

- I. President Prefontaine called the meeting to order at 9:15.  
Prefontaine updated council on Rita Prichard's sons and requested that positive thoughts and/or prayers be sent. Suzanne Munsell requested a moment of silence for an Oxford Academy student, Douglas Uselton, 17, and his father, Steven Uselton, 44. Father and son were on their way to a speech competition early Saturday when their car was struck by a vehicle driven by an 18-year old drunk driver.
- II. President Prefontaine called roll and passed the current address list around for updates.  
Proxies: Matt Fraser for Terry Abad, Mike Newbold for Dave Chamberlain, Eric Larsen for Rita Prichard  
Absent without proxy: Kathy Graber, Chuck Ballingall, Chris Wolf, Andrew Shurrer, Allison Huntley
- III. Minutes from Sept 2010 meeting were circulated for approval.

*Minutes approved with no corrections.*

#### **IV. Officer Reports**

##### **President Prefontaine**

Executive Council discussed the need for January meeting, discussed the use of conferencing software. The discussion focused on being flexible and making better use of our finances. Executive council discussed the importance of judging at State Tournament, especially with the increase in debate and increasing penalties for schools failing to meet their judging requirements.

##### **Vice President of Activities Kamel**

Excited by state, making progress in a number of hotels. The goal is for all hotels to be under a \$100 and with free parking and Internet. Nermin is meeting with SDSU in the next weeks. Council is warned about necessity for meeting judging requirements; especially due to increased numbers in debate. Judge registration and assignment is being moved to Joy of tournaments. Next year we will be at Lowell High in San Francisco. The schedule is the new one approved by council. Recommends that State tournament fees be increased from \$20 to \$25 per entry in order to increase student scholarships from \$150 to \$500 each if council approves.

##### **Vice President of Curriculum Prichard**

Combined with committee report

##### **Treasurer Barembaum**

Report emailed. Because Neil will not be at state this year, he will not be able to issue refunds for deposits at state. Therefore, a form will be created which coaches will submit. Coaches will have an option of having a check mailed to them or to roll the funds over for dues next year. Neil proposed a scholarship amount of \$250. (Kamel is asking the council to increase all scholarships to \$500.)

##### **Secretary - No Report**

##### **Historian Underwood**

Ron has given material to the Webmaster to put on the website as time permits. A Hall of Fame section will be added and interview videos will be posted as time permits. Ron is asking Hall of Famer members to turn in their acceptance speeches for the website submission. "Where are they now" update will be written for bulletin.

## V. Area Chair Reports

### Area 1 Chair Keller

All is in order for state 2012. Tournament site is Lowell High School in San Francisco. Seems likely that airport hotels will be most convenient.

### Area 2 Chair Darling

Still looking for a site for 2014. Investigating the possibility of returning to Delta Community College.

### Area 3 Chair Kindred

Jennifer Kindred, Area 3 Chair has located the site for 2013. It will be West Ranch High in Santa Clarita. Kamel will be visiting the site. New curriculum rep is Alison Huntley

### Area 4 Chair Munsell

State 2011- Dr. Sharon Taylor at SDSU is eager to host the tournament, and Greg Osborn and Kamel will meet with school to view site. A deal with Seaworld is being negotiated to get tickets for teams that want to stay an extra day after the State Tournament.

## VI. Committee Reports

### Public Relations Report

President Prefontaine commended Steve Caperton for his work on the web site. Caperton reported:

#### **New Website**

- Show of new website
  - Area Information- creating a zip code search for leagues
  - Event videos
  - website survey
  - coaching resources
- Discuss the importance of Article submissions, FAQ's

#### **Future Plans for Website**

- New Content Creation (possibly be asking other committees to create this at the next council meeting)
- Short event guides with lesson plans (mainly cutting and pasting from already existing documentation)
- Judging Guides for the web page
- Request from all League Presidents to forward a complete mailing list of their leagues to their respective Area Chairs and then have the Area Chair forward that list to President Prefontaine. Lists will not be accessible to general public – only specified CHSSA officers.

#### **Future Items for discussion**

- Facebook, etc
- Discussing the creation of a CHSSA promotional video that can be shown to school boards and in classrooms (early discussion phase, much more work to do on this)

#### **Ideas to increase PR at State Tournament**

- Increase media exposure by having a press conference prior to awards and invite local media outlets to tape awards. Local hosts are the focus. Create press kits.
- Work with SDSU PR dept to increase awareness of the State tournament.
- 2012 state create an affiliation with a non-profit (as was done in KC Nationals) to serve the public and create some increased awareness (would require a schedule change or offsite registration)
- 2011 or 2012 make a press release packet similar to nationals for all entrants to CHSSA can send out press releases to local media outlets with a bit of local flair.

