatever area you are an expert at) ... will come and give their presentation and then there will be time to ask questions tailored to the individual team/coaches need. November: Renown Psychologist: Teaching Through Trauma... this presentation is meant to give support and strategy to coaches and teachers in the midst of the “Unprecedented times” that we are living in.</p> <p>Partnering with Curriculum - There is a need to produce content for coaches, regardless of club or class, to help young coaches and teachers with the activity.</p> <p>If you have a classroom curriculum that you use, an outline, any information that you are willing to share, you can send it to Mccoy or Minnia, as we are looking to share that with coaches that need it! (mikendra.mccoy@gmail.com)</p> <p>Awards Ceremony Videos - We are on the lookout, for the shout out! Please let us know if you have incredible alumni that would be willing to shoot a 30 second to 1 minute video about the things that speech has helped them accomplish in “real life” ...</p> <p>Looking to have bi-monthly publications of what is happening in your league! (We are giving well deserved bulletin information to the Bulletin</p> <p>Area Chairs are doing “Area Reports” and seeking to showcase what you all do ... this is a “best practice” in action! So please let us know what you are doing so we can share with the community of coaches and competitors!</p> <p>Cap Valley is a trend setter, an incredible leader in redefining the ways that we “win” in speech! While you can read the report, you can also have a sneak peek ...</p> <p>“... Mira Loma High School Speech and Debate Team was able to hold a wonderful Speech and Debate camp under the focus of Social Justice. Students, whether they were a part of the team or not, and from any school in the league could attend to learn how to talk about the social justice topics that were important to the students. The students were encouraged to share the topics they cared about and then</p>

	<p>we explored the backgrounds, the current goals, plights and reactions from detractors so that they could be informed speakers.” - Real world stuff from our really awesome activity!</p> <p>Funding:</p> <p>As always, there is a need to make the magic work, so we are asking for a \$5000 budget.</p>
Angelique Ronald	<p>Bringing in a psychologist (Shontae McRae sp.?) to help students. Focus on trauma inspired practices. Agreed to come speak about working in a post-Covid world. She can help answer some trauma questions</p>
Mikendra McCoy	<p>Angelique will be talking with us about equity in judging, talking with parents, etc. Each month new information will be a new topic. All coaches welcome, focus is mentorship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bulletin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shout out to Ben for creating the bulletin ○ We all work very hard, but we are what this activity needs. The bulletin is a place to write and share the information. ○ What are the things that are happening in our leagues? Share those wins <p>Area 2 is awesome. Josh Stinson please share.</p>
Josh Stinson	<p>Students participate in student advocacy. Students are chosen to come together and talk about ways to improve judging, how to train judges better, look at procedures. Each team gets to select a student to send to this organization. The league then hears from this group of student representatives and make decisions using that information. Students feel like their voices are heard.</p> <p>Speech and debate camp through the lens of social justice. Students spoke about the important issues. Coaches then used impromptu to get students used to talking to each other. Students were asked to respond to each other to discuss their thoughts, and how to engage in differing opinions. Camp was open to all, not just speech and debate. Was a great opportunity. Reminded why speech and debate is an empowering activity for students. Reminded students why speech and debate was important and powerful because it allowed them to channel their skills into their passions. Got a grant to cover costs so free to all. Photos and information shared. Helped to refill the bucket.</p>
Mikendra McCoy	<p>I love the passion that Josh brought. I know all of us are doing amazing things. I am asking you to share those things with us. Call, email, show up and share. Speech and Debate used to be “this is my information” but steel sharpens steel so we should provide the best information to all of our teams.</p> <p>Help us get in contact with students or coaches who used speech and debate. Let’s show what they have accomplished. I need you to help.</p>
Minnia Curtis	<p>Is there a set calendar day where this meeting will happen? Will dates be sent out to us?</p>
Mikendra McCoy	<p>We thought about doing a set night, but were worried about doing that. We already have the first three months scheduled.</p>
Minnia Curtis	<p>Please get us the calendar as soon as possible.</p>
Reed Niemi	<p>We also need to get this on the website.</p>
Chris Harris	<p>I am super pumped with this drive. Thank you to Mikendra for heading the committee. There are so many great ideas. I want to invite anyone and everyone to be a part of advancing the activity. We want to grow, but we all have such passion for this. If you have any ideas or want to be a part we would appreciate any and all ideas, comments, suggestions. Adding schools, speakers, etc. to forums.</p>
Mikendra McCoy	<p>I believe in drinking from a firehose. But please, we want balance in our request from you.</p>
Ben Fagan	<p>If you run into a coach who is interested in middle school based programs please send them to m to help them get those programs off of the ground.</p>
Reed Niemi	<p>When we have a PR meeting please send that invite out to the board as a whole. It warms my heart for more people to be involved.</p>
Chris Harris	<p>For high school programs, let’s start a list of anyone inquiring about requests to start a new program. If there is anyone in your league or anyone you know who inquires, let us know so we can formalize it and make it very simple.</p>

