Draft - Approved at Fall Meeting

WFCA Spring Business Meeting
Saturday, April 27, 1pm
Port Washington High School

Present: Anna-Lisa Dahlgren (Sun Prairie), Shelly Uttke (Port Washington), John Rademacher (Madison West), Ben Kroll (Sheboygan South), Michael Traas (State Tournament Director), Deb Weiher-Traas (Retired), Malyssa Gabrielson (Sheboygan South), Heath Reinl (Sheboygan North), Sheve Schmid (Arrowhead), Michael Maier (Brookfield East), Doris Sexton (West Bend East), Carrie Baker Jackson (Reagan), Kim Miller (River Falls), Alex Miller (River Falls), Paul Miller (Appleton East), Joe Meinecke (Muskego), Tim Scheffler (James Madison Memorial), Mike Wagner (Oshkosh North), Laury Krause (Oshkosh North), Scotti Thurwatcher (Oshkosh West), Michelle Huettl (Oshkosh West), Dan Burkey (Etude), Katie Gengler (Port Washington), Steve Girman (Pius XI), Adam Jacobi (WHSFA / NSDA), Cole Pankratz (Eau Claire Memorial), Scott Peterson (Eau Claire North), Dave Winkler (Wrightstown), Margie Hua (Living Word), Terese Hummel (Hartford), Susan Gehring (Slinger), Rachel Davids (Riverside), Gail Burkel (Messmer), Liz Smith (Cedarburg)

Call to Order and Welcome (John Rademacher): 1:00pm
- Introductions and welcome

Secretary’s Report (Anna-Lisa Dahlgren)
- Fall meeting minutes presented and reviewed. Motion to approve meeting minutes by Shelly Uttke, seconded by Malyssa Gabrielson. No discussion; approved unanimously
- Calendar for 2020 presented and reviewed. Heard edits, additions, and corrections.

Fundraising Committee Report (Rayen Elmergreen - absent)
- Written report presented and reviewed

President-Elect Report (Shelley Uttke)
- No new information to update

Past President’s Report (Ben Kroll)
- No written report
- 38 scholarship applicants this year; milestone awards distributed in state packets

Program Assistance Committee Report (Malyssa Gabrielson)
- No written report
- Held 9 coaching clinics; plans to host 12 clinics in 2020
- Goals: finding ways to serve veteran coaches, include acknowledgement of requirements on membership form, communication with principals when requirements have not been met

Communications Committee Report (Tom Hardin - absent)
- Written report presented and reviewed
- Increase in use of social media to build community and share celebrations

TPP Committee Report (Tom Hardin - absent)
- Written report presented and reviewed

State Tournament Director’s Report (Mike Traas)
- Written report presented and reviewed
- State 2019 Recap
  - More clear definition of tie breaking procedures (proposal forthcoming for fall meeting)
  - Students demonstrated pride in competitor ribbons
- Plans, improvements, reflections for 2020:
  - “Year of the Coach” as kickstart to 50th anniversary of WFCA
  - Improvements in judge pool for out rounds (move from 5 to 6 in each pool)
- Question of state 2021 location and future locations for state tournament
  - Recommend ad hoc committee for sole purpose of solidifying continued hosts for state tournament
State Congress Director’s Report (Tim Scheffler)
- No written report
- Hosted state congress at Wisconsin State Capitol
- Seeking preferences for start time for 2020 tournament in Eau Claire (daytime or evening on Friday?)

Category Committee Report (Jon Balcerak - absent; Ben Kroll presented in his place)
- Written report presented and reviewed
- Category committee responsibilities for state tournament (radio, extemp, impromptu topics)
  - Recommendation is to make this the prerogative of the state tournament director to create their own packets or seek assistance from category committee
- Feedback on 2018-2019 rule changes: feedback was either positive or neutral
- Topic suggestions for next year are open; will negotiate final decisions with WHSFA over summer

Webmaster’s Report (Scott Peterson)
- Solo Humorous semifinal recorded this year
- Will add coach survey to website

Treasurer’s Report (Amy Geyser)
- Written report presented and reviewed
- Some bills forthcoming from state tournament
- Reminder to pay state entry fees promptly
- Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Mike Traas, Second by Heath Reinh; approved unanimously

Old Business
- No old business at this time

New Business:

Elections (President and Secretary)
- President:
  - Paul Miller nominated by Mike Traas, seconded by Amy Geyser
  - Motion to close nominations by John Rademacher, seconded by Shelly Uttke
  - Paul Miller announced as President-Elect of WFCA
- Secretary:
  - Anna-Lisa Dahlgren nominated by Shelly Uttke, seconded by John Rademacher
  - Motion to close nominations by Mike Traas, seconded by Malyssa Gabrielson
  - Anna-Lisa Dahlgren announced as Secretary of WFCA

NCFL Milwaukee: Memorial Day 2019 (Carrie Baker Jackson)
- Looking for volunteers in a variety of roles including judging
- Contact Carrie Baker Jackson to get involved

Proposals:

Proposal to change rules regarding notes for Demonstration, Extemporaneous, Informative, Moments in History, and Special Occasion (John Rademacher, Madison West)

Current Rules:
Demonstration:
5. The use of notes is optional.

