WFCA Fall Business Meeting Agenda  
Saturday, September 16th, 2017  1:00 PM  
Marquette University High School – Milwaukee, WI  

Call to Order and Welcome (Ben Kroll) - 1:07pm

Members in Attendance: Angelina Cicero (Homestead), Joe Meinecke (Muskego), Terese Hummel (Hartford), Melissa Stolaski (Slinger), Susan Gehring (Slinger), Carrie Baker (Reagan IB), Mark Otte (Waupaca), Mari Falk (Plymouth), Doris Sexton (West Bend East), Steve Sexton (Brookfield East), Scott Peterson (Eau Claire North), Malyssa Gabrielson (Etude), Antonio Trinidad (St. Lawrence), Ben Kroll (Sheboygan South), Barry Holloway (Hamilton), Margie Huai (Living Word), Rayen Elmergreen (Arrowhead), Dean Graf (Rufus King), Mike Wagner (Oshkosh North), Kyra Sawyer (Oshkosh North), Amanda Rhenhaus (Oshkosh North), Gail Burkel (Messmer), Dave Harper (Denmark), Dave Winkler (Wrightstown), Paul Miller (Appleton East), Ron Steinhorst (Professional Member), John Rademacher (Madison West), Tim Scheffler (James Madison Memorial), Amy Geyser (Marquette University), Mariah Ervin (Xavier), Elliott Fischer (Sun Prairie), John Peschl (Sun Prairie), Jon Balcerak (Wauwatosa East), Kirt Graves (Sheboygan North), Dan Hansen (Fort Atkinson), Adam Jacobi (invited guest)

Secretary’s Report (John Peschl)
  - 2017 spring business meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously
  - 2017-2018 tournament calendar was reviewed and approved unanimously

Treasurer’s Report (Amy Geyser)
  - Treasurer’s Report was shared and reviewed.
  - Bradley proposal was submitted and will be reviewed in November
  - Ad Hoc committee formed for Grant Funding
  - State tournament income and expenses were discussed
  - Treasurer was asked to send out an update once a month about membership dues
  - Moved to accept by Spencer Fretschel, 2nd by Jon Balcerak, and approved unanimously

President Elect Report (John Rademacher)
  - Spring Meeting will be on May 5th, possibly in Wisconsin Dells area

Past President Report (Mariah Ervin)
  - Ben Kroll shared comments from Mariah Ervin
  - Milestones will be given out this year to those that missed their recognition last year

Communications Committee Report (Dave Harper)
  - Report was shared and reviewed.
  - Communications Committee will continue to collaborate with WHSFA director
  - Committee will target schools to join the WFCA and state tournament

Program Assistance Committee Report (Malyssa Gabrielson)
  - Report was shared and reviewed

TPP Committee Report (Kirt Graves)
  - Report was shared and reviewed.
  - Coaches can send questions to TPP committee at any time before and during the season.
  - WFCA Possible Rule Violation Form was shared as a tool for tournament hosts. Feedback on the tool can be sent to the committee chair.

Category Committee Report (Jon Balcerak and Ron Steinhorst)
  - 2017-2018 topics were proposed
Moments in History topics - Burton Davis moved and Malyssa Gabrielson 2nd a motion to approve the Moments in History topics. Motion passed unanimously.
--1801-1840 and / or 1930-1939

Special Occasion topics - Dave Hanson moved and Ron Steinhorst 2nd a motion to approve the Special Occasion topics. Motion passed unanimously.
- A resignation speech
- A hall of fame induction speech
- A pep talk from a coach
- A tribute to the life of an ancestor

Storytelling stories - Dan Hansen moved and Malyssa Gabrielson 2nd a motion to approve the Storytelling stories. After discussion Doris Sexton moved to table the motion, 2nd by Steve Sexton, 27 yea, 9 nea. Motion tabled.
- A story about outer space
- A story from an indigenous culture
- A story about something that is lost and/or found
- A nautical story

State Tournament Director’s Report (Elliott Fischer and John Peschl)
- Elliott Fischer announced there was not a report at this time.
- Shared the date of state congress and tournament.

State Congress Director’s Report (Tim Scheffler)
- Tim Scheffler announced there was not report at this time.

