

**California High School Speech Association
Fall 2012 General Council Meeting Minutes**

I. September 8, 2012 9:24am

II. Secretary Niemi called the roll.

Absent: VP Activities Nermin Kamel
Proxies: Sharon Smith for Area 2 Rep at Large Chris Wolf
Amy Va for WBFL President Sharon James
Erik Miller for SCDL President Ashley Novak
Priscilla Merritt for OCSL President Sal Tinajero

A roster was distributed and people were asked to provide current information.

Prefontaine: Welcome new members.

III. May Minutes review. Corrections listed below.

- Carol Green proxy for Chris Wolf as Rep at Large, NOT CFL President
- Historian Report (pg 2)-Craig Austin received sufficient votes to roll-over for this year's vote for Hall of Fame.
- Typos submitted by Ralph Driggs

Motion to approve Minutes moved, seconded, and passed.

Prefontaine: Thanks to Chuck Ballingall for so many years of incredible service.

We will pay for his Wording Committee meetings. We ought to keep him within our ranks. He is a great person and has much knowledge and respect and will be difficult to replace the great reporting. See attached debate report.

Barembaum: We will only pay for hotel per Chuck's request.

Prefontaine: Thanks to Steve Caperton for his service. Good luck in Law school and with your family! Thank you for bringing tech to CHSSA, going forward PR Committee will maintain website.

Nermin is married and on her honeymoon 😊

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

IV. OFFICER REPORTS:

President

Did students receive their gift from Microsoft? Mr. Stone (Microsoft) might want to sponsor us again. PR committee will try to keep that connection moving forward.

Thomas Gomes has left the council.

David Chamberlain has left the council.

We need to build leadership within the State. Attendance at council meetings is a priority. If one is not committed, please replace that person. We recognize that Administrations do not see the importance of the meetings overall.

Graber: LAUSD cut ALL debate funding.

Prefontaine: Exec Council considering paying for the sub. First go to the league, then CHSSA.

Barembaum: We cannot pay for time...that would be an employee.

Prefontaine: Can we pay them back?

Barembaum: It is still paying for the time.

Prefontaine: Can leagues figure out to pay for the sub? We cannot use CHSSA money for that....apparently. Using Personal Necessity days is bad. How can we fix that?

Munsell: Write a letter on our behalf to admin?

Kalashian: One may slide it in. I use a trip form at the beginning of the year like a tournament, they cover the sub.

McCoy: Our Learning Director supports it because our local league could not exist without the state organization. And it enhances local programs.

Abad: What about a teleconference so people wouldn't have to miss school?

Dubel: Athletic coaches get time off for CIF meetings.

Prefontaine: They don't see this as the same. Do we need cheerleaders?

VPA Report

No report but for her plea, "Please do not make my life harder."

VP Curriculum

Prichard: We worked on the website. We divided duties. The Curriculum page has been updated and beautified.

Committee page now has committee member qualifications listed. Added some verbiage about competition curriculum and classroom curriculum. *Speaking Across the Curriculum* is explained and described. Amazon comments are good. UC course updated for submission of courses. Tie it to ESLR's.....that is key.

Osborne: Rule of thumb is the UC wishes not to give approval. Therefore, everything must be there and it must be followed to the letter. No sample will be posted so that UC does not see what we are doing. If one lists another school's course, it is possible to take both UC a-g away from both schools. Must be tied to Core Curriculum. Five VPA requirements, see web page for more information.

Prichard: VPA or g certification. MLA was also added, should be moved. Common Core is the next step.

Kalashian: What approval are you looking for? g? VPA?

Osborne: both. f and g are on the webpage. Both are tough to get. Up to the school to approve first.

Prefontaine: Why did you not involve English credit?

Osborne: How could you get it qualified by that?

Prefontaine: The main omission is core literature. That is primary to development of ELA at UC.

Kalashian: If you get credit that is good. g is out there....VPA is superior to g. We have a freshman English course that is speech. It was done at the district level. Try that route. UC will take it from the district level more than the school level, may be.

Osborne: It comes down to getting the district to do it. Make friends with your local people.

Prichard: We included some pictures. Janet Hansen did a ton of shifting content on the webpage. Thank you so much. Eventually you will have a Back to School Night PowerPoint for parents. It will be editable, and we encourage you to use it. Under COMPETITION you will see all the events listed. We will develop links during the upcoming meetings. DEBATE-PF, LD, and Policy is listed. Competition Dress PowerPoint is also uploaded. All the manuals have been updated. Coaches' Handbook, Student Handbook, Judges Handbook, 2009 CHSSA ballots. Parli is included along with PF. Every league ought to have a hardcopy for new coaches.

McCoy: Student Handbook is an advocacy piece. Course objectives are listed. A letter to parents is included. Bible binder is recommended—the pieces are available in the handbook. Please use as a template.

Prichard: Please modify for your team. Many forms are generic. Student Handbook is up to date.

Graber: One of the forms is a drop fee. Can you do that? Burbank HS is being sued for the charging of fees to students.

McCoy: Contractual fee, not a participation fee. Rita made a good point with parents. Make a donation according to means. I use the wording "penalty may be imposed."

Prichard: Check with your Principal.

Graber: I am afraid to ask questions. Burbank HS is under fire.

