

## **K. Graber's notes from the 9/9/17 CHSSA meeting in Los Angeles**

Area 3 Allocations done. Everybody happy. See chart.

CHSSA establishing a Chuck Ballingall memorial fund—schools with financial need fielding policy teams will be able to apply for a grant. (ask CHSSA Treasurer Neil Barembaum how to apply).

New \$1000 “Student of the Year” scholarship will largely be awarded on the basis of service to community. Applications will be sent out in March.

A plan to create an annual Middle-School CHSSA-sponsored State Championship tournament is in the works, to be held in May 2019. Being organized by Gaye Brasher and Ron Underwood.

CHSSA webmaster/Bulletin Editor Ben Cummings wants articles for the online bulletin. Students can submit. There is a vetting process. Coaches encouraged to submit Best Practices, Point/Counterpoint, etc. Bulletin will also return to publishing the winning original speeches.

State Tourn: Mountain House HS (a mi outside of Tracy), host Mikendra McCoy. Both Oakland and San Jose Airports are about equidistant, but Reed recommends Oakland. Hotels will not be that close—closest will be a 20-minute drive from campus. Angel plans to release hotel blocks in Feb.

Curriculum Committee will film final round of OA. All 7 speeches will be posted online.

PR Committee wants everyone to “LIKE” the CHSSA Facebook page!

Congress Chair Dave Matley invited all to check out the GGSA website to see how they do debate tournaments—very similar to the changes taking place at States for 2019.

**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Allow for Online Payment for State: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Eliminate Area Chair Collection and Vetting of League Approved Scripts FAILED BY ONE VOTE**

**IE Committee Companion bylaw revisions: A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Allow Electronic Submission to Area Chairs—PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Allow Electronic Submission of Scripts to League Presidents—PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (creates a much-desired option! But League Presidents & Area Chairs have right of refusal—can allow or disallow e-submissions at their discretion)**

- *Sidenote: CHSSA webmaster is exploring a dropbox-type option to facilitate electronic submission and retrieval; information forthcoming.*

**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to Allow the Use of Electronic Devices in Congress—PASSED WITH A CLEAR MAJORITY**

**A Motion to Ban Hand-held Props in Spontaneous Events: Costumes or physically held props (the use of something extraneous to the body, unless provided by the tournament as a topic) are prohibited. Although gestures or pantomime may be used, they should be used with restraint. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4 motions **withdrawn** by authors: Osborn's 2 motions regarding mandatory online script vetting, Sarvey-Gale's motion to pilot online submissions of OO's, Einar Johnson's motion to change interp script prep from photocopied pages to typed manuscripts.

For the good of the order: President Reed Niemi is working on a way to include World Debate as a CHSSA event—possibly in conjunction with the Middle School Championship tournament, to be held the same weekend at the same location. Stay tuned!

For the good of the order: At the next Executive Council meeting, I will propose codifying a procedure to disperse scripts back to coaches at end of the state tournament with ballot pick-up.

**FOR OFFICIAL MINUTES, SEE THE CHSSA.ORG WEBSITE**