

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

Members of each of the Advisory Committee who are eligible for reelection, should they choose to run include:

- Theatre:** Section I - Ellwyn Hendrickson - Menomonie  
Section III - Ken Beatty - Richland Center
- Debate:** Section II - Donna Frenzel - Wis. Rapids Lincoln  
Section IV - Terrence Falk - Milwaukee Juneau
- Speech:** Section I - Tim Schaffer - New Richmond  
Section III - Ed Zahn - Columbus

Ballots will be mailed to schools involved in this elective process during September.

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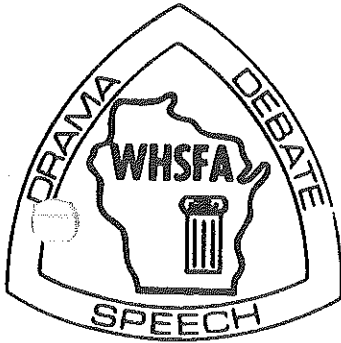
JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

Registration materials are on their way to all schools on last year's membership mailing list and membership inquiry list.

If you have not received registration materials or if you are aware of others in schools with grades 6, 7, 8 and/or 9, who would like to join the WHSFA Junior Division, please notify the State Office and we will send registration materials out.

A few more Host Schools for WHSFA Junior Division Level I and Level II Speech Festivals are still needed. If your school wishes to host or if you wish to suggest another potential host school, please contact Marty Kaump at the State Office, (608) 263-6662.

Elections for Junior Division Advisory Committee positions will be conducted in several areas of the state this fall. Ballots will be mailed directly to those schools involved.



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WELCOME BACK!

While you have been off at summer school, or working that extra job, or maybe just trying to avoid the oppressive heat, the State Office staff has done some of each of those things also, but primarily we have participated in some very exciting events that need sharing.

First of all, you should have received your new Debate and Speech Handbooks. Debate has some rule changes (see related story) but the big change is in the spring Speech guide. Articles, descriptors and information on how to do this activity are in rich supply. I'm excited about our new approach to this book and eagerly invite your reactions and your article submissions for either this Newsletter or the next publication. The Theatre Handbook has a one year break. If you need a copy, however, please let us know. The three new schools who have joined this troupe are welcome. I hope more of you will take advantage of this portion of your membership.

Did any of you see the April 17 Sunday edition of the Wisconsin State Journal? Included with this particular publication was a report on 18 All-State Academic Scholars. Of the 106 students featured, over half registered involvement in various forms of theatre, debate and speech activities. I think that sends you as coaches a clear message, don't you?

State Office staff was also privileged to attend the 4-H State Congress event featuring many of the same students involved in our activities. The Theatre show "Unconditionally Yours," written by the students involved and coordinated by Assistant Professor Joan Lazarus of Department of Continuing Education in the Arts was indeed an "Unconditional" success. The Art Exhibit, coordinated by Susan Farmer, also of this department, took a serious look at "Family," and was another joy to behold.

What great things our students are doing. I feel it is due in large part to what you as teachers are doing.

Have a good school year. I look forward to talking with you.

Mary Torgeson  
Executive Director WHSFA

1988-89 DATES

Educational Activities, Festivals and Contests abound for the school year. A review follows:

**September 12, 19, 26**  
Educational Teleconferencing Network (ETN) program for Debate Coaches and Judges - Monday afternoons - 4:00-5:20 pm

**October 22**  
WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Festivals - Statewide

**October 24 - December 12**  
Educational Teleconferencing Network (ETN) program for Spring Speech Coaches and Judges - Monday afternoons - 4:00-5:20 pm