- Liz Harlacher suggested consideration of adding a new event called Constitutional Advocacy to draw in mock trial students (some of whom left speech and debate). Some event (oratorical interp?) might be dropped to address entry numbers issue.
- Matt Fraser suggested a college scholarships page to connect financial aid resources associated with speech. Also suggested an outreach effort to meet with school principals.
- John Cardoza suggested pre-stamped postcards for judges to write a quick, positive note when leaving rounds. Cards to be sent to local school boards, administrators, districts, etc. that have schools attending the state tournament. Give boards something positive to think about student competitors

### **Media Relations**

- Ron Underwood researched mailing lists for media outlets in California

### **Individual Events Committee (Darling)**

Thanks to those who attended. No revisions are going to be submitted for this meeting. Discussed Mushroom Cloud Press and similar operations, and extemp topics. Set the topic areas for extemp for the state tournament. Discussed extemp sources.

RD	NATIONAL	FOREIGN
I	Foreign Policy/Military	Europe
II	Government/ Politics	Middle East
III	Economy/Business,	Asia/Pacific/Australia
SEMI	Social Programs/Education/Entitlements	Latin America/South America/Caribbean
FINAL	Health/Technology/Science	Africa

### **Debate Committee**

No meeting. Key members are absent. Without objection, council agreed that we will continue to use the Parliamentary Debate guidelines that have been distributed at State the past three years for State 2011. It was noted that these guidelines were previously reviewed without objection by both the debate committee and the council and that they follow current By-Laws. It was also agreed without objection that we would continue to use the colored paper for Parli prep as we did last year.

### **Congress Committee (Matley)**

New member is Brett Alexander. First time leagues did not have the mandatory requirement to submit legislation. Ralph Driggs is the only one to submit legislation. Discussed ideas for bills and came up with 8 bills and resolutions (only 7 will be used, the other is a backup). Mid-February bills will go out for last minute revisions and then posted. Dave would like to get out the information for bill submissions; maybe a section under the state tournament that would allow students to submit legislation. Discussed the possibility of dropping the 4<sup>th</sup> prelim round in Congress to make Congress in line with IE's. Will be brought up at the next meeting. Discussed whether to continue current practice of assigning a bonus PO to fill the vacant PO spot created by the consolidation of MMFL and TVFL into one league. No bylaw proposals at this meeting.

### **Curriculum Committee (Keller)**

Looked at website and has some suggestions for updates that will be sent to the Webmaster. Discussed how to revamp and update the New Coaches Handbook. Need new updated scripts for original speeches to modernize them. Add a MLA citation page to handbook. Discussed changing name of Congress to Congressional Debate. The idea of an Impromptu DVD be created and an interp DVD that

focuses on preparation process (no interps on it to avoid copyright issues.) Discussed the idea of a 6-week course guide with materials, but lots of the information is copyrighted. The information is already online at several sites. Links to curriculum materials for short speech course will be posted soon. Looked at putting Public Forum and Parli into the coach's handbook. Kamel asked the committee to describe what is speech and debate in a short format (less than one page) to explain speech and debate education and competition. Recommended debate committee to clarify Parli and PuFo at the next meeting. Liz Harlacher volunteered to lead the effort.

## VII. Old Business

### **ORIGINAL MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-09-C: M/Graber S/Barembaum**

Article V, Section 1, Paragraph F, p.3 (new text in bold, deleted text stricken)

F. League transfers: If a school within the geographical area of a recognized league desires to affiliate and/or participate in the activities of another league, the request must be submitted in writing to the presidents of the two leagues. State assessments shall count for the league to **from** which the school transfers **for the first year after the transfer and shall count for the league to which the school transfers thereafter**. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the member schools of each league shall be required to allow this request. This decision must be declared no later than December 15. If the applying school or either league president wishes to appeal the decision, s/he may submit the appeal in writing to the CHSSA President and the Area Chairpersons no later than January 1. The decision of the CHSSA President and the four Area Chairpersons shall be final, and shall be reported to the Executive Council in a timely manner. The Area Chairperson shall report any and all League transfers at the Winter Meeting of the CSSC.

It is not intended that this change would alter any current arrangements.

