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WFCA Spring Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1:00 pm
Great Wolf Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, WI
Red Wolf Conference Room

Present: Brittany Newman (Middleton), David Winkler (Wrightstown), Anna-Lisa Dahlgren (Sun Prairie), Ben Kroll (Sheboygan South), Elliott Fischer (Sun Prairie), John Peschl (Sun Prairie), Jon Balcerak (Wauwatosa East), Mariah Ervin (Xavier), Scott Peterson (Eau Claire North), Dan Burkey (Etude), Cole Pankratz (Eau Claire Memorial), Mike Wagner (Oshkosh North), Kyra Sawyer (Oshkosh North), Dan Hansen (Fort Atkinson), Kim Miller (River Falls), Alex Miller (River Falls), Kelly Ferguson (Madison LaFollette), Rachel Davids (Riverside), Kelty Chelius (Pius XI), Mark Otte (Waupaca), Adam Jacobi (invited guest, WHSFA), Doris Sexton (West Bend East), Steve Sexton (Brookfield East), Carrie Baker Jackson (Reagan IB), Samantha Roach (St. Croix Falls), John Rademacher (Madison West), Tricia Meyer (Sheboygan Christian), Holly Klatt (Nicolet), Lindsay Kurcher (New Berlin West), Gail Burkel (Messmer), Paul Miller (Appleton East), Shelly Uttke (Port Washington), Tom August (DeForest), Rebecca Herring (Appleton West), Ron Steinhorst (Affiliate), Kirt Graves (Sheboygan North), Martin Vu (St. Lawrence)

Call to Order and Welcome (Ben Kroll) - 1:00 pm
- Introductions / welcome

Secretary’s Report (John Peschl)
- Fall Minutes was presented and reviewed.
- 2019 WFCA Tournament Calendar was previewed for the membership
- Motion to approve the Secretary’s Report Shelly Uttke, seconded by Carrie Baker. No discussion, approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report (Amy Geyser)
- Treasurer’s Report was presented and reviewed.
- Treasurer reminded all to pay state entry fees
- Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Ron Steinhorst, seconded by Shelly Uttke, No discussion, approved unanimously.

President-Elect Report (John Rademacher)
- Reviewed duties of President-Elect.
- Fall Business Meeting, September 22 in Madison area.

Past President Report (Mariah Ervin)
- Reviewed duties of Past-President.
- Pins and certificates were handed out.

TPP Committee Report (Kirt Graves)
- Report was presented.
- Discussion took place about clarification of rules and the issues brought to the committee at the State Tournament
- Kirt shared he will be stepping down from TTP Chairperson.

State Tournament Director’s Report (Elliott Fischer and John Peschl)
- Report was presented.
- UW-Whitewater is not available on Saturday, April 6, 2019. A poll was taken if Sunday, April 7th would be an option. 20 yes, 11 no votes in the room.
Adhoc Committee was formed to discuss the location of the State Tournament for 2019. Members will be: Tom August (DeForest), Lindsay Kurcher (New Berlin West), Scott Peterson (Eau Claire North), Steve Sexton (Brookfield East), Carrie Baker Jackson (Reagan IB), Shelly Uttke (Port Washington), Ben Kroll (Sheboygan South), John Peschl (Tournament Director)

State Congress Director's Report (Tim Scheffler)
- Report was given orally.
- One tabulation error was rectified. A trophy was ordered.

Program Assistance Committee Report (statement read by Ben Kroll on behalf of Malyssa Gabrielson)
- One school was not allowed to participate at the State Tournament because the Coaching Clinic requirement was not fulfilled.

Category Committee Report (Jon Balcerak and Ron Steinhorst)
- Report was presented and reviewed.
- A survey was sent to all members. The results were shared with the membership.

Webmaster's Report (Scott Peterson)
- Demonstration and Impromptu were recorded at the State Tournament
- Videos for member schools can be accessed at www.wfcaforensics.org/video/powerrounds

Communications Committee Report (Report shared by John Rademacher on behalf of Dave Harper)
- There was no discussion.

Ben Kroll made a motion for a ten minute recess, Seconded by Ron Steinhorst. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business
- No old business

New Business

Elections
- Amy Geyser will continue as Treasurer, running unopposed
- Shelly Uttke was nominated by Carrie Baker-Jackson, Seconded by Kirt Graves
- Tom Hardin nominated by John Rademacher, Seconded by Mariah Ervin
- Shelly Uttke was announced as the new President-Elect

Proposal to add visual aids to Informative Speaking
Change the WFCA rules for Informative Speaking as follows: Add the following sentence at the end of Purpose of the Category: "The use of visual aids is optional." Under Rules, replace 2. with "Visual supporting materials may be used, but not worn. Such materials must support, not dominate, the presentation. Mechanical sound effects, electronic equipment, and additional lighting are not allowed."
- Steve Sexton moved and seconded by Kirt Graves. Discussion occurred.
- Kirt Graves called the question, Carrie Baker-Jackson seconded. (21 yea, 10 nea, 1 abstain) - motion passes