**October 25-26**  
WHSFA Board of Control Meeting - Madison

**November 4-5**  
WHSFA District Theatre Festivals - Statewide

**November 12**  
ETN Program for Junior Division Coaches and Judges - 10:00 am-12:50 pm

**November 18-19**  
WHSFA Sectional Theatre Festivals - Statewide

**December 2-3**  
WHSFA State One-Act Theatre Festival, UW-Stevens Point, Warren Jenkins Theatre

**January 7**  
WHSFA District Debate Contests - Statewide

**January 10 & 17**  
ETN Program for Junior Division Judges and Coaches - Tuesdays - 4:00-5:20 pm

**January 27-28**  
WHSFA Two & Four Speaker State Debate Tournament - UW-Oshkosh

**February 18**  
WHSFA Middle School - Junior High Level I Speech Festivals - Statewide

**March 11**  
WHSFA Middle School - Junior High Level II Speech Festivals - Statewide

**March 18**  
WHSFA Subdistrict Speech Contests - Statewide

**April 8**  
WHSFA District Speech Contests - Statewide

**April 28-29**  
WHSFA State Speech Contest - UW-Madison

**May 3 & 10**  
ETN Program for Fall One-Act Theatre Festival Personnel - 4:00-5:20 pm

**May 4-5**  
WHSFA Board of Control Meeting - Oshkosh

In addition, watch for special dates yet to be announced for speech workshops which will be held throughout the state in November and December.

Wisconsin Debate Coaches and Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Associations have many weekend events planned as well. Those dates and sites will be announced in this Newsletter as they become available to the State Office.

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STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL PROPOSALS

The Theatre Advisory Committee met on July 8 at UW-Platteville. Discussion centered on visibility of the WHSFA One-Act Theatre Festival, adjudicators listing, critique sheets, Handbook revisions, rule changes, District, Sectional Sites, Future Educational needs and instructions to schools.

The following discussion and recommendations will be given to the Board of Control at their October meeting:

- 1. A review of the WAAE (Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education) meeting held in Madison on March 11, 1988, was presented by Barlow and Goltry. General agreement was reached that WHSFA has in place the basic program for Theatre education that is being sought by the people in attendance at this meeting. However, the lack of visibility of WHSFA efforts is of some concern. The State Office was directed to begin pursuing means of achieving recognition of the Association and our programs in the Arts. Suggestions included writing a grant proposal to the Wisconsin Arts Board for a variety of programs including but not necessarily limited to, (1) supplemental workshops for State Theatre Festival, (2) programs for adult education, (3) programs for student education. A decision was made that the State Office should compose a letter to the Arts Board inquiring about possible grants and at the same time educating them regarding our program in theatre.
- 2. After a review of the returns from the 1987 Theatre Festival season, a decision was made to gather data for at least one more year before any listing of individuals would be made. Even at that time, the listing would not be made public, but would remain at the State Office as a referral list for hosts seeking individuals for adjudicators. At the suggestion of Moskonas, and general approval of the other members, the State Office will ask District and Sectional hosts to provide the names, addresses and credentials of the individuals they employ.
- It was also generally felt that perhaps a form of listing of judges with a rating scale plus a second sheet allowing for reaction might be advisable. This would be sent to participating schools after the State Festival. This will be implemented.
- 3. A suggestion from Barlow that the NCR critique form be used on all levels was approved. Tacit agreement was reached regarding space and type size, resulting in more blank space for written comments being made available.

Discussion on this agenda item expanded to the State Festival format. The educational aspect of the festival was of primary concern. The following decisions were made by the group:

- (1) State Office personnel will give critique sheets and pins to each school when they return to their homeroom.
- (2) Oral critique can be requested by the school after having received their pins and critique sheets.
- (3) Presentation of plaques will be in the auditorium in breaks of three times each day.
- (4) A judge procedure sheet will be provided.
- (5) The "Judge Recommendation" notation will be removed from the critique sheet.
- 4. The following instructions were given regarding Handbook revisions for 1989-91.
  - (1) Include names of member schools.
  - (2) Update play list.
  - (3) Three hole punch Handbooks.
  - (4) Take out phone numbers from sample sheets.
  - (5) Include new critique sheet.
  - (6) Include "Ethics" article.
- 5. The State Office was instructed to incorporate into the rules a statement regarding the substitutes for the one-act play festival.

