

MSCA September 09 Fall Meeting

Officer Reports.

- A. Kathy Martin is our President-elect
- B. Don Fosburgh gives the treasurer's report
- C. Minutes from 2008 Fall meeting are approved
- D. Jill Lofald, rep to the MSHSL Board of Directors, reported that the Board listened to our input on section trophies. The Board is hearing from all areas about supporting/maintaining ECA's, so costcutting moves are being considered so as to redirect funding. Next issue is alternates to the state tournament. The Board believes eliminating alternates to the state tournament will save money for schools. Also, since there are no alternates that advance to state in sports, the Board thinks there shouldn't be alternates in our activity, either.
- E. Rick Purrington announces that the MSCA has a Financial Support Grant. The application form is available on-line at our website.

Committee Reports

- A. Advisory Committee. (A-Jason Olson/Chuck Cravens, AA-Ceil McDonald/Kris Lindval)
Note the rule changes in Great Speeches and Extemp Speaking, effective spring 2010.
New Advisory Committee members needed to replace Chuck and Kris (Cliff Janke and Jenn Baese)
Next meeting is April 28, 2010
Mark Quinlan suggestion to the Advisory committee—when discussing with the League about site selection for the state tournament, communicate to them that with a spread-out college campus, it is difficult to locate the student and coach when there is a disqualification issue.
- B. Awards Committee.
Scott Sieling asks all members to fill in their years of speech-coaching experience so he can complete our new Longevity Recognition system.
Distinguished Service Award goes to Joanne Biederwolf. Thank you, Joanne, for your long years of service.
- C. MSHSL State Tournament
Gustavus again is the site for 2010. We and the League are looking for a future site. If your school is interested in hosting, please contact Chris Franson at the League. Please give input on the site to the tournament managers (Chris Franson, Polly Reikowski, and Barb Seng).
We, the MSCA, probably need to be more aggressive in the future in looking for future state tournament hosts!
- D. MSCA Website.
Meg Krekeler is the webmaster. Contact her at webmaster@mnspeechcoaches.org. Let an officer know if you want additional information on the website.
- E. Category Committee
See the discussion ballot. Mark Thul and Jason Olson completed the Discussion Outline for 2010. It is available at www.mshsl.org
Extemp Rdg. We are using the same book as last year. Please give future ideas to Kathy Martin.
Storytelling—We will be using the same book for two more years.
- F. MSHSL Hall of Fame Committee.
Joni Anker and Howard Vallaincourt ask that the names of nominees be submitted to them for 2011.

- G. New Coach Membership Update—Jody Saxton West. Please fill out the sheet Jody has if you are interested in serving as a mentor or are a new coach that would like a mentor. Jody will contact each section rep in the spring to try to get more new coaches to CTAM next fall.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Please read through the Disqualification Rules Change DRAFT proposal. The Advisory committee will be considering this issue at our April meeting.
- B. MSHSL Judge Registration. If your area would like a judge clinic, please contact Barb Seng at SpeechLady413@aol.com. Cheryl Neidt asks if judge clinics held at CTAM can alternate between Friday and Saturday.
- A question to consider: should Section/State judges be expected to judge during the invitational season. Debate has such a requirement.
- C. School leave time for judges. In some schools, judges are having difficulty getting released from their school obligations in order to travel to section tournaments. If your administration will not give you paid leave time to judge, contact Chris Franson at the MSHSL. He has a letter he can send to your administration asking your school to grant you such time.
- D. Professional development opportunities are available through online classes at MSU-Mankato and the NFL and through the Gustavus Summer Coaching Institute.
- E. State Speech Sweepstakes Trophies
- When the MSCA sent a letter to Chris Franson in support of maintaining sweepstakes trophies at the section tournament level, Chris' response was to ask, "Why not state?" We need to consider this question. The sentiment of the group at the MSCA meeting was to support such trophies at state.
- F. Exploration of State Tournament Tabulation Rules
- Randy Holland held a session at this year's CTAM to go into the details of the motivation for considering changes, possibilities for change, and the implications of each proposed change. The committee will continue to consider all the possibilities, and the issue will go to the Speech Advisory Committee this next spring.
- G. Tournament Calendar. Please post all tournaments and MSHSL contest dates on the CTAM tournament calendar at ctam.us

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MSHSL Ruling on Alternates.
- This new ruling will make for scheduling complexities if there are two drops in 1 section. We will continue to meet with the League to plead our case, but if a student knows that he/she will be unable to attend the state tournament, he/she should not compete in the final round of the section tournament.
- B. The MSHSL ruling on travel for athletics limits trips to 600 miles round trip.
- C. Informative Visual Aids. Is there interest in forming a committee to explore our rules on visual aids?
- D. "Greening up" our tournaments. Consider ½ sheet critiques, posting schedules, and recycling/limiting water bottles. Other ideas?
- E. Electronic devices in extemp spkg. Chris McDonald will head a committee to investigate this possibility. Sign up!