Kalashian: At Sanger HS, all local tournaments are free....if you want to be on the travel list, you have to participate in a fundraiser. Loopolian I know. But it works for us. The way we get around it is that they do not have to go.

McCoy: On our team Invitational's are optional. The only thing that can be charged is transportation according to the District.

Dubel: We have lost money on drop fees. Drop fees are okay to charge. That is how we get around it.

Prefontaine: Please take to your leagues and discuss.

Prichard: Judge's Handbook has been modified.

Firestone: The first thing is rather generic. Helps with what is judging, IE, debate, etc. Changed "Team" to "Policy." Explains "flighted" debates.

Prichard: It does have some team philosophy included. Please edit as needed.

Osborne: Handbook is not the current one.

Hansen: Will be fixed by the end of today.

Prichard: Ballots are included to help judges. Event videos are all listed. YouTube links. Impromptu is coming in January, 2013. Image licensing form is included on the page also. \$100 can purchase the videos in DVD format.

Hansen: We have some dead links....still need to update.

Prichard: We only did this yesterday. I have sent DVDs to schools that have not paid or have not started programs. That is why I need advance payments from now on.

Graber: Address?

Prichard: On the roster. On additional resources there are links. Dubel will discuss tournament listings.

Dubel: List of tournaments that are regional. What websites are used for registration and the like.

Prichard: Please share this info with your leagues. My address will be listed on the website.

Prichard: Paul Pinza visited our meeting. Specifically ELL rubrics for speech were introduced. It is not Standards based but rather Process-based assessment. (Appendix 1). We would like to have Paul at the January 2013 meeting. The committee needs \$500-\$600 to get him to the meeting. We would like to pay his way.

MOTION: Underwood moved, second Abad. Moved and passed.

Prichard: Thank you very much.

TREASURE

Barembaum: Report¹ sent out three days ago. Darker than previous times. Very large bill for the 2011 tournament. Number of scholarship requests has increased, which is good.

Larsen: Increases in scholarship?

Barembaum: Yes....previous years.

Kopecki: I found out our Dinner Dance check has not cashed yet.

Barembaum: I still have some checks.

Graber: As the host league, what is our food budget? So how much do we get?

Barembaum: In the future it will be there.

Graber: There will be a budget for the host?

Barembaum: Yes.

Kalashian: By school, the two reports are different.

Graber: Where are the allowances?

Barembaum: Approve it.

Prefontaine: Incomplete?

Barembaum: Yes.

Prefontaine: So we are approving an incomplete budget.

Abad: Amount of money to spend is insufficient. That needs to be reviewed. Host cannot be expected to fundraise. It is unreasonable to ask. Nermin said \$4000 for food, \$3500 for custodial fees. We spent \$13,500 for the tournament.

Johnson: Insufficient.

Barembaum: That should be the target, but we will cover it.

Osborn: There needs to be a specific amount of money in order to make it easier for the Host.

McCoy: We did fine in Bakersfield. Food is the problem, effectively utilizing the body of the league is key. We are panicking prematurely.

Graber: 2013 host found out \$2 per person is the current budget. We are trying to get schools to take on a meal but we don't know if we can.

Abad: District raped us.

Graber: We do not have the money to front CHSSSA.

Prefontaine: If rejected, what happens?

Barembaum: I will re-submit.

Kalashian: All budgets are conditional.

Barembaum: We may need to watch it closely. Budget is a target.

Wardner: You paid \$20,000 from 2011 tournament?

Barembaum: Yes.

Wardner: I am concerned that \$20,000 of bills is two years out and being paid.

Barembaum: Not unusual for a person to front CHSSA.

¹ See Appendix A

Warder: Was that money budgeted?

Barembaum: We were under budget.

Abad: \$20,000 was what?

Barembaum: Tournament supplies and other lines.

Prefontaine: Look at the difference between LY and YTD. Schools seem delayed.

Osborn: What was 2010 monies for? School dues?

Kalashian: People are still paying, that explains the difference between 2011 dues and 2012 dues.

Barembaum: 2010 was \$17,000.

Osborn: Less bleak then.

MOTION to approve 2012-2013 budget: Abad moved to approve. Second by Wardner. PASSED, voice

Barembaum: Sept 2010 \$67,000. Sept 2011 \$93,000. Sept 2012 \$85,000.

McCoy: Hosting causes panic. We are being irresponsible, we need to watch costs.

Osborne: Sometimes one does not have that time to plan and execute a State tournament.

Abad: We spent money responsibly this year at State.

Barembaum: To be effective we need to feed judges. Now PR is seeking donations. That should help.

Underwood: Cummings money? Where is it noted?

Barembaum: 30 month CD.

Kalashian: What was the jump of monies.

Barembaum: No 2011 State tournament bills until now.

Johnson: Budget for State is not difficult. How can we get a realistic budget?

Barembaum: Email me the figures.

Prefontaine: Budget committee?

Barembaum: Not needed, I'll collect the data.

McCoy: Sell food to kids at the tournament as fundraiser. There are many possibilities still available.

HISTORIAN

Underwood: I cleaned house. Handout given—Inventory list handed out (Appendix B) by Historian. Videos will be posted soon. By next Council meeting they should be posted. Matley interview today. PR Committee dealt with some issues of History. 30-40 years back worth of materials. We are website dependant to archive. Checked with the California State Library/Archive to see what they had.

Prefontaine: Website is through PR committee. We now have an archive through the website.

