**Sept 8 2018 CHSSA Meeting**

*Note: these are K. Graber’s notes from the meeting; they are not meant to replace the official minutes which can be read on* [*www.chssa.org*](http://www.chssa.org)

From Reed: CHSSA is incorporating (as a non-profit); some nomenclature changes (i.e. “council” becomes “board of directors,” “bylaws” are separate from “rules and procedures,” etc. Some other changes: appointments (i.e. curriculum rep, rep at large, etc.) must be approved by the Board of Directors; penalty for lack of attendance at meetings (removal after 3 absences); CHSSA secretary and treasurer will have to be elected as opposed to appointed; Board will be protected from individual liability in the event of a lawsuit), etc.

All CHSSA member schools will be “voting” to incorporate—cannot be done electronically; ballots will be mailed to each CHSSA member school. There will be a 30-day window to return the ballot to the new CHSSA lawyer (Jill). Questions will be answered during the site visits by Angel and Reed—for TCFL that will be at the December Open IE tournament at Granada 12/15.

Me: **What will the ballot actually say?** Answer: *2 questions: approve Articles of Incorporation and Approve the Bylaws.* And **what is the threshold** since it is unlikely every single member coach will vote? Answer: *(1/3 of the membership must return a ballot)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Minnia Curtis, VP Curriculum Committee:** Check out the “Viewing Guides” curriculum committee created to help teach OO, OA, Expos and Extemp! (TI too, but that will change when TI changes to POI.) Will be on the CHSSA website.

**New PR chair Iain Lampert!**

* SOCIAL MEDIA - significantly expanded social media outreach; PR committee splitting up in terms of Instagram (Bobby, Melisa, Chris) and Facebook (Iain, Angelique, Chathi, Mikendra). Establishing a weekly posting schedule. EVERY CHSSA MEMBER SHOULD INVITE ALL FRIENDS for Facebook; easy goal to achieve. More student-centered celebration (post-victory instagram testimonials) for State. More photographers at State awards.
* STATE SPONSORS - goal is $25,000 in sponsorships. Every PR member reaching out to at least 3 organizations per week. Money will go to scholarship opportunities for in-need schools for whom state fees are prohibitive.
* NEWSLETTER – goal: monthly! Get stuff from students! Need mailing list from league presidents. Ben Cummings sends out major rules updates, best practices, etc. Branding is #CHSSASpeaks. Two of the newsletters are the ‘official/traditional’ one.
* GENERALLY - CHSSA has an opportunity to rebrand thru outreach, inclusivity, and giving every coach a feeling of belonging/ownership. These are steps in that direction.

**Historian Ron Underwood:** Nov. 15th DEADLINE to nominate for HOF (generally leagues nominate). Minimum requirements are in the bylaws (15 years minimum experience, contributions to CHSSA, etc.). Forms are sent to Reed.

* CHSSA sponsored MS State Championship tournament May 17-18\* hosted by Leland
* Info at Middleschool.chssa.org (also postcards and brochures)

\* concurrent with the state meeting in San Jose

**Mikendra, Area 2: Capitol Forensics Invitational:** CHSSA partnering with BYLP (Black Youth Leadership Project). This will be a statewide invitational congress the 3rd weekend in November 2019 (but other events as well, such as Spoken Word); congress rounds will be in the Capitol chambers!

**Me, Area 3:** Welcome Terry Colvin (rep at large); planning States 2021 (WBFL to host) at Culver City HS, Dan Carter coach! And reports of Sharon James demise were greatly exaggerated—she’s back! (apologies to Mark Twain).

**Sarah, Area 4:** OCSL hosting 2019 States at CSLB

**IE Committee Chair Caiti Sarvey Report**

* 0918J: changes TI to POI (complete swap)
* 0918 TABLED
* 0918O TABLED
* etc. (we will vote on each proposal later)

Caiti argues in favor of using the NSDA pre-approved website list as the “bright line” for sourcing online OIs; IE committee also working on Judge’s Instructions. For January: codify the practice of giving time signals in prepared platform speeches—working on a proposal.

