

DISTRICT DEBATE ASSIGNMENTS

As a result of schools registering for participation in the WHSFA District Debate Tournament, the WHSFA Board of Control made the following assignments:

Northwest Central

Host: Marshfield Junior College
Tournament Director: To be determined

Eau Claire Memorial	SPASH
Hudson	Wausau East
La Crosse Central	Wausau West
Merrill	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
Onalaska	Durand
Rhineland	Eau Claire Regis
St. Croix Falls	

Northeast

Hosts: Glen Snyder/Bill Ott
Site: To be determined

Appleton East	Kimberly
Appleton West	Little Chute
Green Bay Ashwaubenon	Menasha
Green Bay East	Neenah
Green Bay Preble	Neenah Shattuck
Green Bay Southwest	New London
Green Bay West	Sheboygan North
Kaukauna	Sheboygan South

South Central

Host: J. Peter Shaw
Site: To be determined

Beaver Dam	Madison Memorial
De Forest	Madison West
Janesville Craig	Monona Grove
Madison East	Wales Kettle Moraine
Madison La Follette	Watertown

Milwaukee Northeast

Host: Dru Munson
Site: To be determined

Brookfield Central	Mukwonago
Brookfield East	Oconomowoc
Cedarburg	Port Washington
Glendale Nicolet	Slinger
Hamilton Sussex	Waukesha North
Hartford Union	Waukesha South
Juneau Dodgeand	West Bend East
Menomonee Falls	West Bend West
New Berlin	Wauwatosa East

Milwaukee Southeast

Host: Milwaukee Alexander Hamilton HS
Tournament Director: Ed Kovochich, Alexander Hamilton HS

Greendale	Mil Riverside
Kenosha Bradford	Mil Rufus King
Kenosha Tremper	Mil Trade & Technical
Marquette University	Oak Creek
Mil HS of the Arts	Racine Horlick
Mil Juneau	South Milwaukee
Mil Marshall	West Allis Central
Mil Pius XI	West Allis Nathan Hale
Mil Pulaski	Whitefish Bay
	Wilmot

Any schools not listed who do intend on participating should contact the State Office by December 15.

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FALL MEETING OF WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL HELD

The biannual meeting of the WHSFA Board of Control was held October 25-26, 1988 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. The following decisions which affects our membership were reached by this elected body composed of school administrators, high school teachers and University representatives.

Elections:

William Ott was unanimously elected to serve as WHSFA Board Chair for 1988-89. Robert Scott was also unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chair for the same time period.

Appointments:

David Miskulin, District Administrator, Loyal High School was recognized as the new District 4 Chair, appointed to fill the remaining one year of that term of office vacated by Ed Ristow, Altoona High School.

The Assistant Principal at Milwaukee Hamilton High School, Ed Kovochich was appointed to fill the remaining two years of the District 13 Chair, Priscilla Kuehn.

Ott appointed members to WHSFA standing committees for 1988-89, including:

Nominations:	Howard Hanson, Chair, Members Don Stevens and Terry Wiseman
Finance:	Roger Klug, Chair, Members Steve Cass, Bill Ott and J. Peter Shaw
Eligibility-Review:	Steve Spear, Chair, Members J. Peter Shaw and Ed Kovochich

Reports:

The Theatre, Debate and Speech Advisory Committees presented reports on their respective activities. **(See related stories.)**

The Junior Division report indicated an increase in membership for 1988-89. **(See related story.)**

Business:

Ott appointed Munson, Spear and Scott to serve as the State Debate Referees Committee for 1989.

Constitutional changes were recommended to update language to current practices, including the meeting schedules of the Board, the number of voting members necessary for a quorum, and the changing of titles of state office staff. Ballots regarding these issues will be mailed to schools in January. **(Samples of the suggested changes are included in this issue.)**

Other Matters:

A request was made to the Board to allow a total of no more than two Wisconsin forensic teachers to submit papers to the National Federation for possible presentation at a December 27, 28 and 29, 1989 conference entitled the "Northwestern University Conference for Summer Institute Directors." The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

The following constitutional changes will be submitted to a referendum of all member schools in January, 1989. According to the WHSFA Constitution Sec. 2.B. ballots must be returned within 30 days after being mailed. If approved by a majority of the schools voting in the referendum, the proposed amendments must be ratified at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Control in order to be declared adopted."

Amendment 1: Section II.H. from "The Board shall meet annually as soon as convenient after the annual election of District and Sectional Chairs. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum." to: "The Board shall meet biannually in October and May. Ten members of the Board shall constitute a forum."

Amendment 2: To change the title of "Secretary-Treasurer" and "Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer" to "Executive Director" and "Assistant to the Director" respectively in all references throughout the Constitution and Standing Rules.

