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## WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January-March 2002. More sites are needed!! Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for reasonable expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office at (608) 882-6004 if you are willing to serve as host!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 20, 2001**  
 Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre

**November 2-3, 2001**  
 WHSFA Sectional Theatre

**November 15-16, 17, 2001**  
 WHSFA State Theatre (UW-Stevens Point)

## NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING

The National Federation of State High School Associations meeting was held on August 3-5, 2001 in Portland, Oregon.

The following five topic areas were chosen for your consideration in regard to the 2002-2003 debate season:

- Food Safety
- Transportation Policy
- Public Health
- Energy Policy
- Poverty

A ballot for specific resolutions was mailed to schools registered in Debate for study and consideration. These ballots are due to the State Office by October 15th. The two areas receiving the lowest totals will be placed on a second ballot to be mailed at a later date.

## CELEBRATE THEATRE!!

### WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL



## THEATRE FESTIVAL

**November 15-16-17, 2001**  
**UW-Stevens Point**

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## WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL FALL MEETING

The WHSFA Board of Control met on Wednesday, September 12, 2001 in Madison.

- Roger Foegen was re-elected Board Chair and Chuck Malone was elected Board Vice Chair.

- **Theatre Advisory Committee Report -**  
 A WHSFA Theatre Addendum will be mailed to all member schools this year. Reaffirmed the State Theatre Festival entry fee to be \$175.00 effective 2001-2002 school year.

Agreed to the re-alignment of District schools for Sectionals due to the unbalanced size of past sectional events.

- **Debate Advisory Committee Report -**  
 A WHSFA Debate Addendum will be mailed to all member schools this year.

Recommendation receiving Board of Control approval to increase State Debate Registration fee to \$125.00 effective 2002-2003 school year.

- **Speech Advisory Committee Report -**  
 A new WHSFA Speech Handbook will be mailed to all members schools this year.

Recommendations receiving Board of Control approval (to be implemented in 2000-2001 Speech season):

- Revision - (Rule #16D) Vocal music, if used, must be incidental and consist of no more than thirty (30) seconds total, after which there will be a (1) point deduction.

- Revision - (Use of Substitutes Regulation) In the event member(s) of a Play Acting group and/or Group Interpretative Reading ensemble is (are) unable to appear at a Festival, any other eligible student(s) who is (are) not participating may be substituted.

- **Middle Level Advisory Committee Report -**

A new WHSFA Middle Level Handbook and Guide to Effective Evaluation will be mailed to all member schools.

- **Other Business:**

- The WHSFA website address is [www.whsfa.org](http://www.whsfa.org)
- The WHSFA State Office has a new email address: [director@whsfa.org](mailto:director@whsfa.org)
- District and Sectional sites/host are now being established for the 2001 theatre season.
- District Debate Tournament sites/hosts are now being established for the 2002 debate tournament.
- The WHSFA Spring Board Meeting will be held on April 25, 2002, in Appleton (in conjunction with the spring WCA meeting).
- WHSFA is sponsoring a "Training the Trainers" workshop at Marquette University during the WEAC Convention on Friday, October 26, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## 2001-2002 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Check with your business office or call the State Office to ensure your 2001-2002 registration card has been completed and returned to the State Office.

It is essential that we have the correct name(s) of the personnel coaching Theatre, Debate, Speech and Middle Level programs. Without these names, we cannot guarantee that important materials will reach the correct person.

New mailing lists are now being generated. If you have not already returned your completed registration card, or made corrections, please do so as soon as possible.

## WORKSHOP LEADERSHIP

A one-day "Training the Trainers" workshop will prepare people to be Speech Adjudication Workshop Leaders.

Individuals from around the state are needed - a keen interest in forensics and a willingness to share your enthusiasm are the only prerequisites!

The session will be held on the campus of Marquette University (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) on the Friday of the WEAC convention - October 26th.

Please contact J. Peter at the State Office (608-882-6004) for more information. Workshop leaders do receive payment.

## THANK YOU

WHSFA extends a hearty "thank you" to WHSFA District chairs, Section Chairs and Advisors for their time, services and many contributions.

## STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in Debate this year have received an "Intent to Participate" form. This is your commitment to attend a State Qualifying Debate tournament. This form needs to be returned to the State Office by October 15th. Assignments to District sites will be based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly.