V. Area Chair Reports

Area 1 Chair Keller-Firestone

Keller-Firestone: No report

Area 2 Chair Darling

Darling: Waiting on Delta College for State 2014.

New League President-Capitol Valley, Eric Larsen

Prefontaine: Thank you June Read for creating President's meeting on Fridays at CHSSA meetings. It has been a good communication vehicle for League Presidents.

Darling: Yes, thank you June.

Area 3 Chair Kindred

Kindred: West Ranch HS will host State 2013. Can see Magic Mountain from the campus. Nermin is checking with Magic Mountain as the Dinner Dance location.

Graber: Reg for State will be limited to one car and one adult at reg. Parking is slim at time of reg.

Area 4 Chair Munsell

Munsell: Thank you Underwood for covering me as Area Chair in my absence. We lost a lot of members from Area 4. Welcome Eric Miller and Margreat Dubel. We need one more member at large. State 2015 CBSR will host in our Area. We are rotating between leagues. 2019 will be OCSL.

VI. Committee Reports

CONGRESS

Matley: Established topic areas for State 2013. All ready posted on the website. PLEASE turn in legislation. Not required, but it would be more fair with more submissions. Congress topics were from only 5-6 schools last year. We would love as much input as possible. Information on how to submit legislation may be found under State Tournament, Congress on the website. It is heavily used (web traffic) according to the analytics report. Get the word out. We will have two by-law revisions coming forward under New Business.

DEBATE

Case: 2 issues that were Old Business. Laptops in PF was split in half. Laptops failed, Evidence Challenges went back to Debate. We (Debate Committee) recommend not to vote for Evidence proposal. Second, Parli/PF sweepstakes proposal; Debate Committee has no comment. Old Business, specific judges for State. Increase the judging requirement.

Regardless of philosophical concerns, it deals with logistics. We only fill one third of the Community judges in round one...10% of the ballots go to IE judges. The proposals will burden programs with large debate entries. We need to look at data in order to answer the question. How many schools have 3 or more debate entries? Do the benefits outweigh the costs? Unwise to decide without data. We (Debate Committee) suggests to table the motion.

Prefontaine: Author withdrew the proposal.

Case: Thank you.

IE

Darling: Thank you Gregg Osborn or covering.

Osborne: What do the By-Laws say about Extemp cross-x in finals? We will clean that up. Also looked at housekeeping motions under New Business.

PR

Kindred: Mini-meltdown about website and Caperton's resignation. Short term goals, slogan and logo for website. PR and Curriculum will do web updates. Underwood has a PSA video that he will bring in January, for coaches to take to Public Access stations in their area. Commentary will be done by Karen Meredith. It will make the case for speech and debate in school. Middle School outreach discussed. Speech Corps creation sought. Recruit students, a kit will be provided, for such a push.

Wardner: Can an adult use the kit?

Kindred: Working on it. But of course.

Prefontaine: Adults are not as strong advocates as students. They make a good case. Better response to students.

Case: We have a film maker that filmed a bunch of stuff, he is giving a free copy. Program for judge recruitment.

Underwood: Completed?

Case: Close.

Underwood: I do not want to duplicate the work planned for a PSA.

Prefontaine: It will not duplicate.

Prefontaine: There will be a three year plan in January put forth. Sponsorships, Speech Corps, etc. That is my task....we will have a plan.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Prefontaine: It is mostly removed from the agenda.

- Middle School (MS) Tournament will be presented by Gay Brasher. Many issues to discuss. Very complicated, no action at this time until we have more discussion. What should we do? We will wait for Gay.
- Sweepstakes points have been modified and will be submitted during New Business. 12-05-E
- Evidence challenge has been eliminated. 12-05-G (part C)
- Tournament schedule for 2014...tournament director and committee decide schedule. We did say though that we could offer that as an alternative schedule for negotiating purposes when dealing with host sites. CST's are a problem currently. Some kinks to be worked out....finals would be at the site, not the hotel if passed (eliminates audiences, too expensive, etc. by using hotels for Monday).

Smith: We did not say hotel rooms....but rather conference rooms.

Kalashian: Hard to get conference rooms at a hotel.

Osborn: read from By-Laws. Art 14 section 1a concerning the establishment of the State tournament schedule.

Keller-Firestone: (Continued to read from By-laws as noted above.)

Johnson: We are giving one person much power. Is that okay?

Prefontaine: You elect the VPA. You should trust that person.

Johnson: Should we leave it to one person?

Keller-Firestone: (Again read from by-laws as noted above)

Johnson: Thank you. My question is answered.

Prefontaine: Alternative schedule is needed for Delta College.

Wardner: Judge Proposal is not included.

Prefontaine: Judge Requirement was withdrawn by the author.

Kalashian: May we speak to MS after Gay is finished?

Prefontaine: We do not know what she is going to say. I want to avoid general discussion. No proposal is on the floor. You may ask her questions concerning her concerns. Sanction may be asked for, we will see.

Recessed at 11:39AM

Reconvened at 12:58PM

Prefontaine: Double checked Committee members from the roll. New VP Public Relations, Mikendra McCoy. New Secretary, Reed Niemi. RFD: Editor has no vote. Shifting offices allows update to the offices held. Because the Secretary takes the Minutes, President distributes minutes according to the Constitution. Combine those roles (Editor/Secretary) temporarily to accommodate the President's prerogative.