Rationale/Graber: Either changes are allowed, or they are not. If they are allowed, the economic assessment/allocation issue will usually prevent a league from allowing a change. This is an attempt to mitigate this issue by allowing the donor league to maintain the assessments for one year after the change. By the nature of our allocation system, this will affect years two and three to a lessening degree. Changing leagues for improper reasons would still be prevented because the two leagues would still need to have a two-thirds affirmative vote.

### **MODIFIED MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 10-09-C:**

#### **Results of Remand to Exec Council, Sept 2010. M/Prefontaine S/Driggs**

F. League transfers: If a school within the geographical area of a recognized league desires to affiliate and/or participate in the activities of another league, the request must be submitted in writing to the presidents of the two leagues. **The terms of credit for State assessments shall be determined by agreement between the league from** which the school transfers **and the league to which the school transfers**. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the member schools of each league **involved in the request** ~~shall be~~ **is** required to allow ~~this request~~ **a transfer**. This decision must be **made by the leagues and** declared **to the Area Chair** no later than December 15. ~~If the applying school or either league president wishes to appeal the decision, s/he may submit the appeal in writing to the CHSSA President and the Area Chairpersons no later than January 1. The decision of the CHSSA President and the four Area Chairpersons shall be final, and shall be reported to the Executive Council in a timely manner.~~ The Area Chairperson shall report any and all League transfers ~~at the Winter Meeting of~~ **to the CSSC no later than January 15.**

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*Rationale/Exec council: Leagues have the responsibility to work together to provide the best circumstance for their member schools and are better informed on the reasons a school would request a transfer.*

**California High School Speech Association**

*Therefore, membership and management of fiscal issues are best left to the leagues themselves unless there is gross violation of CHSSA Constitution and By-Laws. Leagues are protected by the necessity of the two-thirds vote. There is no benefit in having an appeal process because the Area Chairs and President are not in a better position to determine either the cause or need for the transfer request nor the terms of the transfer regarding which league receives state assessments and for how long.*

**Johnson:** This won't make it easier to transfer leagues. Believes that personal issues would prevent this anyway and that the decision should be by the council as a neutral arbiter.

**Barembaum:** Believes that this would encourage leagues to allow transfers because there is no immediate financial or allocation loss. Some coaches will not participate because of personal issues with other coaches within leagues and the transfer might encourage coaches to actually compete who now don't due to personal issues.

**Alexander:** Boundaries occasionally matter, but the majority of transfers are because they don't want to compete within a tough league. SCL is really impacted by this because they have so many schools on the boundary. Recommends that money comes in and allocation do not count.

**Prefo:** The discussion of league transfers belongs with the leagues that know the people and areas better than the council as a whole.

**Osborn:** Doesn't like the bylaw. The assessments shouldn't matter, and the haggling can occur. Wants the wording of assessments out of the bylaws all together.

**Cardoza:** What is the rational for requiring the league to release. Why don't we just allow schools to pick their own leagues?

**Hegner** Likes the proposal, makes sense. One year of allocations is relatively minor issue.

**Keller:** Past experiences showed that the meeting is often antagonistic, and the outcome was not positive.

***Remanded (again) to Exec Council for May Meeting***

Recess for lunch at 11:45

Meeting resumed at 1:05 p.m.

**VIII. New Business**

IB Transfer- **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-A: M / Read S/Larsen**

Addition to By-Laws: Article\_VII, section\_5\_ , Para K-2e, page 9

**k. Residence eligibility**

2, Transfer eligibility

b. for students who have participated in interscholastic speech competition:

2. A student who transfers from School A to School B without a change of residence on the part of the parents or guardians shall become eligible at School B after one year.

a-d remain the same

**e. Transfers within the IB program from School A to School B will not affect eligibility.**

***Remanded to IE Committee – Respectfully suggested by Cardoza that eligibility requirements should be dropped entirely but in any case remand should go to Exec Council. Remanded to Exec Council.***

Extemp computers in prep- **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-B: M/Matley S/**

★ Addition to By-Laws: Article IX ,section 1 , paragraph 5 , page # 1

Strike: “No electronic retrieval device may be used.” Insert the following under a new paragraph 5. All subsequent paragraph numbers will be increased by one.