## WHSFA SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 2001-2002

(AS OF 10/1/01)

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Westosha Central HS (Salem)	September 26, 2001 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Ripon College	October 2, 2001 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Croix Central HS (Hammond)	October 3, 2001 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Riverdale HS (Muscodia)	October 20, 2001 (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
D.C. Everest HS (Schofield)	October 23, 2001 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee WEAC	October 25, 2001 (Thursday)	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Wild Rose HS	October 29, 2001 (Monday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Berlin HS	October 30, 2001 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Goodman-Armstrong HS	November 3, 2001 (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Stevens Point (SPASH)	November 6, 2001 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Lodi HS	November 14, 2001 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fond du Lac HS	November 27, 2001 (Tuesday)	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
UW-Oshkosh	November 27-29, 2001 (Tues.-Thurs.)	1:20 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
Milwaukee James Madison HS	December 13, 2001 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Marshfield HS	January 3, 2002 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Lancaster HS	January 5, 2002 (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Baldwin-Woodville HS	January 9, 2002 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Medford HS	January 15, 2002 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Speech Adjudication Workshops are being held around the state during the 2001-2002 school year. A reminder that all judges at WHSFA Subdistrict, District and State level must be WHSFA certified. If you or your judges are not certified - now is the time!

If you are interested in attending a listed workshop and do not receive registration materials, or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop, call the State Office at (608) 882-6004.

Recertification for speech adjudicators is taking place now. If your certification expires in 2001 or earlier and you did not receive notification, please contact the State Office.

## WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL APRIL 12-13, 2002

The State Office has sent a time preference card for the 2002 WHSFA State Speech Festival to all member Speech coaches. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 31st. In November the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. We will draw ninety (90) cards from each group. You will be notified which timeslot you received. There are three things you should remember:

- Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice; (2) second choice, etc., completing all four (4) choices.
- Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 31st.

Reminder - You are not guaranteed your chosen time period as there are scheduling limitations.

## WHSFA PUBLICATIONS

- New WHSFA Speech Handbooks have been sent to the Principal at all schools registered for membership in the WHSFA Senior Division.
- A new Middle Level Handbook and Guide to Effective Evaluation will be sent to all member middle level schools. Also included will be the book to be used for 2001-2002 Extemporaneous Reading - *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinnelli.
- Eligibility-Registration, (ER) forms have been sent to member Debate coaches and Theatre Directors.

**Important new information is included in all publications - please read carefully.**

## WHSFA REMEMBERING

### ■ 20 Years Ago - September 1981

New to the board will be J. Peter Shaw, Evansville High School. Shaw will chair the Whitewater District in place of George Buckingham whose retirement was announced in the May, 1981 WHSFA Newsletter.

Before assuming his administrative post at Evansville, Shaw directed both the Theatre and spring Speech programs. He has continued his involvement with WHSFA activities by serving as judge at various District and State level events.

### ■ 15 Years Ago - September 1986

Shirley Mortenson retired in the spring after 13 years of service as official secretary of WHSFA. We appreciate the dedication and hard work that Shirley gave to her position as well as the kindness she shared with all she came into contact with at the State Office.

Sandy Austin joins WHSFA as secretary to Mary Palm Torgeson. Her secretarial expertise and efficiency are outstanding, and we feel very fortunate to have her as an integral part of the State Office.

### ■ 10 Years Ago - September 1991

The WHSFA Board of Control is pleased to announce that J. Peter Shaw, former District 11 Chair, has accepted the position of Assistant to the Executive Director, effective August 15, 1991.

Shaw brings to the Association a thorough and supportive understanding of our history as well as plans and goals for the future. Improved and more immediate communication with our membership is one of his top priorities.

Please join us in welcoming Shaw to our "working for you" staff.

### ■ 5 Years Ago - October 1996

We welcome two new members to the WHSFA Board of Control. James Paplham, a teacher from Green Bay West High School, is the newly elected District 6 Chair. The newly elected District 12/13 Chair is Carol Krause, a teacher from Wisconsin Lutheran High School - Milwaukee.

*Welcome to you both!! Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.*

## HIGHLIGHTS MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY MEETING

The Middle Level Advisory Committee met on July 13, 2001 in Madison. Members in attendance were Karen Heil, Nancy Herbison, Wally Hoffman, Bob Klotzsky, Tricia MacDonald, Al Schancer and Teresa Shelton and Advisor to Middle Level, Margie Stone. J. Peter Shaw and Ann Legris from the WHSFA State Office were also present.

