

MSCA Fall meeting, Saturday, September 17, 2011

- I. Called to order by President Kathy Martin
- II. Officer reports
 - A. Secretary's report.
 1. Thank you note from Mary Suprenant, Marshall, for GAC Institute grants
 2. Minutes from September 2010 presented and approved
 - B. Treasurer's report.
 1. Don Fosburgh reports that we may need to increase our dues so that we can continue to support coach education through institutes such as the GAC SSI and to maintain our contributions for hospitality-related expenses at CTAM and at the State Speech tournaments.
 2. Treasurer's report presented and approved
 - C. President-elect Scott Sieling is looking for help with the Awards Committee
 - D. Past President-Rick Purrington encourages us to recruit new members to the MSCA. Section reps should encourage coaches in their section to join. Membership forms are available on our website.
 - E. MSHSL Board of Directors—Jill Lofald
 1. Report. Jill believes that we should be able to revisit the decision about the "no alternates" policy within another year or so; that board members may be amenable to our case at that time.
 2. Jill's term is up in June, so we need to look at nominating and electing someone to take her spot on the board. Both Joe Wycoff and Chris McDonald have expressed interest.
 - F. President Kathy Martin
 1. MN winners at NFLs in June 2011. Another successful year. Also, Joni Anker was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame at the 2011 NFL tournament. Congratulations, Joni!
 2. MSCA grants in 2011—6 were given to coaches who attended the GAC SSI and 2 were given to coaches to defray CTAM expenses.
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Advisory Committee—Rick Purrington
 1. Joni Anker (AA) and Sandra Weiser-Matthews (A) have another year left, with their terms expiring in 2012.
 2. Jenn Baese (AA) and Cliff Janke (A) have terms expiring in 2011
 3. Elections were held and Mark Thul (AA) and Bonnie Spahn (A) were elected to replace Jenn and Cliff.
 - B. Awards Committee—Scott Sieling
 1. 5 year coaching awards were presented to: Andrew Burklund, Heather Finholm, Darcy Hoyt, Karina Janovsky Nelson, Laurie Larson, Hy Larson, Ron Miller, and Lucas Van Leeuwe
 2. 10 year coaching awards were presented to Brian Schilling, Maria Tol, Rob Baron, Rachel Evenson, Kristine Gruenberg, Becky Haven, Anjanette Kraus, Daryl Lanz, Jason Olson, and Jody Saxton West.
 3. 15 year coaching awards were presented to Suzanne Douma and Eric Meyer
 4. 20 year coaching awards were presented to Chuck Cravens and Rebecca Meyer-Larson
 5. COY Awards—Cal VandeHoef and Holly Wingert (A) and Scott Sieling (AA)
 6. Distinguished Service Award to past President Rick Purrington in recognition of his inspired leadership

C. MSHSL—Mike Tillman. We will be looking at several items under new business, as well as action items from the Speech Advisory Committee

D. MSCA Website www.mnspeechcoaches.org

1. Meg Krekeler continues as our webmaster. Contact her at webmaster@mnspeechcoaches.org
2. Tournament calendar—a reminder to tournament directors to get their date on the website.

E. Category Committees

1. Discussion—Mike Worcester continues on the committee. Rachel Schott will replace Jason Olson in 2012.
2. Extemp Reading—Kathy Martin announces that we are looking for new books for next year. Mike Tillman advises coaches to make sure they have the correct edition for the current book.
3. Storytelling—Marie Kreft and Kathleen Westgard

F. MSHSL Hall of Fame Committee—Joni Anker and Howard Vaillaincourt

1. Congratulations to Don Fosburgh who was inducted in the spring of 2011.
2. We send nominations again in a year, for spring 2013.

G. New Coach Mentorship Update—Jody Saxton West Jody.Saxtonwest@nfld.k12.mn.us

1. Please contact Jody if you are willing to mentor a new coach
2. Jody will once again head up a discussion practice task bank

IV. Old Business

A. Professional Development Opportunities

1. Online classes through MSU-Mankato and the NFL
2. NFL Professional Development and Accreditation www.nflonline.org

B. Music Proposal. The revised music proposal passed the Speech Advisory Committee 5-0. It now advances to the MSHSL for Region Committee Approval. If it is passed by the MSHSL Board of Directors, it will be the rule for the 2011-2012 season.

C. Visual Aid proposal. This proposal also passed the Speech Advisory Committee 5-0, and has advanced to the Region Committees for Approval. If it is passed by the MSHSL Board of Directors, it will be the rule for the 2011-2012 season.

D. Citation of Visual Aid Sources. Again, this proposal passed the Speech Advisory Committee on a 5-0 vote, and has advanced to the Region Committees for approval. If it passes the MSHSL Board of Directors, it will be the rule for the 2011-2012 season.

E. Team Trophies. Discussion on this issue was moved to new business, but then was tabled.

V. New Business

A. Proposal to change current “print publication” requirements for all interpretation events to allow the use of any publicly available texts, whether or not they are “print publications” so long as:

- Copies of the original language of the selection being performed can be accessed readily by League officials, contest managers, rules committees, coaches and contestants for verification.
- Source citations and hard copies or legally copied reproductions of the text(s) being performed are submitted/made available by coaches to contest officials; and
- All other requirements regarding genre, excerpting, cutting, text modification, transcription, and translation are observed.

This proposal was drafted by Mike Tillman at the request of the Speech Advisory Committee. Mike and the Committee ask that coaches consider and discuss the proposal during the year and give feedback to the committee so that it can be discussed at next spring's Advisory meeting.

B. MSCA dues. A motion was made and seconded and PASSED that we raise our dues \$5 so that we can continue our GRANT programs and our support of Hospitality at CTAM and the State Speech Tournaments.

C. FAQ. There was a long, and sometimes heated, discussion on the FAQs which are now found on the MSHSL website. They are not the "rules", but are the official interpretations of aspects of the rules. They are there to provide guidance to coaches who are perhaps unsure of how a given rule may be interpreted. All the FAQs arose from questions that the Speech consultants have received from active coaches.

D. Team Trophies. A discussion on this issue was tabled. The general feeling is that we have issues that are more important to us as this time with the MSHSL, and that this issue can be addressed at a later date.

E. Review of new policies implemented at the 2011 state tournaments regarding

1. New tournament scoring procedures. Since we eliminated the use of prelim scores in the ranking of finalists, final round judge panels have become even more important. The MSHSL State Tournament Directors will consider options, including leaving more panels open to allow for greater flexibility in assigning judges. Another suggestion is to have 5 judges in finals.
2. New penalty for Rules violations. The new policy seemed to go well in 2011.

F. The MSCA Constitution needs revision. The Speech Advisory Committee will look at it.

G. Time Limits. The MSHSL is wondering whether it might be appropriate to standardize time limits for events with the time limits used by the National Forensic League. This discussion was tabled.

H. Extemp Reading and Storytelling Release dates. The MSCA moved, seconded, and PASSED a motion to release the story lists for these two events in mid-July.

I. Timing and Notecard changes for Extemp Speaking is a discussion that was moved to the Speech Advisory Committee.