Proposal to change time limits in Group Interp and Play Acting
Change the WFCA rules for Group Interpretation, Rule #5 and Play Acting Rule #6 to the following: Maximum time limit: 10 minutes, with an allowable 15-second grace period. There is no minimum time requirement. Any entry exceeding the grace period may not be ranked first in the round. If all entries in a round exceed the grace period, no first rank shall be given in that round.
- Tin Schellfer moved and seconded by Brittany Newman. Discussion occurred.
- John Peschl called question, Carrie Baker-Jackson seconded. unanimous voice vote. (31 yea, 0 nea, 0 abstain), motion passes.
Proposal to clarify roles and procedures for Impromptu Speaking
Replace rules 2, 3, and 4 with:
2. A judge in each section/room shall be provided an envelope containing a uniform set of topics, with a different subject area used for each round. Once the first speaker is called, the other speakers shall leave the room, and wait outside the door. The speaker will draw three topics, immediately choose one, and return the other two to the envelope. The speaker has five minutes in which to prepare and present a speech. Timing begins the moment the selection of the topic is made. When the contestant is ready to speak, the judge must be ready to listen and evaluate the speech.
3. Speakers may not enter the room until called by the judge. After speaking, that speaker must remain in the room until all subsequent contestants have finished speaking. Spectators must also remain in the room until all contestants have finished speaking.
3. Preparation materials are limited to one 4” x 6” note card that may be used during delivery, a writing implement, and time-keeping device. Properties and/or visual aids are not permitted. Students may not consult any pre-written material or electronic retrieval devices. Speakers may use a cell phone but only as a timing device, Judges may request to verify usage. During the preparation period, the contestant shall not receive advice, information or suggestions from anyone.

-Friendly amendment: Speakers may use a cell phone but only as a timing device, Judges may request to verify usage.
-Elliott Fischer called the question to accept the friendly amendment, Mariah Ervin seconded. (25 yea, 5 nea, 0 abstain)
-Discussion occurred.
-Kirt Graves called the question, Dan Hansen seconded. (31 yea, 0 nea, 1 abstain), motion passes.

Proposal to change the duties of the president and president-elect
Officer Duties
President eliminate all of 4. and renumber accordingly
President-Elect eliminate 3. and replace with 2. a. Submit a proposal for the spring meeting date, location and agenda at the winter executive board meeting. eliminate 4 and replace with 2. b. Publicize the spring meeting via email, social media, and tournament flyers. eliminate 5 and replace with 2. c. Arrange for materials and media needs with the spring meeting venue. eliminate 6. renumber 7. to 2. d. eliminate 8. renumber 9, 10 and 11 to 3, 4 and 5. eliminate 12. renumber 13 and 14 to 6 and 7.

Changing public relations to communications

-Elliott Fischer moved and Jon Balcerak second. Amy Geyser called the question, Kirt Graves seconded. (32 yea, nea, 0 abstain), motion passes.

Proposal to change the operating bylaws regarding disqualification procedures at the state tournament
IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

C. State Tournament Practices and Procedures

8. Disqualification Procedures

b. If a judge, coach, or tournament participant suspects that some infraction of the rules warrants disqualification, that person shall bring the concern to the Tournament Practices and Procedures (TPP) Committee Chair when returning the ballot or immediately after the round in which the infraction allegedly occurred.

c. The TPP Chair shall bring the concern to the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee, who shall decide whether disqualification is warranted. All reasonable attempts will be made to locate the coach of the student, and possibly the student, before the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee makes its decision.
j. If a contestant is disqualified in any preliminary round of competition, the speaker points earned by that individual during that round will not be counted toward that school’s final total.

k. When a disqualification occurs, the tournament director shall re-tabulate ranks of speakers in the section in which the disqualification occurred, and the disqualified student’s ranks shall be eliminated.

l. The decision of the TPP Committee may only be reconsidered if requested by the head coach or coach in charge of the disqualified contestant. Appeals will be considered by the Executive Board and the TPP Chair who must be present as a non-voting participant. The Executive Board will then decide whether disqualification is warranted, or if other action is appropriate.

m. If the disqualification decision was made after the completion of all preliminary rounds, the tournament director shall re-tabulate ranks in each section in which the disqualified speaker participated and performed the disqualifiable offense. The disqualified student’s ranks in all such rounds shall be eliminated.

Note: the second half of section k. moves to the new section m.

- Kirt Graves moved and Shelly Uttke seconded. Mariah Ervin called the question, Ben Kroll seconded. (29 yea, 0 nea, 0 abstain.), motion passes.

**A proposal to hold WFCA State in Eau Claire in 2020**

- Steve Sexton made a motion, Carrie Baker-Jackson seconded. 
- Discussion occurred.
- John Rademacher called the question and Dan Hansen seconded, 22 yea, 1 nea, 6 abstain to close discussion. motion passed by secret ballot.

- Shelly Uttke made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Kirt Graves. Passed unanimously (4:14 pm).