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“Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”

Three Board of Control Members Step Down

Fr. Gary Wegner, District 9 Chair, is leaving the Board of Control. Gary has left his teaching post with Mt. Calvary St. Lawrence Seminary to return to being a parish priest.

Sue Luterbach, District 12/13 is retiring from the Board of Control as is Laura Maly, Section IV Chair.

WHSFA wants to thank these three leaders for their contributions to WHSFA.

Adam Jacobi Named New Executive Director

At the Spring Board of Control Meeting in May, Adam Jacobi was named the new Executive Director of WHSFA. He will begin his duties July 1, 2014.

Congratulations Adam!



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Malone retires as Executive Director

After leading WHSFA for nine years, Chuck Malone will retire as of June 30, 2014, after 51 years of being part of the Wisconsin State Speech Festival. Chuck started in Non-original Oration in 1963 when he was encouraged to join the forensic team by his U.S. History Teacher and Forensic Coach, Marge Buckeridge of Baraboo High School.

Through his years in college, Chuck judged speech festivals.

When Chuck signed his first teaching contract at Portage, Wisconsin one of the conditions of his contract was he would serve as the Forensics Coach. It was interesting, he commented, being in the same district as his alma mater. In every school Chuck taught in through his long career he was the Forensic Coach. In 1986 Chuck was appointed to the WHSFA Theater Advisory by Executive Director Mary Torgeson. A few years later, his principal was elected to the Board of Control. When

the WHSFA constitution was changed in the early 1990s, Chuck's principal stepped down and Chuck was named the District 14 Chair. He served in this position until being hired as Executive Director in 2005.

Chuck says he will miss working with the Board of Control because of their dedication to keeping WHSFA student focused and educational. Most of all, he will miss working the State Speech Festival, State Theater Festival and State Debate Tournament and meeting the outstanding young people who participate through their schools.

At the Spring Board of Control Meeting, Chuck Malone was named Executive Director Emeritus to WHSFA and asked to attend Board of Control Meeting as an advisor for as long as he chooses.

Along with Chuck, Linda Malone and Joanne Beatty are retiring from the WHSFA State Office.

State Speech Festival Sees Large Numbers

For the first time in several years, The Wisconsin State Speech Festival saw good weather. There were 4,548 students at the Wisconsin State Speech Festival.

U.W. Madison has been the site of the Wisconsin State Speech Festival for the past 119 years. It is hard to believe that when it started in 1895 that there were only five entries and this year there were 3,225 entries.

It is amazing that every year so many students move through four rounds in such a quick fashion.

A special thank you goes out to the members of the WHSFA Board of Control that work every year to help make the festival a success.



BOARD OF CONTROL

Chuck Malone	Executive Director
Dr. Charles Grover	Advisor in Theatre
Dr. Kay Neal	Advisor in Debate
Dr. Jill Prushiek	Advisor in Speech
Dr. Emily Long	Middle Level Advisor
Ellyn Conhartoski	District 1 Chair
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Christine Fern-Denzer	District 3 Chair
Judine Brey	District 4 Chair
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Matt Wenthe	District 7 Chair
Janis Williams	District 8 Chair
Rev. Gary Wegner	District 9 Chair
Samuel Jonas	District 10 Chair
TBA	District 11 Chair
Sue Luterbach	District 12/13 Chair
Amy Koszarek	District 14 Chair
Roxi Wakeen	Sect I (1,3,4) Chair
Gayle Gander	Sect II (2,5,6) Chair
Rick Braun	Sect III (7,8,10) Chair
Jane Dix	Sect IV (9,12/13) Chair
Chris Andacht	Sect V (11,14) Chair

Four Year Gold Medal Winners

Congratulations to the 16 students who won their fourth consecutive Gold Metal at State Speech Festival - thank you to the coaches that helped the students achieve four straight gold medals.

Amery High School – Aisha Fultz

Appleton Fox Valley Lutheran – Willie Penterman

Benton High School – Dakota Lovell

Boscobel High School – Bobbi Jo Loomis

Darlington High School – Abbey Carlson

Darlington High School – Meghan Vieth

Drummond High School – Claire Christianson

Eau Claire Regis High School – Paul Amann

Eau Claire Regis High School – Zack Pickard

Iowa-Grant High School, Livingston – Rheann Engelke

Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills – Nicole Italiano

Lancaster High School – Maggie Schmitt

Lena High School – Katherine Waara

Northland Lutheran High School, Kronenwetter – Laura Wiland

Northland Pines High School, Eagle River – Katie Piper

Oak Creek High School – Haley Veres

Owen-Withee High School – Albert Goelitz

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Recatonica High School, Blanchardville – Julia Meyer

Platteville High School – Rachael Demaree

Prescott High School – Justine Backes

Superior High School – Brittany Kucinski

Thorp High School – Brooke Noah

Excellence in Speech Awards

Every year the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association recognizes the top 5% of the participating schools at the Wisconsin State Speech Festival. This year 19 schools received this honor.