5. Use of Computers: Extemporaneous Speaking contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices to store and to retrieve their subject files. Students can retrieve extemporaneous files to read, but cannot write speeches or organize their thoughts on the computers. Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, netbooks, iPads, or other portable electronic retrieval equipment. Secondary devices such as flash drives or external hard drives are allowed as well. **Cell phones or smart phones are prohibited.** Students may consult published books, periodical articles, newspaper articles, think tank articles, government reports or journal articles saved on their electronic retrieval device **or present in hard copy form** provided:

- a. There are no notations made within or on the saved article other than citation information.
- b. Any highlighting or underlining of the articles is done in only one color within each article. Bolding, italicizing, or any other manipulation of the original text of sources (other than highlighting or underlining as previously stipulated) is prohibited.

Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the prep room at any time. All computers used in the prep room must be battery operated at all times. Extemporaneous Speaking contestants shall not access the Internet or communicate. Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition.

*President Remanded to IE Committee*

League name change **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-C: M/Read S/Larsen**

Other change: Article\_V, section\_\_1, paragraph-B-1, pg\_1

Schools in the following group of counties shall be eligible for membership in the

~~Sacramento Valley Forensic League~~ **CAPITOL VALLEY FORENSIC LEAGUE**. President’s note: Change of name will be made in all sections where Sacramento Valley Forensic League or its abbreviation currently appears.

**Cardoza:** Why Capitol with an “o” instead of an “a”?

**Larsen:** Aligns with NFL names for district

*Passes, voice vote*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-D: M/ Read S/Caperton**

Electronic Mail: Allows the use of email for registration

Addition to By-Laws: Article\_VII, section\_6, para. B, pg.9

B. The president of each league shall forward to the appropriate Area Chairperson by **electronic mail** or certified mail postmarked not later than the designated due date.

**Read:** Allows the emailing of state results to Area Chairs – 21<sup>st</sup> century. Most information is sent through email now, but some is sent through regular mail. This change makes both methods allowed.

**Osborn:** Why do we need this?

**Read:** Just makes sure that there is no problem with email and states it specifically in the by-laws.

*Passes voice vote*

League Rotation **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-E: M/ Read S/Hegner**

Addition to By-Laws: Article\_VII, section\_5, para. \_\_\_\_\_C, pg 5

**3. If a league cannot fill the number of qualifiers they have been awarded, then those unfilled slots will be given to other leagues within their area as per rotation set up in Article VII, Section 5, paragraph 2D.**

~~a. Within each area, the individual leagues may reverse the order on alternate years if all of said leagues agree to do so and inform the Area Chairperson of their decision.~~

**Barembaum:** Friendly Amendment: Change District Chair to Area Chair (accepted)

**Underwood:** move to amend that all leagues have to agree on the order reversal, accepted by June Read.

**Read:** Becomes an issue every year and that's been confirmed by Nermin.

**Osborn:** Why is it a may, why can't we just flip every other year. Amend to say will reverse on alternate years.

**Cardoza:** Request that Read withdraw resolution -- recommends that leagues just lose the spots altogether.

**Osborn:** Disagrees, numbers ensure even panels of events, so it is more fair.

**Underwood:** Could really screw up debate schematics. Current situation always benefits one league over others.

**Hegner:** Would be fairer.

**Read:** Likes more kids in state, and may create good competition.

**Fraser:** Favors a rotation, results in one league getting lesser qualified kids to go, should go to the league that has the largest entry in that event.

**Kamel:** Can we keep it simple please!!

**Larsen:** Strike subsection A, and leave in # 3. Amendment accepted by June Read.

**Kamel:** Can we just copy and paste the chart instead of using the subsection references (amendment accepted)

Summary of results of discussion of this motion:

**FINAL VERSION: MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-E: M/ Read S/Hegner**

Addition to By-Laws: Article\_VII, section\_5, paragraph\_C, page #\_5\_

**3. If a league cannot fill the number of qualifiers they have been awarded, then those unfilled slots will be given to other leagues within their area as per rotation set up in Article VII, Section 5, paragraph 2D.**

Note: This motion simply codifies current practice.

*Passes, voice vote*

Sources for Extemp topics **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-F: M/ Kamel S/Matley**

Addition to By-Laws:.....Article XIV, section 1, paragraph A, page #

**A. Extemporaneous**

1. Topics shall be drawn from topics discussed in *Time, U.S. News and World*

*Report, The Economist, Foreign Affairs, Christian Science Monitor, the Los Angeles Times* and *Newsweek* issues dated from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> of the Tournament year.