Johnson: Wolfe is new VP Debate.

Prefontaine: Correct. I am pleased with what we have accomplished insofar as offices held is concerned.

GUEST SPEAKER-Gay Brasher

Brasher: MS speech has had a huge splash in San Jose. Nermin contacted me about MS State tournament. We have two MS tournaments a year at Burnett. If we could decide one date, we could host a MS State tournament at Burnett (in SJ). You may have my May date if you wish. I have an invite for you (see Appendix)...we might want to try it as a type of MS tournament. If we just talk, it may not happen. We had over 500 students entered last year in May. Location is very good and near the airport. The school has 45 rooms. We may be able to get others. The time is coming for MS programs. There are two different organizations. We do Standards based events, so that classroom teachers may use it as opposed to the NJFL events. Burnett has three speech classes. It can greatly help urban MS. ESL students have elements available to them also.

Underwood: Have you done enough research to see about HS burn-out?

Brasher: No, not yet. We have shorter events and focus on skill more than competition. We do different things...everybody gets an award. 4th grade curriculum is strong in oral communications.

Prefontaine: Events offered?

Brasher: Look at our invite.

Wardner: I teach at a MS, our students do not feed Leland, but I have feet in both activities, Gay's and NJFL. Gay has created a framework to work in public schools because they offer Standards based events. NJFL does not give us the same framework. This may give us inroads with many public schools.

Underwood: NJFL is more traditional?

Wardner: Yes.

Underwood: More pressure?

Wardner: You can, but it matters to the student. If they want it, we can push them to 10 minute time limits.

Miller: We ran our program through NJFL style.

Brasher: We are more inclusive because we include ELL students. We instruct student judges to take that into account. We include more students. This has worked well for us. This year we started Experience division. We can bring in other type of programs in a different division. After School Programs (ASP) enter the tournament as a unit. We allow it. Some ASP can breakdown their entry into schools, if we want.

Prefontaine: What is our CHSSA's role?

Brasher: I ask you guys. Do you want to take it on as a State MS tournament? I have experience, but your rules are different.

Kalashian: Do you think it would be beneficial if we offered a tournament?

Brasher: I think it would be very positive for this body to get involved while it is fresh. You can control all the evils and burn out if you own it. You can keep it how you wish it. If we control it and allow it grow, it will have impact outside the US. Last year we had an entry from the Philippines.

Dubel: How is novice defined?

Brasher: It matters to you.

Prefontaine: We have much to consider.

Brasher: A pilot program is good. Take this over; put your name on it.

Prefontaine: Thank you. We cannot talk this to death but we cannot also ignore the implications. Sanction is easy.

Running it is a different matter.

Miller: Because of the ASP in the SoCal, my concern is what to do with academies and non-school entities.

Prefontaine: ASP is a way to get funding for programs....we do need to consider how to manage it though. Recruitment of "Super-Teams" is a concern. Is there a way around it?

Wardner: In the sports world you have club and school teams. CIF rules are very clear on this and the distinctions. We need to establish a framework so that discussion and conflict is mitigated. We can make a bright line.

Miller: We have many HS that do not have programs, may be this can help to build HS programs.

Wardner: We need to find best practices.

Matley: Exploratory ad hoc formed? Let us hammer that out.

Prefontaine: League Presidents need to meet and discuss.

Matley: I am concerned that outside people, not League Presidents, have information.

Prefontaine: Non-presidents may attend.

Graber: Some leagues do not care about MS.

Prefontaine: Don't vote then.

Kalashian: May we invite non-presidents?

Prefontaine: Yes.

Osborn: League President meeting is informal. Why is it remanded?

Prefontaine: To League Presidents, not the committee. The League Presidents have not been reporting out though. We need to work on that.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

12-09-A Motion to Power Match PO's² (No copy provided)

Matley: This is Brent Alexander's proposal. The current system is skewed. You get power protected from the onset. Very different than IE and debate pairings. Under this system you would be paired by power. It makes the 4th PO spot going into Semis very competitive. Congress committee recommends passing this.

Underwood moved and seconded.

Osborn: I do not agree, other business (number of Cong rounds) is coming up. My concern is that we might knock out good PO's with 3 rounds versus 4 rounds.

Matley: Brent has the formula. I wish he were here. Under the current system one school has won PO for the past 4 years. It would not change much, but hey, it might look more fair.

Kalashian: Are we to look at other business in order to decide? No. We should look to all business concerning Congress.

Niemi: Would your proposal make it so that one Congress chamber has the two worst PO's at State?

Matley: May be. It also happens under the current system with random pairings. For PO's, it creates an easy road to Semis under the current system after round one.

Keller-Firestone: How are PO's scored?

Matley: By students.

Keller-Firestone: Easier to take away the students vote? Let the judges decide?

Matley: Different issue. We need to keep the students voting. Shady PO's are controlled by the Chamber through the student votes.

Barembaum: Under your proposal, how is it possible to not have a chamber with poor PO's?

Matley: It could happen now. Both are true.

Osborn: My concern is that we made a decision to try to get the best PO's. Are you creating a circumstance that allows two loss PO's in the same chamber? The two worst PO's can effect a round for the Congress competitors.

² See Appendix D

Matley: One should be able to get strong PO's from the State.

