

SUMMARY OF BY-LAW CHANGES -- MAY 2010

- 1. Initiative and Referendum Process:** ARTICLE XVI, Section 3 and 4: 10% changed to **20%** of membership required to petition for referendum; **Section 5:** 250 words changed to **750** words for position statement. [Author: T. Abad, GGSA]
- 2. Extension of Final Focus time in Public Forum:** Article XI, Section 5A, Final Focus (Second Affirmative Speaker) **2** minutes/Final Focus (Second Negative Speaker) **2** minutes [Author: E. Johnson, WBFL]
- 3. LD and Public Forum-No plan permitted:** Article XI, Section 3H; Section 5I: **No Plan may be presented by either debater in the round. A plan is defined as a formalized, comprehensive proposal for implementation.** [Author: E. Johnson, WBFL]
- 4. Increase number of entries in Parliamentary Debate and Public Forum:** Article VII, Section 4D: **forty-eight entries** in both Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate. Each Area shall receive **twelve** Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate entries. [Author: C. Ballingall, CBSR]
- 5. Restriction on electronic devices in LD, Parliamentary Debate, Public Forum:** Article XI, Section E3 deleted, Section F added (LD); Section 4C2 (Parli); Section 5F (Public Forum): Debater shall not utilize computers for any reason during the debate round. **Debaters shall not be allowed to use the Internet during the round. Other than an electronic timing device that has no functional capability other than counting time, debaters shall not access or activate any other electronic devices during the round, including, but not limited to cell phones. Violation of this rule will result in an automatic loss of the round.**
- 6. Clarification of restrictions in Parli Prep:** Article XI, Section 4C2 (Parli): Students may consult their partner **and no one else**, dictionaries, reference materials, and prepared notes during the preparation period.
- 7. Restriction on double-entry:** Article VII, Section 5H3: Students may double enter at the State Tournament in Parliamentary debate and an Individual Event or Public Forum and an Individual Event, **except no student may enter in both Extemp and Parliamentary Debate.**