Reed Niemi	Something I want to share. Iain Lampert shared two weeks ago some information from his dissertation where he asked for information about coaches and information about speech and debate. Information is incredible, and reads like a love letter to CHSSA because of the progressive things we have done. Dissertation deals with coach burnout.
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Editor – Ben Cummings

Benjamin Cummings	Working to update all parts of the website, and always accepting content.
Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report	<p>As usual the process of keeping the website updated, and current is continuing. We are working to remove some dead/unvisited links from the webpage, and make sure that all current information available is provided on the webpage. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating Past Winners Page Deactivating 2021 Website Links Updating Minutes/Bulletin Links <p>The Bulletin will be released with a beginning of the year issue which will include draft minutes from this meeting. We are also working to create a more PR friendly Bulletin that will be taken in a new direction with the help and resources of the newly formed PR committee.</p> <p>As always, your voice is important and we would love to hear it. Please consider writing a 200-500 word piece to share in the Bulletin.</p>

Reed Niemi	I completely forgot to get the budget approved.
	Budget approved 22 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

Secretary - Ben Cummings

Ben Cummings	Excited to serve in this position. Anything put in the chat box will not be considered part of the discussion unless individual is unable to share through audio.
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Historian – Gregg Osborn (Historian report)

Reed Niemi	Gregg is not able to join us. Gregg wanted to thank Benjamin Cummings for sharing the obituary for Dick Beers.
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AREA CHAIR REPORTS

1 -- Chris Harris

<p>Chris Harris</p>	<p>Area 1 is trudging along and kicking butt. All the tournaments are online currently. CFL has added their qualifiers as in-person. Hoping that happens. The coaches meetings for GGSA and CFL are also on the calendar. Links have been posted.</p> <p>Welcome back to all of the returning members of the Area 1 delegation. I will be asking you all to do more this year.</p> <p>Welcome back to Artem who did a great job when he was here before. He will be representing CFL on the board.</p> <p>Rest of report is in Exec council minutes.</p>
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>GGSA Coaches Meeting: Saturday, Aug 28 from 9am - 12pm GGSA 2021-22 Calendar: http://www.ggsa.org/ggsa-tournament-calendar-2016-17 CFL Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, August 31, 5PM-7:30PM CFL 2021-22 Calendar: https://sites.google.com/site/coastforensicleague/calendar Representing CHSSA Area 1: Steven Clemmons (Debate Chair) , Dave Matley (GGSA President/Congress Chair), Ben Fagan, Aaron Langerman, and welcome back Artem Raskin (CFL President)</p>