Larsen: When we rank PO's is it easier to break ties?

Matley: There are enough votes in the chamber to make sure that does not happen. We want to make a fairer system. There may be an impression of unfairness currently because the same school has won so often. The purpose of this is to make it seem fairer.

Kalashian: How are they currently matched?

Matley: Power protected. No other event at State is this way.

Larsen: Round 2 random?

Matley: Yes.

Osborn: I am not sure that there is an appearance of unfairness due to a single school domination. They are just good. But my concern is that we are affecting the event by this legislation. We had 4 PO's compete and the last place goes.

Johnson: We make the students vote, even if they don't want to. One cannot guarantee a quality PO. One round in one chamber will have a weak PO. Giving everyone the opportunity to win is fair. The same school winning seems to show that they know what they are doing. It may help other programs learn best practices.

Kalashian called question. Seconded by Wardner.

MOTION Voice vote, one abstain. PASSED

12-09-B Congress Round 3³

Matley: Do we need the fourth round of Congress? We studied results going back. What would have happened with no round 4? We found only one or two students that may have been affected. Round 4 is a luxury. Think of it as belt tightening on the schedule. We feel proposing this, the benefits outweigh the costs. We do want more rounds to be added though in the hole this creates insofar as rooms and judges available, but we are also realistic.

Munsell Seconded discussion.

Wardner: Would the length of rounds change?

Matley: No.

Graber: Is the final round split into two sessions?

Matley: Yes. One 3 hour session with two sets of judges for each session.

Graber: If passed does this go into effect this year?

Matley: Nermin has concerns that some students may be harmed. But it is no different than an IE speaker with a 5 in round 1. Even with a 10, a Congress student may still clear if their scores are strong after that.

Kalashian: Would it help with also fewer bills to debate?

Matley: 6 bills are still a lot. My only fear is that if we eliminate round 4, we are going to have a hard time to bring it back.

Munsell: Agreed, and let's not fill that slot that is created on the schedule.

Johnson/Keller-Firestone moved and seconded.

MOTION PASSES by voice vote.

12-09-C Judging Instructions⁴

Osborn: This is contained in the Appendices. We wish to align to the ballots. The ballot for Expos indicates to drop the score. We do not do that.

Prefontaine: This is not a By-law change. This is housekeeping within the Appendices.

Driggs: Is it clear that the judge not mark down the competitor for the time violation?

Keller-Firestone: We have changed the judging instructions to be consistent.

Osborn: The ballots need to reflect our practice. That is all.

Prefontaine: The practice has been to lower the rank in tab. This is just to make it clear.

Johnson: This should be worded more clearly. Is it a By-Law change?

Prefontaine: No. Appendices.

Osborn: The By-Laws are correct and clear.

Prefontaine: Appendices need to be updated by Nermin and/or me.

³ See Appendix E

⁴ See Appendix F

Prefontaine: Each committee should look at the Appendices and correct it accordingly.

Wardner: So the IE committee has made the changes, no vote would be needed.

Prefontaine: The IE committee will report out. This is not a By-Law change. Just fix it within committees.

12-09-D Duo sweeps⁵

Osborn: Duo sweepstake points/fees reads that it should be the same as debate. No mention in other IE events about fees or sweeps.

Johnson/Wardner
MOTION Voice vote. PASSED

12-09-E Extemporaneous Cross-Examination⁶

Osborn: this is to make consistent and clear cross examination in Extemp at State. NFL is not clear on what CX is in finals. We moved away from one question, two minute answer. We then moved to mirror NFL but without being clear. This allows for multiple questions within the window of time granted by the rules.

Kalashian: In prep this issue came up last year. This motion is what we do currently.

Question Called: Munsil first. Karson seconded.
MOTION PASSES voice

12-09-F⁷

Wardner: We did not adjust sweepstakes for longer rounds in Public Forum and Parli at State. Fill the hole with LD sweepstakes point values. It would better reflect the rounds Parli and PF actually debate. Numbers would match LD.

Prefontaine: This is not a discussion of debate versus IE sweepstake point values. This is about putting numbers where there are no numbers in the schematic currently.

Wardner: We fill the hole.

QUESTION Keller/Wardner
MOTION PASSES voice

12-09-G Three divisions of Sweepstakes⁸

Prefontaine: Please know this is a change of a change we made last year.

Wardner: CFL wants three divisions. Winning a small school sweep is huge for a small program. It does not take away the top 20. It divides the groups by entry numbers each year. Ties go down, not up.

Underwood: Is this like it used to be?

Wardner: No. This makes it based on the entry from year to year. It makes it more fluid and less defined.

Underwood: Some schools will win two awards?

Wardner: Yes. We do not see the downside. Administrations like it.

Abad Second

Matley: In theory this is a good idea. But a school threw students out to go lower in the past. I am concerned it does not address or fix that from happening in the future.

Wardner: Because the line between divisions is not preset, no one would know where the division lines are. It takes away the ability to know.

Kalashian: (repeated above comment)

Underwood: We have often said it helps small schools. Are there any examples of this working?

Kalashian: Yes. Tim Case was able to grow his team with the award.

Wardner: Yes, San Marino.

Merritt: May Sal Tinajero speak to this? He is on the phone.

Prefontaine: Yes.

Kalashian: Do we know the financial impact given more awards would be needed?

Barembaum: Not an exact number.