These changes will bring the written words into line with current practices.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS COMPLETED

The 1989-90 Advisory Committees will be composed of:

Theatre

Section I	John Abraham, Menomonie High School
Section II	Ted Moskonas, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln HS
Section III	Ken Beatty, Richland Center High School
Section IV	Sue Luterbach, Mil St. Joan Antida HS
Section V	Pat Barlow, Badger Lake Geneva High School

Debate

Section I	Sue Segelstrom, St. Croix Falls High School
Section II	Donna Frenzel, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln HS
Section III	Jeff Steward, De Forest High School
Section IV	Terry Falk, Milwaukee Juneau High School
Section V	Doris Sexton, West Bend East High School

Speech

Section I	Tim Schaffer, New Richmond High School
Section II	Chris Verges, Rib Lake High School
Section III	Toni Johnson, Arcadia High School
Section IV	Clare McCain, Cedarburg High School
Section V	Walter Daumler, Delavan-Darien High School

Please contact these individuals or the State Office regarding any suggestions or concerns that you may have relative to any of our WHSFA activities. Meetings for each of the committees will be scheduled throughout the school year. In addition, members will be available at each of the state held events for you to respond to any situations relevant to the activity and to receive any comments or suggestions for improvement or change.

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THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

ADJUDICATORS

The process begun in 1988 of asking schools involved in the theatre program to respond to the State Office in regard to the adjudication process as it affected them will be continued. In addition, the State Office will be asking all Subdistrict, District and Sectional hosts to provide the names, addresses and credentials of all individuals used during the theatre season. From this information, a list will be generated for use by theatre festival hosts.

Sectional Sites

The State Office will, at the request of participating schools, assign theatre festival sectional sites to accommodate geographic proximity to location.

Board Requests

The committee was directed to study the legalities of play cuttings and royalty payments for the festival in regard to the Associations responsibilities. In addition, the committee was directed to investigate possible means of providing recognition for individuals who have achieved outstanding results in the direction of their theatre program and who have also been very supportive of WHSFA.

DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Requests:

A request from the Wisconsin Bar Association for endorsement by WHSFA of their Mock Trial competition was referred to the committee for their consideration.

The committee was also directed to investigate possible means of providing recognition for individuals who have achieved outstanding results with the direction of their debate program and who have also been very supportive of WHSFA.

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Subdistrict/District Advancement

The Board reaffirmed that the points necessary to advance from Subdistrict to District will be 16. Points necessary to advance from District to State will be 20 for the 1989 meet.

State Awards

A proposal to approve a committee recommendation to change the state awards was also accepted. Effective with the 1989 Speech Meet, the following system will be in place:

- Critics Choice - 25 points
- All State - 23-24 points
- Finalist - 20-21-22 points
- Paper Certificate - 5-19 points

Questionnaires

A questionnaire will be enclosed with the subdistrict speech eligibility-registration form regarding the categories of Storytelling and Discussion. Rules, criteria items and the advisability of continuing WHSFA involvement in these categories will be addressed. An opportunity to suggest other possible areas for student participation will also be included.

Speech Adjudicator Training Proposal

A proposal to provide a system by which individuals would become certified speech adjudicators was approved. The Speech Advisory Committee was directed to provide a further developed program, including potential costs, for presentation at the spring, May 3-4 meeting. A brief review of the proposal is included in this Newsletter. Any response/reaction you may have are invited by the committee and the State Office.

Board Requests

The committee was directed to investigate possible means of providing recognition for individuals who have achieved outstanding results with the direction of their speech program and who have also been very supportive of WHSFA.

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

Registration Reminder

WHSFA Junior Division Registrations are due in the State Office no later than November 15. If you are planning to participate this season, please send your green card in right away.

Extemporaneous Reading Novel

This year only, there are two novels which may be used for the Junior Division Extemporaneous Reading Category:

1. One Fat Summer by Robert Lipsyte (which was sent out with membership packets) or
2. The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis (which can be ordered from; Interstate Periodicals, 201 E. Badger Road, Madison, WI 53701)

Sample page numbers for One Fat Summer are found in the Junior Division Handbook. Sample page numbers for Voyage of the Dawn Treader were mailed to schools on the current Junior Division membership list.

Still Growing

As of this writing (November 7, 1988) we have 11 new member schools in the WHSFA Junior Division. Welcome to all our new schools and new coaches.

Festival Sites

So far there are 9 Level I sites and 7 Level II sites. We are especially in need of Level I sites in the Green Bay and Milwaukee areas. Advisory Committee members and State Office staff are available to help host schools in planning and scheduling a festival. Please call the State Office (608-263-6662) if your school would like to host. The more sites available the better the experience for students and hosts.

A list of Level I and II locations and dates will be mailed to member schools in December.

Workshop for Junior Division Coaches and Judges

A workshop for Junior Division Coaches and Judges will be offered free to WHSFA Junior Division members. The 3 part program begins November 12, 1988, over the ETN Network. Nonmembers may register for a \$25.00 fee.

JUNIOR ADVISOR SOUGHT

The WHSFA Board of Control approved a State Office staff request that an Advisor for Junior Division be appointed to parallel the positions of: Advisor in Speech - Dean Michael Price, Advisor in Theatre - Professor Thomas Goltry, Advisor in Debate - Professor Stephen Spear.