**Karson’s (Debate Committee) report:**

* NSDA changing PoFo, but CHSSA in a wait and see mode
* Db8 committee satisfied with our language regarding the ban on plans in LD (see CHSSA rules)
* Working on a glossary of commonly-used terms in debate (for judges)

**Parli topic areas will be posted on the website—virtually the same as last year**

* Value- Civil Rights, Immigration, Poverty
* Fact- US Economy, Education, Natural Resources
* Policy- Science & Tech, International Trade, Infrastructure

2019 will be the first year of debate parity!

* 2 judges at ea prelim round (instead of 3)
* ea debater guar 4 prelim rounds, not 3
* Clear to the top 16

Karson clarifies the CHSSA position on bringing “prepared notes” into Parli Prep—NO!! Thinks the allowance in the rules is a transcription error—Reed working on finding the moment when that happened (contrary to our use of round-specific colored paper for spontaneous note-making in prep). ADDENDUM: Reed found the 2013 minutes wherein the language allowing pre-prepared “notes” in Parli Prep was voted in. So, it’s legal for now, but apparently discouraged. Debate Committee vows to “fix” this inconsistency by introducing a revision at the May 2019 meeting.

Steve Clemmons (new Area One Rep at Large) points out that pre-written cases on a laptop are nearly impossible to police. HE’S RIGHT OF COURSE. Solution: Honor system, and sharp-eyed proctors?

**Congress Dave Matley:** Same submission requirements as last year; schools will not be registered for the tournament until the required legislation has been submitted! (for schools with congress entries)

* Two bylaw revisions will be proposed in January re: Authorship Speech (any kid from the school that submitted that topic may offer the Authorship speech)
* And some other changes to make state practice closer to NSDA (direct cross, extending CX to 2 mins, etc.)

**Topic Areas for this year @ end of notes; sub-topics are suggestions only**

**Ben Cummings, Webmaster:** Bulletins will be “attached” to each meeting; January bulletin will contain essential info for the State tournament (i.e. legislation templates, Extemp topic areas, etc.)

BEN WANTS CONTENT FOR THE BULLETIN!! Write stuff and send it to him!! Kids too! Alumni appreciations! Best practices, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:** we pass the budget and move on to

**OLD BUSINESS (these votes apply to 2018-19 season):**

**Sweeps: 0918u** -- Equalize Sweepstakes for Speech and Debate Events (Fully Equal)—ea. 1st place worth 10 pts no matter the event (will reduce the proportional advantage debate currently has)

(Minnia pointed out that since many schools have more speakers than debaters at the tournament, Speech schools will benefit; Aaron Langerman (from Bellarmine) points out that an Impromptu Champ should not earn the same sweep points as a Policy Debater). **FAILS** 17-11.

**Sweeps: 0918v** -- Equalize Sweepstakes for Speech and Debate Events (all db8 events earn the same points no matter the debate event (i.e. Policy placements earn the same as Parli placements); all IEs/Congress (1st thru 7th) earn the same no matter the event—i.e. a duo 1st place earns the same as the Impromptu champ) **PASSES** w/ big margin (Area One the only dissenting area—but Gaye Brasher endorsed it, saying it’s good for the State).

Adjourn for lunch

Meeting Reconvenes @ 1:13:

**0918j -- Change TI to POI** (Complete swap to NSDA rules); difference will be that titles and authors will not count against the CHSSA 150 added word maximum). **PASSES** 20-8.

~~0918n—Penalty for dropping TI binder~~: TABLED

**0918g -- Allow Search Engine Pages Even if The Original Webpage Has Links**: **PASSES** UNANIMOUSLY.

~~0918h -- Allow for Recorded Confirmation of TED or TEDx OI Transcripts~~—**MOOT** b/c 0198p passed.