⁵ See Appendix G

⁶ See Appendix H

⁷ See Appendix I

⁸ No electronic copy submitted to the Secretary

Kalashian: How much is the difference?

Underwood: I felt that Sweepstakes was just that, overall. However, this keeps that. If we can afford it, we get both values. Cost is the question.

Barembaum: Why are we giving the large schools two trophies?

Wardner: Not always.

Barembaum: My point is, if the purpose is to recognize small schools, why are we giving additional awards to teams that are all ready winning.

Sal Tinajero by speaker phone: Spoke to the concerns about dropping students before State. CHSSA has a problem with the point system. This resolution, schools with the most trophies do not win State. That needs to change. The school with the most trophies ought to win the Sweepstakes. I favor three divisions.

Johnson: We put in the current system last year. Don't we want to give it a chance? We keep switching. Let it go for a while. Let us see if there is an impact. Stick with 1-20. The old system even made for discussion often.

Osborne: At Cleveland we were so happy to win it that we used it as a tool to recruit. There is something to be said about a small program feeling competitive among their larger peer programs.

Miller: We finished 2nd in Culver City, lost to debate schools that were lower ranked in outbounds. Equity of points is the issue. We are not solving that problem.

Munsell: When would these divisions be released?

Miller: At State.

Munsell: What is to say I would not drop them when the tournament starts?

Osborn: Release it at awards.

Kalashian: This motion is a perm. That is all. This seems reasonable. A cheater is a cheater. They will find a way.

MOVED question Underwood/Kopecki

MOTION PASSED by vote 22/2/2

IX. GOOD OF THE BODY

Prefontaine: Who is going to write Parli topics with Chuck gone? I'll ask Chuck to still write them.

Graber: Abad sent an email concerning legislation currently before Governor Brown, AB1575. I am worried that this will have a chilling effect on our activity.

Kopecki: How is this different? How does this change the current law?

Kindred: We have dealt with this at our school. Now you may not ask if a student needs assistance or a waiver.

Prefontaine: What is your request?

Graber: As a body we need to respond to legislation about fee limitations.

Prefontaine: All programs are being impacted.

Kalashian: This is not so big. This is impossible. It is not practical in any way. Caveats will be created.

Prefontaine: As President I can write a letter....is there a point though?

Abad: CIF has more to lose than CHSSA....any contacts with them?

Osborn: In theory what they are doing is noble. I would not have been able to afford to compete in high school without financial assistance.

Niemi: I fully agree with Greg. No question.

Graber: What I am supposed to do??

Prefontaine: PR has worked to link test scores, ELL, etc. and make the case for speech and debate. We need to continue this.

Niemi: I will email out the LAUSD legal analysis on the bill when I receive it from Pam Gibbs.

Next meeting January 11-12, 2013 in Burbank (preferable) or at LAX

X. Adjourned at 3:02PM

Minutes clumsily taken and humbly submitted by: Reed R. Niemi

9/5/12

CHSSA Financials

Balance Sheet	1-Sep-11	1-Sep-12
Assets		
Checking	\$27,966.47	\$14,962.15
Savings	\$15,622.59	\$15,626.49
Cash	\$160.73	\$520.73
6-Month CD	\$13,450.30	\$13,456.94
30-Month CD	\$7,537.91	\$7,639.67
Scholarship		
Checking	\$1,813.72	\$4,564.76
Savings	\$7,769.51	\$7,761.45
Sub-Total		

21 Century Fund		
Earnings	\$4,357.18	\$4,431.17
Principle	\$14,111.51	\$14,111.51
21 Century Fund Total	\$18,468.69	\$18,542.68

Total Assets	\$92,779.92	\$83,074.87
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Assessments	2011-2012	2012-2013
Area I		
CHL	\$3,400.00	\$1,000.00
GGSA	\$4,800.00	\$1,500.00
Total Area I	\$8,200.00	\$2,500.00

Area II		
CapVL	\$1,900.00	\$700.00
SoVFL	\$1,700.00	\$500.00
YFL	\$1,800.00	\$500.00
Total Area II	\$5,400.00	\$1,700.00

Area III		
SCDL	\$3,000.00	\$700.00
TCPL	\$3,100.00	\$1,000.00
WBFL	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
Total Area III	\$8,100.00	\$2,300.00

Area IV		
CBSR	\$1,900.00	\$400.00
OCSL	\$1,700.00	\$600.00
SDIVSL	\$2,100.00	\$700.00
Total Area IV	\$5,700.00	\$1,600.00
Total Assessments	\$27,400.00	\$8,100.00

Income Statement	Budget	2011-2012	Percent	New Budget
Income				
Assessments	23,000	27,700	120%	27000
Contributions	1,500	1,000	67%	1500
Interest and Dividends	500	200	40%	200
Misc Income	700	1,493	213%	1000
Program Income	1,500	4,615	308%	3000
Dinner Dance Income	8,000	13,198	165%	12000
Tournament Fees	28,000	26,578	95%	27000
Other Tournament Income		581		
Total Income	63,200	75,365	119%	71,200

Expenses				
Operating Expenses				
Bank Charges	50	6	12%	40
Bulletin				
Postage	350	27.64	8%	40
Printing	350	161.84	46%	400
Total Bulletin	350	189	54%	240