*Motion to divide the motion – passes/voice vote*

**Part I: A. Extemporaneous**

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*Passes/Voice Vote*

**Part II: A. Extemporaneous**

1. Topics shall be drawn from topics discussed in *the Los Angeles Times* issues dated from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> of the Tournament year.

**Johnson:** Should have no problem with getting topics with just the magazines.

**Matley:** Need newspapers for good national news and topic sources.

**Newbold:** Foreign Affairs and other magazines have domestic topics

**Hegner:** USA today is the only national newspaper

**Kindred:** Why don't we just have one type of extemp, no separation of FX and DX?

**Fraser:** The topic issues were due to a lack of sources, need more to draw from

*Motion to Amend, allow USA today. M/Cardoza S/Keller*

**Underwood:** Can our topic guy use USA today?

**Kamel:** Yes

Amendment Discussion: We already have many sources. If we add a newspaper, should it be a California paper? We need to take the time to make a thoughtful decision.

*Fails/Voice Vote*

**Matley:** Remand

**Cardoza:** We've already meddled in Magazines.

**Harlacher:** Against newspapers altogether

**Motion to Table Amendment M/Johnson S/Caperton**

*Motion tabled by Voice vote*

*Motion to open debate on Part II- Seconded. Ayes 10 Nay 8 Abstain 4*

*Motion to Remand to IE- Seconded. Passes/ voice vote*

*Motion to table discussion of use of newspapers (like LA Times) for extemp topics. Motion to table until next meeting. League Presidents should discuss with Leagues M/Johnson S/Cardoza*

*Passes/Voice Vote*

Bonus Entry Tie Breaker: **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-G: M/ Kamel S/Underwood**

This revision will be a:

Addition to By-Laws: Article XIV, section 1, para A, pg 5

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

- a. Based on the previous three years' State Tournaments and total league entries, the number of sweepstakes points earned shall be divided by the total number of allocated league entries.
- b. This number is to be used to rank the leagues in order.
- c. The top seven leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.

**In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken in the same manner but done based on the previous four years, five years etc.**

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

- a. Based on the previous three years' State Tournaments and total league entries, the number of sweepstakes points earned shall be divided by the total number of allocated league entries.
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- c. The top seven leagues shall each receive one bonus entry.

**In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken in the same manner but done based on the previous four years, five years etc.**

**Kamel:** We have an unbreakable tie for Duo entries, and we need to codify the tiebreakers of bonus allocations. The new tiebreaker would go back year by year until the tie can be broken.

**Cardoza:** If there is no tie break, don't award the bonus – No reason to fill all spots.

**Osborn:** We need consistent panels

**Fraser:** Agree

*Passes/voice vote*

Penalties re Judge Quotas **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-H: M/ Kamel S/Underwood**

Addition: Article XIV, Section 2D2:

2. Substitute judges for coaches or additional judges must be approved by the Area Chairperson at the time of pre-registration, not at the tournament site registration. A coach who will be represented by a substitute judge or who provides additional judges must provide written information for the Area Chairperson regarding the judging experience of each judge. Coaches who are representing more than one school must fulfill the judging requirement of each school. Schools that fail to fulfill judging obligations ~~will forfeit the \$100 judging deposit~~ **may will be fined up to \$100 per missed round. In addition, egregious violations may will result in the school losing up to 5 sweepstakes points per missed round. Penalties will be assessed by the protest committee in communication with the State Tournament Director. A list of judges who missed rounds shall be posted in the judges' room at the conclusion of each round.**

**Hegner:** Friendly amendment to change "may" to "will" to reflect that the council believes from its experience at state last year that the importance of this issue requires serious consequences. [Accepted]

**Kamel:** If passed the resolution will fine a school \$100 per round and cost them 5 sweeps per round.

**Fraser:** leave the "up to" for sweeps to the protest committee. Give the needed flexibility

*Motion to Amend by adding a statement that a school that fails to meet its judging obligation will have one of its students, randomly selected, dropped from competition. M/Johnson S/Cardoza*

**Newbold:** Don't Punish Kids

**Osborn:** Agree, it's bad

**Johnson:** Used at several league, but it works in leagues and the threat is effective.

**Cardoza:** Draconian punishments aside, threaten leagues with a qualifier next year. Please vote no.

**Case:** Need a policy that we will actually do, a threat is useless unless it's used.

**Fraser:** Should the least extreme and restrictive means to accomplish goal.

*Amendment fails voice vote*

*Motion Passes, voice vote*

Change in judge panel mix **MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-I: M/Kamel S/Underwood**

Article XIV, Section 2, D3

~~3. In preliminary rounds, every effort shall be made to assign one coach, one community judge, and one college judge to each panel/debate. In the semis of individual events and congress, every effort shall be made to assign one coach, one community judge, and one college judge to each panel. In the semis of Team/LD, every effort shall be made to assign three coaches, one community, and one college judge to each debate. In individual events and congress finals, every effort shall be made to assign three coaches, one community judges, and one college judge to each panel.~~

**Kamel:** Never have this anyway and the computer can't allocate judges in this manner if we want to go to computerized judge assignments.