A college or university person with background in theatre and/or communication is being sought to serve in this advisory position on the WHSFA Board of Control. The Advisor to the Junior Division should also be someone with an understanding of the educational needs of middle level students.

Member schools are encouraged to suggest candidates who meet these qualifications by writing a letter of recommendation to WHSFA Board Chair, William Ott, in care of the State Office.

ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR WHSFA MAIL

Keeping aware of Principal, Theatre, Debate and Speech Coaches names in order to ensure the correct people receiving the correct information at the correct time for our 463 member schools remains an ongoing problem. YOU CAN HELP. Please inform us of changes in personnel for any of these areas as soon as possible. The old adage of "You can't tell the players without a program" takes on a very significant message at our office. We need to know who you are and where you are if we can fulfill our responsibility to your membership in this Association.

PROPOSAL FOR JUDGE CERTIFICATION

Rationale: The number of individuals needed to adjudicate performances in WHSFA Speech categories has increased for two reasons:

- (1) The requirement that District contests provide three opportunities for students, and
- (2) The increased number of students who choose to participate in the spring speech program.

This has resulted in the positive effect of our program providing for communication skill development for more Wisconsin students; however, it has also resulted in the need to hire individuals as adjudicators who are not as qualified to evaluate the skills we are seeking to teach, are not aware of the specific rules for each category, nor knowledgeable about WHSFA general rules and policies. This has created situations where participants have not received the educational objective of their participation; i.e., comments that serve as learning tools, or scores that fairly represent the quality of their performance.

In a sincere effort to improve this situation, the State Office is recommending the following procedure for certification of District and State adjudicators be considered.

Goal: To achieve by 1993 a list of individuals who have satisfactorily proven to the State Office their ability to interpret and apply WHSFA policies, rules and criteria by passing a test with a score of 90% or better.

Objectives: Participants in the classes provided will:

- (1) learn the general rules of WHSFA as they apply to all contests;
- (2) learn the desired interpretation of rules in the oral interpretation categories;
- (3) learn the desired interpretation of rules in the public speaking categories;
- (4) learn how to provide written and oral comments for all categories that will enhance the learning process for the student;
- (5) learn judge protocol in regard to appearance, attitude, and behavior toward the student and the contest situation.

Methods: The process would begin in July of 1989. Representative College and University Professors who are well acquainted with the WHSFA program would be invited to a training session which would be conducted by State Office personnel and other individuals as needed. A one day session in selected sites throughout the state would provide information regarding WHSFA policies, rules, and all other aspects of judge adjudication. This would be funded by WHSFA.

In the fall of 1989, WHSFA would establish 12-14 sites throughout the state where the individuals trained at the July meeting would offer adjudication instruction to individuals and schools for a fee. The instructors would be paid from monies collected, with the remainder being credited to UW-Continuing Education in the Arts. At the end of the training session, participants would submit to the State Office a take home test. Upon receipt and successful completion of that test, the individual would receive a (four) year certification. Recertification could be achieved by completing another test sent to the State Office, also with a fee.

Object./ Problems

It would be the intent to achieve by 1992 full certification of all individuals hired as District or State adjudicators. After the original program has been fulfilled; i.e., workshops each year from 1989-92, they could be offered every two years. Additional training sessions for the instructors would be held as natural attrition among the original members occurs.

The individuals who have served as adjudicators for a number of years may find the need to pay for training offensive, especially in the light of the modest sums they receive for their services. The enforcement of such a procedure may prove so difficult as to render it effective.

Personnel costs of maintaining such records may also be prohibitive. Schools may object to the additional cost of sending teachers and other individuals used as adjudicators to workshops.

Conclusions: The objections are not insurmountable. The greater good of achieving a cadre of individuals whom we can trust know policies, rules and their correct application seem well worth the risks involved.

BOARD MEMBERS TERMS EXPIRE

The following Board members terms expire with the May, 1989 biannual meeting. All of them are eligible for reelection for another three year term should they choose to run. Nominations from the membership all welcomed.

District 2	Gordon Rieden, Supt., Crivitz School District
District 3	Howard Hanson, Supt., Prairie Farm School District
District 4	David Miskulin, Supt., Loyal School District
District 7	Gerald Holte, Principal, Arcadia High School
District 12	Drucilla Munson, Asst. Principal, Brookfield Central High School
Section V	Robert Scott, Teacher, Delavan-Darien High School

A primary ballot will be mailed to each member school in April in which a District or Section Chair is to be elected. If any nominee receives a majority of votes cast, that individual will be declared the winner. In the event that a majority vote is not achieved, a final ballot will be mailed to involved schools, listing candidates still in contention.

WCA ANNUAL CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

The Wisconsin Communication Association is now issuing its request for student papers. The State Office urges teachers to invoke your pupils in this competition. A brief review of the qualifications include:

- Topic should relate to specific area of communication studies.
- Open to any high school student.
- 4-6 pages in length, typed, double spaced.
- Due prior to March 15, 1989.

Selected papers may be published in the WCA spring Journal.

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