CSSC Meetings	14,000	26,951	193%	20000
Curriculum				
DVD-Expenses		8,787		
DVD-Reimburse		0		
DVD	9,000	8,787	98%	
Other Curriculum	1,000	49	5%	
Total Curriculum	10,000	8,835	88%	8,800

Total Operational Expenses	33,000	43,711	132%	41,505
Historian	1,000	52	5%	1,000
Misc	500	87	17%	100
National Fed Mtg	1,500	675	45%	800
Postage-Shipping	250	46	18%	100
Print-Office-Clerical	450	0	0%	100
Scholarships	4,300	6,550	152%	10,000
Supplies		21		25
Web Site	600	298	50%	300

State Expenses	8,000	12,018	150%	8000
Dinner Dance	150	69	46%	150
Hall of Fame	700	972	139%	950
Insurance	500	5,206	823%	2,000
Program Production	2,000	5,757	288%	4000
Tournament Misc	9,000	13,223	147%	10000
Tournament Supplies	2,035	41,359	203%	30,100
Total State Expenses	20,350	41,359	203%	30,100

Total Expenses	53,350	85,070	159%	71,605
Total Expenses/Income				0.8

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Historian Inventory

September, 2012

State Tourney Results (1 st and 2 nd places)	1960 to date (couple missing)
Council Meeting Minutes	1962 to date (several early ones missing)
Old CHSSA Constitutions	As early as 1962
Master Thesis on CHSSA (written by James Dyer-1971)	
Some early notes on forming of CHSSA	
State Tournament Program	Complete set ('88-date)
State Speech Bulletins	Oct '65 on (a few early ones missing)
First coaches' handbook	October 1965
Curriculum Guide for Basic OC Course	May 1990
Coaches' Handbook	Fall 2002
Two copies of Framework	June 1973
<u>Speaking Across The Curriculum</u>	2004
Report of Committee on Criteria-Based Instruction (CHSSA & CSA)	May 1972
24 Hall of Fame Interview tapes (Orig. VCR)	
6 copies of 50 th Anniv. Book	April 2009
DVD copies of the interviews	

Bob Jones and Jack Stafford
Ernie Poletti and Shirley Keller-Firestone
Don Cummings and Ron Underwood
Andara Macdonald and David Mezzera
John Cardoza
Rita Prichard and Chuck Ballingal
Neal Barenbaum

Natalie Weber, Carmendale Fernandes and Larry Smith
Mary Ritter
Gay Brasher
Don Vettel, Chuck Johnson and Greg Cullen
Suzanne Munsell and Sharon Prefontaine
Sandy Grey
Reed Neimi

These interviews will soon be viewable on the CHSSA Website.

Date: **9/8/2012** Number: **12-09-A**

Disposition: **Passed/VOICE**

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws: Power matching of Presiding Officers

Submitted by: David Matley/Brett Alexander

Second by: Ron Underwood

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: **Article XIII ,section 10 , paragraphs C page 5**

Addition to By-Laws: **Article XIII ,section 10 , paragraphs D page 5**

C. Change "two preliminary rounds" to "preliminary round".

D. Strike all

Add:

D. Presiding officers from the same school shall not meet in preliminary rounds. Otherwise, presiding officers shall be power matched against each other on a high/low pairing based on ballot count. In the case of an odd number of presiding officers in a bracket, a pairing shall be made by randomly pulling up through a blind draw a presiding officer from one bracket lower to randomly face one of the presiding officers blindly drawn in the higher bracket.

Rationale:

The current system for selecting presiding officer pairings almost guarantees that two fo the top three students advancing after round 2 will make it to semis.

In the current power protecting system, the strong presiding officers feast on the weak, leading them to an easy path to semi-finals.

Power matching, as is done in debate, would serve to ensure the best hitting the best, and the result would likely be a truer reflection of the best presiding officers.

Date: **9/8/2012** Number: **12-09-B**

Disposition: **Passed/VOICE**

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws: Eliminate the 4th round of Congress

Submitted by: David Matley

Second by: Suzanne Munsell

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: **Article XIII ,section 5 , paragraphs A, C page 5**

Article XIII ,section 6 , paragraph A page 6

Addition to By-Laws: **Article XIII ,section 5 , paragraphs A, C page 5**

Article XIII ,section 6 , paragraph A page 6

SECTION 5: A. Strike "four" and add "three"

B. Strike "and four"

SECTION 6. A. Strike "four" and add "three"

Rationale:

Based on results from the past three years, reducing the number of rounds to three would have little effect on the overall results. Therefore, we feel that the fourth round in congress is a luxury that the impacted State Tournament can little afford.

Reducing the number of rounds in congress would free up 18 judges and 6 rooms on Saturday allowing more flexibility in running the tournament and scheduling rounds.

Disposition: **Remanded to IE Committee to fix**

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws: Times

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn

Second by: (none)

This revision will be a(n):

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

X Addition to By-Laws: Article _____, Section _____, Paragraph _____, Page _____

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

Specific revision: [exact wording is required] (Please show strikethroughs on deletions of original language and bold the added language.)

Interpretation

~~Interpretations shall be no more than ten minutes in performance including introductory and transitional materials. There is no minimum time. Exceeding the time limit should draw a penalty. Allow some reasonable leeway such as fifteen seconds. The penalty for excess overtime should be lowering the ranking of the speaker by one rank only. That is, if you would have ranked the speaker second, overtime would require a ranking of third.~~

The speech shall be no longer than 10 minutes including introductory and transitional materials. There is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 30 seconds should be noted in the violation column of your ballot. Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this grace period due to audience reaction.