**Johnson:** the deleted language is not absolute, and just encourages every effort.

**Larsen:** Are we going to make no effort?

**Kamel:** For the past few years because of the increased judging requirements there has been a mixing of pools. Parents are in both the "coach pool" and the "community pool" ... sometimes there isn't a "college pool" so that too gets mixed with the "community pool" ... rarely can we actually get one coach, one unaffiliated community member, and one college student on a panel.

**Fraser:** Offers friendly amendment to add language of assurance that panels will be mixed as much as possible. "*Panels of judges shall be mixed in background and experience to the degree logistically feasible, at the discretion of the tournament director.*" [Accepted]

**Final wording of Article XIV, Section 2, D3: Panels of judges shall be mixed in background and experience to the degree logistically feasible, at the discretion of the tournament director.**

*Passes / voice vote*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-J: M/ Kamel S/Keller**

Change entry date to April 1<sup>st</sup> for Semi-Final and Final judges

Article XIV, Section 2, D4

4. Each league president shall send a list of potential semi and final judges to the Area Chairperson by April 10. The list should indicate the events each coach would be best qualified to judge.

*Passes/ voice vote*

**MOTION TO REVISE THE BY-LAWS 11-01-K: M/ Kamel S/**

Allowing 1<sup>st</sup> years students to judge when needed in semi rounds

Article XIV, Section E.

Qualified judges from local college and the local community shall be encouraged to participate in judging the State Tournament. Use of first year or sophomore college students as judges is to be ~~discouraged in preliminary rounds and is prohibited in semifinal and final rounds.~~ **If judge shortages exist, the tournament director may allow a first or second year out student to judge a panel/round that does not include any students from their former league.** Those individuals responsible for supplying college and community judges should be encouraged to recruit special judges for semifinals and finals.

**Kamel:** We need more flexibility with all the judges we'll need. We will try to protect diversity, but shouldn't have it mandated.

**Keller:** At the colleges, we grab kids to judge that may violate this rule.

**Cardoza:** it suggests that cheating is happening.

**Matley:** Limits the possibility of getting qualified judges. The exception should not exist -- the rule should be used regardless of practical needs if there is a real problem.

**Kindred:** college students are the best judges.

Amend to disallow 1<sup>st</sup> year college judges from being entered by their own school.

**Cardoza** Let the judges code themselves out.

**Harlacher:** 1<sup>st</sup> years were signing up as community judges and judging for their own school, and they are not self-recusing.

*Remand to executive committee, M/Johnson S/ Cardoza  
Passes/Division of House: Ayes 13 Nay 9 Abstention 1*

<b>Motion to set scholarships for the first place winner in every event to \$500 to establish parity with Congress.</b>
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**Kamel:** Need consistency across the board

**Newbold:** Can we afford this?

**Johnson:** Who cares? We give them [the competitors in IE and debate events] enough honors, and we had a purpose with increasing the Congress awards.

**Hegner:** There is nothing wrong with a \$150 scholarship.

**McCoy:** Objects to raising fees to increase scholarships, feels that the fee increase will just move the cost.

**Fraser:** Look for outside scholarship donors; don't fund large school scholarships on the backs of small schools.

*Motion fails/ voice vote*

Amount not established by council. President says to keep amount of scholarships for events other than Congress to \$150 until such time as there is significant discussion about ways to fund scholarships.

**Hall of Fame Nominees (2)**

Reed Niemi: John Cardoza spoke to support Reed.

Doug Campbell: Brett Alexander spoke on behalf of Doug.

**Donovan Cummings Service Above Self Award**

Nominations should be emailed to President Prefontaine by Feb 15.

**IX. For the good of the order:**

Johnson: Thinking that there might be a reason to collapse IX and DX at the next meeting.

**X. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen Caperton

For Chuck Ballingall

CHSSA Secretary