

1. Called to order by President Rick Purrington
2. Officer reports
  - A. Secretary's report, presented and approved
  - B. Treasurer's report. Don Fosburgh says we are spending down our surplus. We should each look at our membership in our respective sections and encourage other coaches to join.
  - C. President-elect is Kathy Martin. We need to elect a new president-elect. Scott Sieling is running for the office. A ballot will go out in December. If others are interested, they must contact Rick and place their name on the ballot before then. The new term will begin the day after the spring Advisory meeting (April 28, 2011)
  - D. Cheryl Neidt's term as past-president will end on that date.
  - E. MSHSL Board of Director—Jill Lofald
    - a. Elimination of alternates for State. Do we want to bring the issue up again? Probably, at present, a futile endeavor. Rather, we should wait a year; gather stories and statistics to build our case for restoring alternates.
    - b. Out-of-state travel update for Fine Arts. The ruling banning such travel has been retracted, and never applied to Fine Arts anyway
    - c. Jill continues to fight the battle to put the Fine Arts in the eye of the MSHSL directors and publications. She brought up how the League's efforts to make available AED's at public events only includes athletic events. Band and choir concerts, speech and debate events, etc are not even on their radar. She mentions that the same phenomenon occurs when brochures, DVDs and other League handouts are created. They are only geared to athletics. A promotional DVD about the importance of ECAs in the lives of young people only included sports. Not one minute of the DVD was devoted to the Fine Arts.
    - d. This is the year that realignments may be made regarding Section assignments.
  - F. President Rick Purrington
    - a. Gave congratulations to Minnesota speech for its showing at 2010 NFL nationals
    - b. Brought up the MSCA financial support grants that are available to members
    - c. MARK QUINLAN brought up MSCA concerns about how the MSHSL hires judges for the state speech tournament. The current wording and practice allows the League to vary significantly from the ranked list of judges that all coaches vote on.
3. Committee reports
  - A. Advisory Committee
    1. Update from May 25, 2010 meeting. The State Tournament Scoring proposal and the Penalty for Rules Violation Proposal, as well as language regarding State Tournament Judging Selection go to the League Board on October 7. If approved they will go into effect for the 2011 tournament.
    2. 2-year terms for Jason Olson (A) and Ceil McDonald (AA) are up. A ballot election was held.

3. Sandra Weiser-Matthews (A) and Joni Anker (AA) are elected for the next 2 years. They join Cliff Janke (A) and Jenn Baese (AA) on the Advisory Committee.
  4. Next Advisory meeting is April 27, 2011.
- B. Awards Committee- Scott Sieling
1. Years of Service Recognition (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35) were honored.
    - i. 5 years—Laura Beard, Maria Capecchi, Eugene Hanchett, Kim Palmer, Andy Waldron
    - ii. 10 years—Maura Brew, Tim Coleman, Mara Gust, Kathy Jenkins-White, Jody Markgraf, Joyce McCarty, Rachel Schott, Carol Sylvester
    - iii. 15 years—Bonnie Spohn Schmaltz
    - iv. 20 years—Carol Aikey
    - v. 25 years—Cliff Janke, Sandy Nieland
    - vi. 35 years—Kathy Martin
  2. A and AA COY
  3. Distinguished Service Award goes to Mark Quinlan
- C. MSHSL State tournament
1. Our new MSHSL consultant is Mike Tillmann; the new MSHSL Rules Clinician is Cliff Janke
  2. 2011 and 2012 site will be Chanhassen High School, with Travis Rother as host.
- D. MSCA website [www.mnspeechcoaches.org](http://www.mnspeechcoaches.org) continues in the hands of Meg Krekeler.
1. You may reach her at [webmaster@mnspeechcoaches.org](mailto:webmaster@mnspeechcoaches.org).
  2. Let an officer know if you would like additional information on the website.
  3. We urge all tournament managers to put your tourney date on the tournament calendar. To view the calendar or add a tourney, go to the website and click on “events”.
- E. Annual Category Committees
1. Discussion. Mike Worcester and Jason Olson are continuing in their positions. The topic for 2011 is Western Hemisphere Relations
  2. Extemp Reading, Kathy Martin. The new prose book for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 is 75 short masterpieces. We will continue with the same Poetry book for the next two years. The Voice that is Great Within Us.
  3. Storytelling Committee (Marie Kreft and Kathleen Westgard). We are using the same book as last year Best Loved Folktales of the World, but a new book is needed for 2012-2013. Please send ideas to Marie or Kathleen
- F. MSHSL Hall of Fame Committee, headed by Joni Anker and Howard Vaillaincourt. Don Fosburgh is our nominee for this coming year.
- G. New Coach Mentorship Update. Jody Saxton-West has a sign-up list for those who are willing to serve as mentors, and another list for those who would like to be mentored. She has received much positive feedback since she started this program.
4. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Professional Development Opportunitites
1. Online classes through MSU-Mankato and the NFL

2. See NFL Professional Development and Accreditation opportunities, as well as coaching resources at [www.nflonline.org](http://www.nflonline.org)
  3. Gustavus Coaching Institute in July 2011
  4. MSCA Grant monies are available!
- B. Informative Visual Aids Committee and Rule Change Proposals. John Fogarty moved the proposal, Cheryl Neidt seconded. Discussion about whether the new proposal is too wide open. The group agreed that some “wordsmith” should be done. Kathy Jenkins-White moved to amend the proposal. It was seconded and passed by the group, and moved on to Advisory.
- C. Extemp Speaking and Electronic Information Committee and Rule Change Proposal was presented by Mike Worcester, Mark Thul, Gretchen Amigon, Chris McDonald, Todd Hering, and Cort Sylvester. It was moved, seconded, and passed.
- D. State Team trophies Exploration Committee—Sandy Nieland, Tim Newcomb, Chuck Cravens  
The proposal was moved and seconded. Discussion ensued about whether or not we really needed to have these trophies, “can’t bring whole team, so why have team trophies at state”. However, in the end, the proposal was passed.

## 5. New Business

- A. Proposal to change the music rule. Three options were presented, version 1, version 2, or the status quo. Much discussion by members with little consensus.
1. version 1—many thought this version was too “open” Vote was 33 ayes and 34+ nays
  2. Paper ballot on version 2 was tabled until the state tournament
- B. NFL/MSHSL Rule Confusion. There is a perception by some coaches and competitors (and parents) that confusion about the rules to be followed exists. This confusion was brought to the attention of the MSHSL (duo humming DQ in Section 1A; judge inconsistency from invitational tournaments to Sections; allowing NFL rules at invitational tournament. Rick encourages members to form a committee to explore this topic.
- C. Section, Sub-section Tournaments. Currently each section may choose to run the tournament as they see fit. For example, there is no uniformity among the sections as to how many competitors each team may bring, or how many can be entered in each category. Is uniformity in format, structure, and tabulation in our best interest? Sign up to join a committee to explore this topic.
- D. State Tournament. It is very difficult to find a district willing to make their building available before the end of the regular school day on Friday. This situation makes for a late night of competition on Friday and early turnaround time for judges for the following morning. One idea that is being discussed is having two separate Saturday tournaments for the two classes. Are there other suggestions for improvement? Again, sign up to join a committee to explore this topic.

6. Reminders!

- A. Join the MSCA email list-serve by visiting <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/msca>
- B. Sign up for a committee on the MSCA table if you are interested
- C. Contact Kathy Martin is you coach at a AA school and are interested in running for MSCA President-elect