Oratory, Advocacy, Prose/Poetry

~~The maximum time for the performance is ten minutes. There is no minimum time. Exceeding the time limit should draw a penalty. Allow some reasonable leeway such as fifteen seconds. The penalty for excess overtime should be lowering the ranking of the speaker by one rank only. That is, if you would have ranked the speaker second, overtime would require a ranking of third.~~

The speech shall be no longer than 10 minutes. There is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 30 seconds should be noted in the violation column of your ballot. Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this grace period due to audience reaction.

Expository

~~The maximum time for the presentation including set up and take down time for props is 10 minutes. There is no minimum time. Exceeding the time limit should draw a penalty. Allow some reasonable leeway such as fifteen seconds. The penalty for excess overtime should be lowering the ranking of the speaker by one rank~~

~~only. That is, if you would have ranked the speaker second, overtime would require a ranking of third.~~

The speech shall be no longer than 10 minutes—this includes time to set up and remove aids. There is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 30 seconds shall be penalized by a lowering of one rank. Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this grace period due to audience reaction.

Extemporaneous

~~a. Exceeding the time limit should draw a penalty. Allow some reasonable leeway such as fifteen seconds. The penalty for excess overtime should be lowering the ranking of the speaker by one rank only. That is, if you would have ranked the speaker second, overtime would require a ranking of third.~~

~~b. The maximum time for the speech is seven minutes; there is no minimum time.~~

The speech shall be no longer than 7 minutes. There is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 15 seconds should be noted in the violation column of your ballot. Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this grace period due to audience reaction.

Impromptu

~~a. Exceeding the time limit should draw a penalty. Allow some reasonable leeway such as fifteen seconds. The penalty for excess overtime should be lowering the ranking of the speaker by one rank only. That is, if you would have ranked the speaker second, overtime would require a ranking of third.~~

~~b. After drawing, the contestant has two minutes to think prior to speaking. The maximum time for the speech is five minutes; there is no minimum time.~~

The speech shall be no longer than 5 minutes. There is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 15 seconds should be noted in the violation column of your ballot.

Rationale: The sections dealing with time limits in the appendices for judging instructions for individual events does not match the instructions on the ballots, which are in line with what we do.

Date: **9/8/2012** Number: **12-09-D**

Disposition: **PASSED/ Voice**

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws: Unify language within our procedures

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn

Second by: Einar Johnson

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX, Section 3B , Paragraph 3 , Page ____

Other change: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

Specific revision: [exact wording is required] (Please show strikethroughs on deletions of original language and bold the added language.)

~~3. Sweepstakes points/Fees~~

~~a. Sweepstakes points shall be the same as those in individual events.~~

Rationale: In no other event, do the "Specific Rules" refer to sweepstakes points or fees. Sweepstakes points are addressed in Article XIV – State Tournament General Procedures and fees are not addressed in the Constitution at all.

Date: **9/8/2012** Number: **12-09-E**

Disposition: **PASSED/Voice**

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws: Cross-Examination in Extemporaneous finals

Submitted by: Gregg Osborn

Second by: Suzanne Munsell

This revision will be a(n):

Deletion from By-Laws: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

X Addition to By-Laws: Article IX, Section 1A , Paragraph 9 , Page #

Other change: Article____ ,section____ , paragraph____ , page #____

Specific revision: [exact wording is required] (Please show strikethroughs on deletions of original language and bold the added language.)

Finals: For the final contest or the qualifying round at the qualifier, each speaker shall be assigned a position in the speaking order. Drawing shall take place at twelve-minute intervals. Thirty minutes after speaker one has drawn, the last speaker shall enter the contest room. First speaker shall deliver a speech and the last speaker will listen and may take notes. At the conclusion of the first speaker's speech, last speaker will cross-examine the first speaker ~~according to the procedure followed at the NFL National Tournament.~~ **for two minutes. The questioner controls the time and may interrupt a lengthy reply.** Upon the conclusion of the first speaker's answer, last speaker shall return to the prep room and first speaker shall stay to listen and question the second speaker. Second speaker shall question speaker three, etc. Questioners may take notes during the speaker's speech but may not use them in questioning.

Rationale: Adds specificity to cross ex section and eliminates need for cross referencing other documents.

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

A Motion to revise the By-Laws:

Submitted by: Chris Wardner

Second by: Shirley Keller-Firestone

This revision will be a(n):

Other change: Article XIV ,section 3 , paragraph B , page # 4

Specific revision: [exact wording is required] (Please show strikethroughs on deletions of original language and bold the added language.)

Ranking	Policy	LD	Parliamentary	Public Forum
1 st	18	12	10 12	10 12
2 nd	14	10	8 10	8 10
Eliminated in Round 8	10	7	7	7
Eliminated in Round 7	6	4	6	4
Eliminated in Round 6	4	3	4	3
Eliminated in Round 5	2	2	2	2

Rationale:

- 1) The sweepstakes points for Parliamentary and Public Forum debate were not addressed when the council voted to increase the total entries at the state tournament.
- 2) The increased entry now requires 9 rounds to crown a champion, which brings these events in line with Policy and LD.