2 -- Mikendra McCoy

<p>Mikendra McCoy</p>	<p>Shout out to everyone who did so well at nationals. League presidents, please share information about successes.</p> <p>YFL is growing. More middle school teams are growing. High schools have high turnover. Burnout is very real. Seeing students in person brought back a lot of that passion. Balancing safety is important.</p> <p>SVFL has a lot of turnover. Welcome to Gaby who is a spitfire.</p> <p>CVFL is being very creative and intentional about their actions.</p> <p>Area 2 is solidly the best area. Excited.</p>
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>So much is happening here!.... Nationals Recap! There was a great showing at Nationals from a number of schools, in a number of events! (I would tell you all of them, except that I don't know them all ... coaches, help!) However, till we have them all, we do know the following: Congrats to Davis, Granite Bay, Mira Loma, Mountain House, Modesto High School, Orsi ... way to represent the Central Valley, Area 2 and California on the national stage!</p> <p>In Cap Valley: As always, the CapValley group is moving and shaking things up! The level of creative brains in that league blows me away... Josh Stinson: Mira Loma created the Social Justice Camp this summer - there was also the student advocacy/representatives. Check out the bulletin for more!</p> <p>In the YFL: Turnover is happening here as well; growth is occurring! New Coach Workshops and mentorship is happening. There is a focus on expanding the middle school programs; a number of schools, four so far, have begun middle school teams, so incorporating the younger crowd is awesome!</p> <p>In SVFL: Turn over is happening, so seeking replacements is necessary. We are still looking for an Area Rep, but that is in the works! Matt Martins from Lemoore has resigned; Gabby Scully from Bakersfield has stepped up into his spot! Please welcome the sensational, the stupendous, the spitfire ... Gabby! :)</p>

3—Leilani McHugh

<p>Leilani McHugh</p>	<p>Report is in the Executive Document.</p> <p>All leagues in Area 3 are gearing up to meet with coaches about how they will be holding tournaments. All leagues came together last year to keep the activity alive. They learned and taught new technologies in order to make everything work. All the coaches and league presidents are doing tremendous work. Goal seems to be online, and hope to move in-person eventually. TCFL is online, WBFL and SCDL still making decisions.</p> <p>Shoutout to Aaron, and the innovative things that they are doing in their school. Victor Jih has created a new website.</p>
<p>Aaron MARquette</p>	<p>WBFL had an amazing year. Record number of tournaments, and everyone came together. We have a new website wbfl.org where we livestream award ceremonies. We created a digital wall of champions to share out undefeated students, and wall of distinction. We carved out a space for student leadership. Student secretaries are self-nominated students who update the website, reach out to students and coaches to collect pictures, and information to share. Helps increase engagement, builds leadership. Want to expand the role of student secretaries.</p>
<p>Leilani McHugh</p>	<p>Thank you, Aaron. Shoutout to Eleanor and Ashley who are joining the board this year. We have wanted Eleanor on this board for years, and everyone should know Ashley who hosted one of the best state tournaments in the recent memory.</p> <p>Go Area 3</p>

4 – Rosalyn Foster

<p>Rosalyn Foster</p>	<p>Thank you Area 4 for the opportunity to lead as Area Chair. Don has been very generous in allowing me to edit the website that he made. Updates to website will be coming. Coaches can look there. OCSL is voting in a new president. Tony Ugalde. We are working to expand the number of teams in Area 4. Congratulations to all teams that had success at nationals.</p>
<p>Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Report</p>	<p>I want to formally thank all of Area 4 for electing me last year. Don was able to transfer the Area 4 website privileges to me so that will continue to run after I update my information in the coming weeks. With some gaps, I want to highlight all the success of our Area 4 students at Nationals, especially as our Area is part of three different districts. Claremont had semifinalists in Asynchronous Duo and a Top 60 in International Extemporaneous. Santa Ana HS was a Speech School of Excellence with their 6 entries, including 4th place in Oratory and Dramatic Interp. Francis Parker had students break into octofinals in Humorous Interp, Quarters in the House, and Top 60 in US Extemporaneous. Bonita Vista had students break to Double-Octofinals in Impromptu, Octofinals in OO and Asynchronous Duo, Quarters in Info and late elim rounds in PF and Extemp Debate. Helix had a Double-octafinalist in Dramatic Interp and a Semifinalist in the Senate. Sage Hill too, had a double octofinals in Impromptu. Fullerton Union had three entries break into double-octofinals in Info and POI.</p> <p>Two of the SoCal Worlds teams broke into elimination rounds. Students from Sage Hill and Godinez made it into the top 64 (Triple-octofinals) and another team with students from Cajon, Chaffey and Los Osos were octo finalists (top 16).</p>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congress – Dave Matley (Rule revisions shared out)