Topics reviewed/discussed by the committee included: 2000-2001 Level I and II participation reports, constituency

concerns and Middle Level Addendum items. Also decided were topics for Extemporaneous Speaking and Special Occasion. The Extemporaneous Reading book was also chosen - *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinnelli.

All recommendations of the Middle Level Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

## HIGHLIGHTS - DEBATE ADVISORY MEETING

The 2001 Debate Advisory Committee meeting was held at UW-Oshkosh on June 21st. Kay Neal, Advisor to Debate, presided over the meeting. Members present were: Steve Gargo, Jim Sauer, Bill McBride and Roland Faas. Also attending were Terrence Falk, President, WDCA, and J. Peter Shaw and Ann Legris from the WHSFA State Office.

The meeting served as an opportunity to review the 2001 WHSFA Debate tournaments and commence plans for the 2002 tournaments. Member concerns and comments were also discussed.

A Debate Addendum will be published and distributed this year.

## WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

*The following have been elected to the WHSFA Board of Control/Advisory Committees:*

### DISTRICT CHAIR

DISTRICT 2 - Nancy Herbison, Tomahawk  
DISTRICT 4 - David Miskulin, Loyal  
DISTRICT 7 - Roger Foegen, Bangor  
DISTRICT 8 - Charlie Krupa, Necedah  
DISTRICT 11 - Craig Lehnerr, Madison

### THEATRE ADVISORY

SECTION II - (Districts 2, 5 and 6)  
Amy Tubbs, Pulaski  
SECTION III - (Districts 7, 8 and 10)  
Rick Braun, Waunakee  
SECTION IV - (Districts 9 and 12/13)  
Sue Luterbach, Milwaukee

### SPEECH ADVISORY

SECTION II - (Districts 2, 5 and 6)  
Dorothy Berg, Pittsville  
SECTION IV - (Districts 9 and 12/13)  
Jim Kocovsky, Milwaukee

### DEBATE ADVISORY

SECTION I - (Districts 1, 3 and 4)  
Craig Lewis, Hudson  
SECTION IV - (Districts 11 and 14)  
Roland Faas, West Allis

### MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY

Karen Heil, Edgar  
Tricia MacDonald, Madison  
Teresa Shelton, Spooner  
Corinne Witt, Bangor

## NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING

The National Federation of State High School Associations meeting for NFHS State Speech and Theatre Coordinators was held on October 5-6, 2001 in Indianapolis, Indiana. WHSFA Executive Director J. Peter Shaw is the Wisconsin representative and presented a workshop on "WHSFA Theatre Events". OOPS - J. Peter had emergency surgery while visiting friends in Hibbing, MN on October 1st - so was forced to cancel attendance at Indy!

## HIGHLIGHTS SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

The annual Speech Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 1, 2001, at the AWSA offices in Madison. Present were the five committee members: Sandy Hermundson, Dorothy Berg, Mark Kohl, Jim Kocovsky and Sharon Sharko, along with the Advisor to Speech, Michael Price and J. Peter Shaw and Ann Legris from the State Office. Also participating were guests David Loos, Chair, WPCA Category Committee and Mary Wacker, WPCA.

The committee discussed member comments and concerns, reviewed the 2001 State Speech Festival and made plans for the 2002 State Speech Festival, established new topic areas for Moments in History, Public Address, Special Occasion and Storytelling. A new Speech Handbook will be published after the September 12th board meeting. All recommendations of the Speech Advisory Committee were brought to the WHSFA Board of Control Fall meeting for their discussion and enactment.

## HIGHLIGHTS - THEATRE ADVISORY MEETING

The WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee held their annual meeting at UW-Whitewater on June 28, 2001. In attendance were members Craig Lewis, Rick Braun, Sue Luterbach and Amy Tubbs. Presiding over the meeting was Skip Grover, Advisor to Theatre. J. Peter Shaw from the WHSFA State Office also attended. Absent Chuck Malone.

The committee reviewed the 2000 Theatre Festival and updated plans for the 2001 Festival. UW-Stevens Point will host the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival on November 15-16-17, 2001.

A new Theatre Addendum will be published and distributed this year.

All recommendations of the Theatre Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

## WHSFA ON THE WEB

Be sure to check out the new WHSFA website -- [www.whsfa.org](http://www.whsfa.org).

Also note our e-mail change of address -- [director@whsfa.org](mailto:director@whsfa.org).