

APPROVED 5/3/2008  
**WISCONSIN FORENSIC COACHES' ASSOCIATION**  
**FALL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Brookfield East High School  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 by President Bonni Knight.  
Representatives from 27 schools were present and introduced.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Michael Traas: The minutes of the Spring 2007 business meeting were reviewed and approved. The proposed calendar for 2007-08 was reviewed and updated.

**CATEGORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** David Loos: Written report

- No action by WHSFA is final until their Board of Control meets (which takes place early in September).
- WHSFA State Festival is in conflict with our state tournament for 2008.
- WHSFA has agreed to adopt the 15-second grace period rule.
- Play Acting and Group Interp will be 10 minutes this year, according to last fall's vote, but will be up for reconsideration.
- Discussion: A motion for the Category Committee "to continue to work on questions, finalize and post on the web by October 30". (moved by David Loos, seconded by Bev Kingma). Passed unanimously
- Duo Interp rules – to revamp the rule sheet for Duo is a huge project and will need more work time – look for a proposal next fall.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Moments, Pub Add, Spec Occ, and Storytelling – new speech topics were moved to be accepted (motion by David Loos, second by Mary Wacker). Passed 26-1.
- Time in Group Interp and Play Acting – a motion to "maintain the 12 minute time limit" was made (motion by David Loos, second by Mary Wacker). Passed 23-2-1.
- Storytelling – the issue of making sure all storytellers have 5 unique stories, thus a motion was made that all storytellers "must tell a different story each round" (motion by Adam Jacobi, second by Ed Falkner). Passed unanimously.
- Mary Wacker presented separated critiques for Humorous and Serious. A motion "to accept the separate critique sheets for Solo Serious and Solo Humorous" was made (motion by Lyn Luce, second by Bev Kingma). An amendment was made to correct specific items due to actions taken today (motion by Luce, second by Jacobi) passed. The motion was divided:
  - Purpose of Category – passed unanimously
  - Definition – passed unanimously
  - Rule #1 – amend to end new for Serious at "Performance" (same as Humorous) passed 19-8.
  - Rules #2-5 – passed unanimously
  - Criteria Evaluation #1 – vote 13-10, Rescind vote 9-11, Clarification of vote 13-13 (fails for lack of a majority).
  - Criteria Evaluation #2 – passed 16-9-2
  - Criteria Evaluation #3 – passed 22-1-4
  - Criteria Evaluation #4 – passed 24-3
  - Criteria Evaluation #5 – passed unanimously
- Loos introduced a change for the state critique sheet and moved to accept the changes. Motion was amended to change "Strengths" to "Presented Well" and "Weaknesses" to "Specific Areas to Improve". "Rules and Criteria for Evaluation were inserted into the instructions to now state "please familiarize

yourself with the rules and criteria for evaluation on the back.” The amendment passed (16-8-1). Vote to accept the adjusted critique sheet passed (17-8).

- Motion to use this form for prelims, semis and finals (motion by Wacker, second by Bill Batterman). Motion passed 23-2.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Doris Sexton: Written Report**

- Dues are due on October 10 for tournament directors if they wish to be included on the calendar.
- Treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously.

**PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Steve Sexton:**

- Amendment to our by-laws regarding Article XI was presented – regarding amendments to articles of the Constitutional By-Laws specifically noting the need for three weeks notice prior to meetings. Motion by Jacobi, second by Kingma to accept. Passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT ELECT REPORT: Jodi Becker**

- Spring convention was announced for Saturday, May 3, 2008 in Fond du Lac.

**TOURNAMENT PRACTICES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT: Fr. Gary Wegner:**

- no report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Announcement that the new committee Chair is Bev Kingma.

**PROGRAM ASSISTANCE REPORT: Mary Wacker: Written report**

- Flyer from Gustavus in Minnesota was circulated
- Mentorship – coaches are asked to be active in pursuing new coaches.
- Videos and DVDs of 2007 state (Demo, Duo, Extemp, Oratory) are coming
- New Coach Handbook was produced by Kelsey Palmer of Whitefish Bay (thanks!)
- Workshops are on the calendar for Whitefish Bay, Madison West and Eau Claire North)

**STATE TOURNAMENT REPORT: Chris Zoch:**

- This year’s state tournament is April 18-19, 2008.
- Motion to “increase hired State judges fees from \$75 to \$100, including Congress judges” (motion by Zoch, second by Wacker). Passed unanimously.
- Reminder that your registration sheet serves as your invoice
- Continuing to work on shuttling concerns at state

**STATE CONGRESS REPORT: Adam Jacobi: Written Report**

- Proposals to correct wording in a series of Operating Bylaws pertaining to Congress (motion by Loos, second by Wacker):
  - Operating Bylaw V.C.1: “1. Entries: each school may register up to 16 entries, and will be charged a fee of \$7 per contestant. A unicameral model (with no delineation between Senate and House) of chamber apportionment will place 18-36 delegates per section, with sections balanced equally.”
  - Operating Bylaws V.C.2: “2. Judges: Each school is required to furnish one qualified judge or pay \$100 for a hired judge. Schools with a large quantity of entries resulting in a student in each chamber are asked to recommend an unaffiliated judge. The name of the judge(s) and years of experience should be indicated on the registration. A student who has participated in Congress may not judge Congress until s/he has been out of high school for at least 18 months. The Congress director will place two judges in each preliminary chamber and a panel of five

- judges for the final session and must find qualified, unaffiliated judges above and beyond those provided by the participating schools.”
- Operating By-law V.C.3: “3. Legislation. Students at participating schools may write legislation following National Forensic League guidelines (see “Student Congress Rules” section of the *WFCA Handbook* for details and examples).
    - Each school may submit up to four items of legislation (bill or resolution) by the deadline established on the annual WFCA calendar.
    - A docket of legislation will be posted to the WFCA web site for download at least one week prior to the State Congress (coaches may request a mailed packet).
    - No legislation other than written amendments may be introduced from the floor during any session of the State Congress.”
  
  - Operating Bylaw V.C.5.a: “a. Students will receive placards that correspond to the specific room of the chamber they are a member of. Students may not use their own placards.”
  - Operating Bylaws V.C.5.b [V.C.5.b.iii]: Change all references to “three” Presiding officers to “four”.
  - Operating Bylaws V.C.5.c.vi to its own section “d” on sessions: “d. Sessions. There shall be a preliminary session of four hours of floor debate, divided into two segments for the purposes of judging, with four possible segments for presiding. A two hour final session will follow, presided by an adult judge who will also serve as parliamentarian, appointed by the Congress director. Finalists will caucus to set the agenda immediately prior to the session.”
  - Operating Bylaw V.C.6.c: “the Tab Room will determine the winners of the presiding officer awards, and recognize these students at the Saturday award ceremony.”
  - Change the rules page to eliminate tournament procedures and include these consistent standards.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Master Judge Proposal: Lyn Luce: After much discussion, motion “To publish the updated information per this meeting to the web site and create a form to fill out by interested parties by November 20, and get the data to the Executive Board at the Winter 2007/08 meeting.” (motion by Luce, second by Sue Luterbach). Passed 13-7-4.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Bev Kingma is looking for interested parties to serve on the PR committee.
- President Knight wishes to initiate strategic planning. A list of WFCA needs assessment survey items was handed out, and Knight asked all to look over and respond to her.
- Luce asked the Category Committee to have access to check original speeches.

Motion to adjourn at 4:31 pm (motion by Falkner, second by Steve Sexton). Passed unanimously.