<p>Dave Matley</p>	<p>Welcome to Eleanor from TCFL who is joining Congress Committee</p> <p>Two things going on in congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Putting together topic areas for state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should be out in next four weeks ○ Topic areas are assigned to each Area so submitted legislation for the state tournament should follow those topic areas. If you qualify congress competitors then you are required to send in legislation. If a school's bill is chosen then they can give authorship speeches. Legislation is selected by vote as part of the registration process. ○ Legislation is not submitted until registration for state and should be coming from schools that have qualifiers. ● Reed asked us to combine the rules and procedures in the congress manual with the bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The folder that Reed shared contains the rules that are in the congress manual that are not in the by-laws. Any rules that were in congress manual but were not in by-laws will be added as a housekeeping measure. ○ I shared the information out with everyone after receiving several requests for access. ● If you see anything you need added let me know.
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Debate – Steve Clemmons (Rule revisions shared out, NFHS meeting report)

<p>Reed Niemi</p>	<p>Steve seems to have dropped off. NFHS did not allow virtual attendance for the NFHS topic selection. Steve attended. Five topics have been shared out. I will share with the board. The CHSSA Board of Directors will vote on the topic to help decide vote.</p>
<p>Steve Clemmons</p>	<p>Debate met. Thank you to committee members. Five topics have been selected to choose from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Five Topics <p>There was meant to be an international topic this year in order to not center the topic around USFG. A few resolutions came forward that were voted down to have an international scope. A couple voted down had NATO and UN as the actors. The desire to have a non-USFG actor seems unlikely.</p> <p>There are some rules that do not comply with online debate.</p> <p>Tabroom is only free if you use NSDA Campus. Small tournaments do not have to use Campus and is still free. Doesn't seem like that big of an issue because Campus is \$6 a room.</p> <p>Reed convinced me to chair this committee. I want to make clear this is an inclusive group. If you want to participate, or listen, meeting links will be published so you know what we are doing. I may have some personal beliefs about the way that debate should go but that will not color the way that debate in the committee will run. Please bring to me ideas, suggestions you have about debate. It is not about things I see in debate that others may disagree with.</p> <p>We talked about double entry in Parliamentary and Extemporaneous. The arguments don't hold up in online setting. The biggest argument is scheduling. The scheduling issue no longer an issue. May need to share space with Parli and Extemp prep. We would like to include double entry in Extemp and Parliamentary.</p> <p>Working on archaic tie-breaker rules. Would like to migrate Joy of Tournaments tie-breakers to best practices in tie-breakers while using Tabroom.</p>
<p>Reed Niemi</p>	<p>No blackmail was involved in selecting Steve.</p>
<p>Minnia Curtis</p>	<p>When we are in person, we are going back to old in-person rules regarding use of internet, etc., correct?</p>
<p>Reed Niemi</p>	<p>Good point. Unless the board adopts those moving forward those were adopted as only one year.</p>
<p>Sarah Sherwood</p>	<p>I brought this up. We want to give leagues options, not rewrite bylaws and regulations. We want leagues to have options should they choose to have in-person, or online tournaments using CHSSA rules and regulations.</p>

Minnia Curtis	My need for clarification is if we are in person, all rules will be the old rules.
Angelique Ronald	The debate committee did not meet in May, so the internet rules created last year will not be taken forward.
Sarah Sherwood	We are working on proposing a long term set of rules that are available for online tournaments.
Minnia Curtis	Just wanted to clarify.
Reed Niemi	Thank you. When I was at PResident's meeting the double entry discussion came up. It is rather universal.