Webmaster’s Report (Scott Peterson)
- Webmaster’s report was shared.
- Videos on the website are available on all browsers - wfcaforensics.org/video/powerrounds

New Business – Review of discussion rules
A. Impromptu Speaking (presented by Ben Kroll)
- Proposal to establish Impromptu Speaking as a regular WFCA category.
- The proposal was presented and discussed.
- Kirt Graves moved to call the question, John Rademacher 2nd. 17 yea, 13 nea, 3 abstain - motion passes

B. Restarting performances (presented by John Rademacher)
- Add to rule 5 or 6 as it pertains to time limits: “Once the performance begins, if the speaker(s) ask to stop and start over, the timing clock will continue to run, and the fact of restarting is subject to critique.”
- The proposal was presented and discussed.
- Joe Meineke called the questions, Kirt Graves 2nd. 8 yea, 23 nea, 1 abstain - motion failed

C. Removal of acting references in interpretation (presented by John Rademacher)
- Proposed Change to Farrago, OIL, Prose, Poetry: Remove the sentence: “This is an interpretive category, not an acting category,” from the definition of the category.
- Proposed Change to Group Interp: Remove the sentence: “Ideas are imagined though oral reading and interpretation and not through acting.” from the definition of the category.- The proposal was presented and discussed.
- Angela Cicero moved to call the question, Joe Meineke 2nd.
- John Peschl moved to call the question, Kirt Graves 2nd, 28 yea, 0 nea, 4 abstain - motion passes
D. Eliminate speaker stand and center stage rules from Group Interp
-Proposed change to Group Interp Remove the sentence: “The use of a reading stand is permitted but not required.” from 1. Remove the sentence: “The presentation must begin from center stage.” from 2.
-The proposal was presented and discussed.
-Kirt Graves moved to call the question, Malysa Gabrielson 2nd, 31 yea, 0 nea, 1 abstain - motion passes

E. Visual aids in Informative Speaking
-Delete 2. Properties or visual aids are not permitted. Replace with: 2. Visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Visual aids may not be worn. During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted.
-The proposal was presented and discussed.
-Spencer Fretschel moved and David Powell 2nd, 14 yea, 18 nea, 0 abstain - motion failed

F. Clarify "worthy" topics in Informative Speaking
-1. The extent to which the [student justifies the worthiness of the] topic and ideas of the speech {were worthy of being heard}.
-The proposal was presented and discussed.
-Mari Falk moved to call the question, Joe Meinenke 2nd, 30 yea, 0 nea, 3 abstain - motion passed

G. Clarify acting in Special Occasion Speaking
-Proposal A: New Rule #5 5. Acting, voices, postures, etc. are specifically prohibited i.e. no "acting"
-Proposal B: New Rule #5 5. Acting, voices, postures, etc. are specifically allowed-The proposal was presented and discussed.
- Friendly amendment - “Acting, voices, and postures from the perspective of a specific character are specifically allowed”
-John Rademacher moved to table discussion, Scott Peterson 2nd. 25 yea, 3 nea, 2 abstain - proposal was tabled.

H. Unify "purpose of category" statement
-Informative Speaking: To develop the skill of speaking informatively on any significant issue without using auxiliary visual materials.
-Solo Acting Humorous: To develop skills in bringing a humorous text to life through solo performance.
-Solo Acting Serious: To develop skills in bringing a dramatic text to life through solo performance.
-The proposal was presented and discussed.
-Tim Scheffler moved to call the question, Steve Sexton 2nd, 28 yea, 0 nea, 2 abstain - motion passed.

I. Professional voices in Radio Announcing (Joe Meinecke)
-To add a rule that states the speaker must present the radio broadcast in one professional/newsreader voice and not permitting multiple voice reads.
-The proposal was presented and discussed.
-Friendly amendment "Multiple voices are not permitted apart from the commercial."
-Angela Cicero moved to call the question, John Rademacher 2nd, 19 yea, 9 nea, 2 abstain - motion passed.

J. Number of stories in Storytelling
-Discussion was tabled until Spring
-Shelly Uttke asked about data about each round knowing the story. No data was collected.

K. Judge training program (non-action item)
-Presented by John Peschl.
-Information is available on the website.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Mari Falk, 2nd by Kirt Graves. - Adjourned at 4:10pm