Baldwin-Woodville High School – Angela Schmoker, Coach

Baraboo High School – Jake Boll, Coach

Boscobel High School – Jean Salzbeber, Coach

Burlington High School – Robbie Twohig, Coach

Darlington High School – Carmen Reilly, Coach

Fennimore High School – Carrie Krogman, Coach

Iowa-Grant High School – Anne Otto, Coach

LaCrescent High School – Kris Sandy, Coach

Lakeside Lutheran High School – Steve Lauber, Coach

Lomira High School – Angie Litterick, Coach

Menomonie High School – Andrea Smith, Coach

Monona Grove High School – Jason Kling, Coach

New Richmond High School – Danette Tellijohn, Coach

Northland Lutheran High School – Nate Lauber, Coach

Prescott High School – Tanya Sponholz, Coach

Regis High School – Judine Brey, Coach

Waterford Union High School – Amy Koszarek, Coach

Westosha Central High School – Michael Cyzak, Coach

Ethel Heise New Coach Award

Vanessa Sieg of Bloomer High School was the 2014 recipient of the *Ethel Heise New Coach Award*. Ms. Sieg has grown the program from nine students to more than 35 students in the past five years. She has also added a Middle Level program with 22 students this past year.

Ms. Sieg says in her letter, “I see what forensics means to those who participatehow forensics changes lives, and how my life continues to change for the better as I coach.”

Congratulations to Vanessa Sieg and to the school district of Bloomer.

Lyn Luce Leadership Award

This year two outstanding WHSFA Board of Control members, Roxi Wakeen and Sam Jonas, were recognized for their leadership in WHSFA by being awarded the Lyn Luce Leadership Award. The Award is sponsored by Lyn Luce’s family in memory of their mother who was a leader in WHSFA, Wisconsin Forensics Coaches Association and the National Catholic Forensic League.

Roxi Wakeen is the Section I Chair on the WHSFA Board of Control. She has also coached many “Excellence in Speech Award” winning speech teams for Baldwin-Woodville High School. In addition to her commitment to the Board of Control and Baldwin Woodville High School, Roxi has adjudicated at the Wisconsin High School Theater Festival for many years. Roxi also works the Wisconsin State Speech Festival greeting all the judges and handing out the judging packets.

Sam Jonas is the District 10 Chair on the WHSFA Board of Control. He has spent his entire career coaching the Lancaster High School forensic team. Although Sam is now retired from teaching, he still directs the theater productions and coaches the forensic team for Lancaster High School. Sam has also served as an adjudicator at the Wisconsin High School Theater Festival and the Wisconsin High School Speech Festival in Madison.

Congratulations to these two outstanding leaders and a sincere thank you from WHSFA.

Wisconsin State Speech Festival Falls on ACT Date in 2015

As coaches plan ahead for the 2014-2015 school year, they are reminded that the Wisconsin State Speech Festival will be held on April 17-18, 2015. It again is an ACT date. Please plan accordingly.

2014-2015 Dates

September 12 – Fall Board of Control Meeting

October 25 – Latest Date for District Theater Festival

November 8 – Latest Date for Sectional Theater Festival

November 20-22 – Wisconsin High School Theater Festival at Viberbo University

February 7 – Latest Date for Middle Level I Festivals

February 28 – Latest Date for Middle Level II Festivals

March 7 – Latest Date for Sub-district Speech Festivals

March 28 – Latest Date for District Speech Festivals

April 5 – Easter

April 17-18 – Wisconsin State Speech Festival at UW. Madison

May 14 – Spring Board of Control Meeting

Speech Advisory Presents All New Rubrics

At the Spring Board of Control Meeting, Jill Prushiek, Speech Advisor, presented to the Board of Control new rubrics for all the speech categories. She and a committee made up of Nancy Herbison, District 2; Tina Fern-Denzer, District 3 and Abbi Wills-Phillips, District 5 have worked on these new rubrics since last June when the Speech Advisory met at U.W. Eau Claire.

The new rubrics will be looked at again by the entire Speech Advisory at their summer meeting in June and trialed at invitational's next year. After some final tweaking they will be introduced to all the districts for the 2015-2016 school year.

If you would like to see copies of the new rubrics, please contact Chuck at the State Office. (director@whsfa.org)