IE – Jennifer Nguyen, Meeting 8/14 (Rule revisions shared out)

Jennifer Nguyen	Thank you to all who attended the August 16th meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the IE committee meetings. The committee discussed all legislation changes discussed at previous meeting. Many schools no longer have their physical books any longer so the legislation no longer requires you to have the physical book. This is different than the NSDA. Digital devices for info will be allowed.
Typed Meeting Minutes from Executive Board Reports	<p>I am honored to be able to continue to chair the IE committee. Thank you to the wonderful IE committee for their hard work and dedication. We met a few weeks ago and discussed the rule changes that we provided in May which are to be voted on at this meeting. We did make a change for print publications. As it was written it seemed much more difficult for print publications than electronic ones. Since many programs have photocopied sources with the title and copyright pages we felt that it was important to allow these sources to still be used. A coach should note that this change is currently only for CHSSA and is not legal for NSDA. This is similar to how we are allowing electronic devices for Info but NSDA does not.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in attending the IE committee meetings, even if you aren't on the committee, please let me know and I will be sure to invite you to our meetings.</p>

OLD BUSINESS (not sure if it is in order to bring these back or even germane given circumstances)

Reed Niemi	Before we go to old business we will need some clarification on things that IE committee shared just now. We will take a break now.
	Meeting on recess until 11:10 AM

1. PR Committee restructuring and focus goals (Niemi) - Please see motions in the shared Google folder

Reed Niemi	Do not think we need to go over as Mikendra went over her report. It is also in shared folder for any new members. Most important thing is SMART Goals and review dates for the board to determine whether to renew, defund.
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2. IE Committee document (Jennifer) - Please see motions in the shared Google folder (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P-aUphNKG3Sk9UHJfTndlgzni-SBsYhhauJSzIbx4Kk/edit?usp=sharing>)

a. Script requirements

Reed Niemi	Would someone from IE committee please go through each one at a time.
Jennifer Nguyen	Remove script requirements as we did for the virtual tournament. Encourage you to have the script should a protest be launched. Must produce a script within 20 minutes. Committee can meet without script. Not a requirement to have a script, but
Minnia	Moves to Discuss
LEilani McHugh	Second
Minnia Curtis	Clarification, it is not required to have a script, even for original speeches?
Jennifer Nguyen	They will adjudicate without the script, but it is better for the coach to have it.
Minnia Curtis	This is not where we are changing the script sources, we still cannot use things from a blog if this passes?
Reed Niemi	Correct, that is a different rules and regulations request.
Minnia Curtis	I am all for us not providing scripts. Are we innocent until proven guilty without a script to prove something. Is it fair to the kid? I do want people to follow the rules and not compete with an illegal script.
Angelique Ronald	The way we did it this year is it is optional, and you do not have to provide a script. If you cannot provide the script and you are protested then it is very hard to prove that you are right. This is similar to what they do at nationals. You do not have to go through the work, but have some of the information available if a protest were to arise. A lot harder to find in your favor if you do not have evidence.
Minnia Curtis	That's the opposite of what I was expecting. So we are not innocent until proven guilty.
Angelique Ronald	Burden of proof is on the person defending the script. Same as debate when the burden of proof is on the person presenting the information.
Reed Niemi	The league president can still ask that all competitors turn in their state scripts.
Cameron Martin	This is similar what we do in leagues a lot. Even though we have a script, it is easy to adjudicate when we can see the video.
Jennifer Nguyen	This came up because we had league presidents and area chairs saying a script was legal and then later

	it being said no it isn't correct. Making the script should be easier now because you have autonomy on how you present the script. Eliminates all the little roles.
Karen Minick	Cover sheets used to have parent and admin signatures to verify that admin knew what students were presenting. Are we still requiring that elsewhere?
Angelique Ronald	Principal still signs for registration. A new form says that the principal knows and understands what the team is presenting. Schools can have internal controls. We are not policing sites.
Chris Harris	We should not be the police here. It is dangerous on a corporate and non-profit level.
Jennifer Nguyen	We had that on the cover sheet, but the cover sheet was only for certain events anyway.
Reed Niemi	Any other questions? This is huge/
Minnia Curtis	Call the Previous Question
Angelique Ronald	Second
Reed Niemi	Call the vote. I am hopeful removing this process will allow league presidents to focus on working on their leagues.
	Board Vote PASSES 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention

b. **Align Expository to Informative, but for electronics**

Jennifer Nguyen	Changing the name to Informative as NSDA did. We did not have to change much. Took out what NSDA said about electronic devices.
Reed Niemi	Any motion for discussion?
Minnia Curtis	Do we need to discuss?
Karen Minick	Motion to Discuss
Aaron	Second
Bobby Lebeda	Everything is the same, the event is just different.
Reed Niemi	The other difference is the electronics.
Jennifer Nguyen	We allow electronics. When you take your informative to NSDA you must remove that electronic device.
Minnia Curtis	Call the previous question
Sarah Sherwood	Second
Reed Niemi	Poll Out now
	Board Vote PASSES 23 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions

c. **Changing script sources to align with NSDA**

Jennifer Nguyen	<p>I saved this for last because this will have the most discussion. Previous rules had a lot to do with the NSDA Approved list that no longer exists. We met and decided to follow the NSDA which allows original source material mustnot be written by the competitor and must be publicly accessible throughout the tournament. We did make a change. For novels, short stories, plays, we are accepting photocopies and not requiring physical copy. Must be publicly accessible, no password or paywall required. Videos must have original transcript approved by copyright owner. Official transcript services with manual transcriptions will be allowed.</p> <p>Questions we have, can we use a blog, etc. Iain Lampert points out that with money you can take your</p>
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	idea to anyone to write a book and publish it for you to perform. If you don't have money you now allow everyone to have the opportunity for your script to be written for you.
Reed Niemi	Agree on equity point.
Minnia Curtis	Moved to Discussion
Cameron Martin	Seconds
Cameron Martin	We can't legislate to the 1% that will cheat. We want to legislate to the heart of the idea. If this kid thinks he can write better than Ernest Hemingway then go for it.
Minnia Curtis	So, to clarify, if a student posts a poem on a blog, Jeremy can go use that poem in script. It doesn't have to be published on editor's site anymore as long as it is publicly available, and someone else wrote it?
Jennifer Nguyen	Yes, that is correct. If the person did not write it themselves, and it is publicly accessible it is allowed.
Minnia Curtis	Is this how NSDA works?
Angelique Ronald	Yes
Minnia Curtis	So we are aligning with NSDA
Cameron Martin	Has anyone taken advantage of this rule at NSDA yet?
Angelique Ronald	I don't know. This was in place at nationals this year. They will pilot this for one more year.
Reed Niemi	This is a lot of changes. I am impressed. I think this will make coaches' lives easier. A lot of coaches were penalized by old coaches who would weaponize the rules and regulations against young coaches. We are opening up access.
Bobby Lebeda	College forensics has been doing speeches like this forever and it has been fine. It feels relaxed because the rules are so relaxed. This gets us closer to that.
Reed Niemi	Any discussion or motion?
Minnia Curtis	Call the previous question
Rosalyn Foster	Second
Reed Niemi	Launched Vote
	Board Vote: PASSES 23 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention

d. **Changing the penalty of 7th place to discretion of the Protest Committee**

Jennifer Nguyen	We want to allow the tournament director and protest committee to have more leniency in dealing with rule violations in order to remove required last place finishes.
Leilani McHugh	Motion to discuss
Rosalyn Foster	Seconded
Reed Niemi	No Discussion, is there a motion
Steve Clemmons	Call the previous Questions
Leilani McHugh	Second
	Board Vote: PASSES - 20 Yea, 3 Nay, 2 Abstentions
Chris Harris	Can you remind us what an abstention means?