**0918p -- Use the NSDA Approved Script List for Online Sourced Texts**—**PASSES** (<https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/>) *BUT only NSDA member coaches can request!*

**0918q -- Allow Downloaded Manuscripts**—**PASSES**

0918r -- Allow for Recorded Confirmation of OI Transcript—**WITHDRAWN** (by me)

**0918a -- Alter Parliamentary Debate Speech Times**—Changes Parli times to 7-8-8-8-4-5: **PASSES**

0918b -- Allow for Internet Prep in Parliamentary Debate: WITHDRAWN by Angel

**0918c -- Allow for Internet File Sharing in Debate:** allows for electronic evidence exchange *if all debaters agree;* (via email chain, dropbox, Google Drive, etc.)internet access allowed for file sharing only (cellphones are still prohibited; the internet file sharing would be via laptops or tablets): **PASSES**

**0918d -- Clarify Oral Prompting Rules in Policy**—(clarifies the status quo): **PASSES**

**0918e -- Allow for Limited Off-Time Roadmaps** (15 seconds max; roadmap CANNOT be argumentative in nature)—**PASSES** 21-5

**For the good of the order**: NFHS has a free online course that certifies Speech judges! They can print up their certificates and bring them to the tournament! Check it out!

I brought up our Hart Unified School district trouble with “Facilitron;” it’s not unique—Gaye Brasher (Leland, Area One) has to use it too! But her AP “puts in the rooms” and it has not been a problem. Many coaches facing similar hurdles (like Sharon James in WBFL with Torrance Unified); some coaches suggest eliminating “entry fees.” Hmmmmm.

**Congress Topic Areas for 2018-2019**

*(TCFL is assigned Areas 3 & 6: state congress entrants must submit legislation in those areas)*

**1. The Americas**

Trade, Immigration Reform, Foreign Policy, Drug Interdiction, Foreign Aid, Corruption, Oil Drilling, Inequality, Sanctions, Public Insecurity, Women’s Rights, Education, Student Loan Forgiveness, Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**2. Agriculture and Food**

SNAP program, farming, farm bailout, migrant farm workers, factory farms, food safety, GMOs, stewardship, labor issues, school lunches, nutrition standards, fast food, tobacco subsidies, Early Childhood Nutrition, poverty, Corporate Water Stewardship, Water Collection Rights

**3. Health and Human Services**

Rx drugs Pricing, Medicaid/Medicare reform, Mental Health Services, Obesity, Organ Allocation, RUSH Act, Marijuana access and development, Junk Health Plans, Universal Health Care, Addiction Services

**4. Government Operations and Politics**

Election Security, Deceptive Practice and Voter Intimidation, Ethics Enforcement, Cyberspace Coordination, America First Policies, Census Reform, Abuse of the Pardon Prevention Act, Justice Department Independence, Judicial Nomination Processs

**5. Environmental Protection**

Clean Air Policies, Chemical Assessment, Emissions and Clean Fuel Standards, Clean Water Equity, Climate Change Education, Wildlife Recovery, Carbon Capture, Pesticide Protection, Carbon Pollution Transparency, Endangered Species Protection, Regulatory Burdens, Marine Oil Spill Prevention, Aquaculture, EPA Reform, Coastal Community Protection.

**6. Crime and Law Enforcement**

Clean Slate Act, 3D Printing, Violence Against Women, Hate Speech, Conceal and Carry, Stand Your Ground, School Safety, Drug Enforcement Modernization, Police Use of Deadly Force, Sensible Enforcement of Cannabis, Civil Asset Forfeiture, Foreign Influence Act Reform, Prison Reform, Police Racial Profiling

Productive meeting overall; please visit the Area 3 website which I am updating with the current CHSSA membership list. New 2018-19 CHSSA dues form on website; get dues and form to me by December 1 (mailing address on form).