Extemporaneous:
4. Notes are permitted but limited to both sides of one 4” x 6” card. The tournament shall provide uniform, identifiable 4” x 6” cards. Visual aids are not permitted.

Informative:
3. The use of notes is optional.

Moments in History:
3. Use of notes is optional.
Special Occasion:
4. The use of notes or a manuscript is optional. The student will not be penalized for the use of a manuscript.

Proposed Change:
Delete all the current wording in Demonstration #5, Informative #3, Moments in History #3, Special Occasion #4 and replace with:

*Notes are permitted but limited to both sides of one 4” x 6” card. Use of a notecard is subject to critique.*

Add to Extemp #4: Use of a notecard is subject to critique.

In Special Occasion, Criteria for Evaluation #5, replace “notes or manuscripts” with “a notecard” as follows:
5. The extent to which the physical presence contributed to the clarity and effectiveness of the presentation, including such items as the use of *notes or manuscripts* a notecard, any visual materials, facial expression, eye contact, gestures and bodily movement

Motion to open discussion by Mike Traas; seconded by Joe Meineke

Discussion occurred. Motion to call the question by Maylissa Gabrielson; seconded by Carrie Baker Jackson. Motion passes: Yea: 14; Nay: 12; Abstention: 0.

Proposal to clean-up language in rules regarding visual aids for Informative, Moments in History and Special Occasion (Carrie Baker Jackson, Reagan High School)

Current Rules:
Informative:
2. 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.

Moments in History:
2. Visual supporting materials may be used, but not worn. Such materials must support, not dominate, the presentation. This category calls for a speech, not a visual media show. Mechanical sound effects and lighting are not allowed.

Special Occasion:
3. Visual supporting materials may be used, but not worn. Such materials must support, not dominate, the presentation. This category calls for a speech, not a visual media show.

Proposed Change:
Delete the current wording in Informative #2, Moments in History #2, Special Occasion #3 and replace with:

Visual supporting materials may be used, but not worn. Electronic devices may not be used as a visual aid.

Motion to open discussion by Malyssa Gabrielson; seconded by Joe Meinecke

Amendment to separate made by Mike Traas:   Separate “Visual supporting materials may be used, but not worn” and “Electronic devices may not be used as a visual aid.” Accepted by Carrie Baker Jackson as a friendly amendment.

Motion to eliminate “as a visual aid” from Adam Jacobi. Accepted by Carrie Baker Jackson to change wording to “Electronic devices may not be used.”

Discussion occurred regarding “Visual supporting materials may be used but not worn.”

Motion to call the question by John Rademacher; seconded by John Rademacher. Motion passes: Yea: 20; Nay: 4; Abstentions: 0.
Discussion occurred regarding “Electronic devices may not be used”

Motion to open discussion by Mike Traas; seconded by Joe Meinecke. Motion to call the question by Tim Scheffler, seconded by Joe Meinecke. Motion passes on a voice vote.

Proposal to change fees for the State Forensics Tournament and State Congress Tournament (John Rademacher, Madison West)

Current Bylaws:
IV. STATE TOURNAMENT
C. State Tournament Practices and Procedures
6. Fees. a. An entry fee of $7 per individual entry, $10 per group entry, and $7 per congress contestant shall be charged.

V. STATE CONGRESS
C. State Congress Practices and Procedures
1. Entries: Each school may register up to 16 entries and will be charged a fee of $7 per contestant.

Proposed Change:
IV, C, 6. a. An entry fee of $10 per individual entry, $15 per group entry, and $10 per congress contestant shall be charged. And V, C, 1. Entries: Each school may register up to 16 entries and will be charged a fee of $10 per contestant.

Motion to vote by Paul Miller. Seconded by Shelly Uttke. Motion passes on a voice vote.

A proposal to allow for waivers of membership dues for inactive schools (Scott Peterson, EC North)

Current Bylaws:
OPERATING BYLAWS
I. FINANCIAL POLICIES
A. Membership Dues shall be $75 for school membership and $10 for individual.

Proposal:
Append to A.: A school that has not participated in all of the past three State Tournaments may have its membership dues waived.

Rationale: A membership waiver can be a strategic tool for recruiting coaches and schools new to the WFCA. A waiver of dues means one less obstacle to joining.

Coaching clinics can be held with non-members invited, and after completion of the clinic and a simple form, they are now qualified for the State Tournament, should they decide to attend. State Tournament entry fees would still apply.

In conjunction with WFCA’s 50th anniversary and the State Tournament being held in new places (Eau Claire in 2020, and wherever the tournament may be in future years), the waiver can be a means to promote the WFCA while bringing new coaches into our clinics, meetings, operations, and tournaments.

Motion to open discussion by Malyssa Gabrielson; seconded by Joe Meinecke.

Discussion occurred.

Dan Burkey offered friendly amendment to modify proposal to:
A school that has not been a member school of the WFCA for the last three years may have its membership dues waived. Amendment accepted by Scott Peterson.

Motion to call to question by John Rademacher; seconded by Joe Meinecke. Motion fails. Yea: 12; Nay: 13; Abstain: 1

Motion to adjourn by Joe Meinecke, Seconded by Paul Miller. Passed unanimously (3:20 pm)