Reed Niemi	Means you are registering a vote, but not voting for or against.
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NEW BUSINESS

Reed Niemi	I have no new business except what Dave Matley proposed. May have to send that out as an electronic ballot.
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GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. **Thank you Mikendra for agreeing to host coach meetings and for spearheading a monthly remote town hall.**

Reed Niemi	Going to allow for monthly roundtable that will allow questions to be asked like Minnia has been asking. Many around the state will have similar questions and PR can host meetings where Reed or Angelique can host breakout rooms if necessary.
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2. **Middle School State**

Reed Niemi	I reached out to Ben Fagan who is heavily involved in middle school debate to ask if he is interested in hosting middle school state. Ben said he has never directed a tournament before, but that is an opportunity to mentor him. Ben said he would consider it if he has help from others.
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3. **SCDL**

Jennifer Nguyen	Wanted to share what we did with our rules. We did them as Google Slides to make it easier to follow, and easier to find what is going on.
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4. **Forthcoming meeting dates:**

- a. **Winter 2021 meeting dates--December 27-29 Vegas or January 8 Zoom**

Reed Niemi	Not a fully necessary meeting. The work the committees have been doing is more important than the board meetings. Recommend a working meeting.
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- b. **Spring 2022 meeting--May 14th (Zoom or in-person meeting?)**

Reed Niemi	Not sure if Zoom or In-Person, but can assume it will be Zoom with school events, and possible variants going around.
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5. **General Comments**

Chris Harris	Congratulations and thank you to the IE committee for doing the work, proposing early, and allowing discussions to be had. It makes for a positive proposal, and a unanimous adoption. Thank you to Ben for being secretary and taking notes, and for asking questions to put in the notes. Makes me feel good that what is happening in the meeting is being recorded.
Aaron Marquette	I wanted to ask a quick question of what everyone's plan is for their tournaments.
	CFL online
	GGSA Online
	SCDL Hoping for live but possibly online
	YFL in person
	SDIVSL in person
	TCFL online
Erik Pielstick	We are planning in person, but that may be scuttled. We have approval for two in person hosts.
Josh Stinson	We will have hybrid rounds. Maintain livestream announcements. Help to prepare them to transition to live tournaments.

Cameron Martin	Two of three are covered for in person. Lots of logistical questions needing to be answered. How do we pre-package food? We are hoping for in-person.
Angelique Ronald	If you are going to have in-person tournaments please remember that comes with a lot of extra work. I would hate for there to be an outbreak at a tournament. The NFHS study tells us that debate tournaments are, by definition, superspreader events. I would hate, if there was an outbreak, for administration to use this as an excuse to cut a team. Please follow guidelines. Masks protect from aerosol projections. There are clear masks you can buy for facial expressions. I would encourage leagues to bulk purchase hand sanitizer, cleaning products, and be thinking about bathrooms and whether or not there is space for them.
Reed Niemi	If you search ASL masks they are mainly for Lip-Readers.
Chris Harris	Simple request for Reed, when you meet with the attorney about treasurer stuff is there any room to ask questions about our liability for qualifying tournaments if they were held in person? This is something we should discuss. Qualifying tournaments to our state tournaments, should we put out guidelines about mask wearing, and our expectations for tournaments.
Reed Niemi	I think what you're saying is extremely valuable. I am sure that Angelique is thinking about that and requiring masks at our qualifying tournaments, etc.
Jennifer Nguyen	Fully agree with Chris. If you use Amazon please use the Amazon Smile account to get direct donations to CHSSA.
Chris Harris	Can we get directions? I think my money is going to other groups.
Jennifer Nguyen	When you are on Smile.amazon.com it says Organization supporting and shows you which organization you are supporting.
Angelique Ronald	On the app it is always set to smile. Online it requires you to log in to smile.amazon.com
Reed Niemi	Anything else for the good of the order? Good work, and thank you for getting through this.
Jennifer Nguyen	Should I be preparing online rules should we end up having online tournaments?
Reed Niemi	Yes
Benjamin Cummings	Motion to adjourn
Reed Niemi	12:14 PM Meeting Adjourned