- 6. The Advisory Committee recommends that the State Office be allowed to assign schools to Sectional sites according to geographical proximity to location.
- 7. Concerns regarding possible change of site for the State Festival were discussed. Whether any effort should be made to change the current program was also considered. A general consensus was reached that educational programs should be included as a part of the State program.
- 8. Concern expressed regarding the enforcement of the "permission to perform" requirement, in light of member schools infractions of copyright and royalty laws. The Advisory Committee wishes to ask the District Chairs if:
  - (a) What control, if any, are you able to have over the "Permission to Perform" requirement?
  - (b) Should the Board or the State Office take a more active role in enforcing this requirement?

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE DELIBERATES

School doors were barely closed when the Speech Advisory Committee met to take under serious considerations for the next season. As a result of the June 3 meeting, the following proposals will be given to the Board for their consideration at the fall meeting.

- \*\*\* State Awards
  - Certificate of Participation 5-19
  - Bronze Medal - 20-21-22
  - Silver Medal - 23-24
  - Gold Medal 25
- \*\*\* Group Discussion/Storytelling
  - A questionnaire regarding these two events to be included with subdistrict materials. This questionnaire will deal with the advisability of continuing these events and if the membership wishes to drop them, what, if any events should replace these categories.
- \*\*\* Adjudicator Training
  - A proposal to begin a judge training and certification procedure will be presented. This program would begin in 1989 and be an ongoing process.
  - The Advisory Committee has tentatively set a mid November or December for their next meeting. Watch this Newsletter for further details.

STATE SPEECH MEDALS ARRIVE

Schools not able to pick up their State Speech Medals last spring should be receiving them soon. In order to avoid their being lost over the summer months, the State Office has now begun to package and mail them.

If you have not received yours by the end of September, send us a message. We'll take care of it immediately.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Check with your business office now to ensure that your membership card has been processed and returned to the State Office!

Very important, also, is that the correct names of personnel directing theatre, debate and speech activities be sent to us in order to ensure materials are mailed and received at the appropriate time.

New mailing lists are now being generated. Please help us by providing this information as soon as possible.

2-4 SPEAKER JOIN FORCES

In a return to practices of past years, the two and four speaker state Debate Tournaments will be held on the same weekend. This year the dates will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 26, 27 and 28, 1989 will be held at UW-Oshkosh.

In order to avoid some of the problems encountered in the past regarding judge and room shortages, the following schedule will be used:

Thursday, January 26 - 4 Speaker  
Round 1 - 10:30  
2 - 12:00  
3 - 1:30  
4 - 3:00  
5 - 4:30

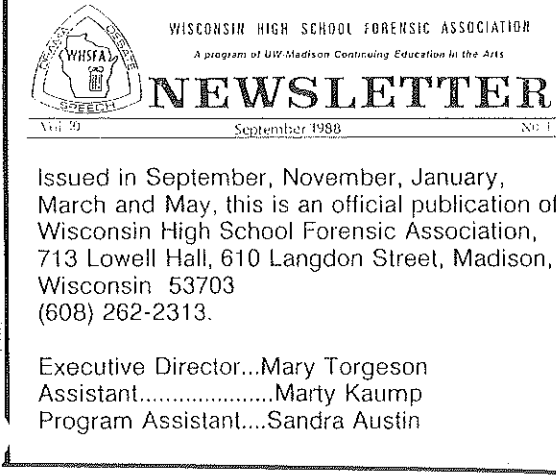
Friday, January 27 - 4 Speaker  
Round 6 - 8:30  
7 - 10:00  
Lunch - 11:30-1:00

Friday, January 27 - 2 Speaker  
Round 1 - 11:30  
2 - 1:00  
3 - 2:30  
4 - 4:00

Saturday, January 28 - 2 Speaker  
Round 5 - 8:00  
6 - 9:30  
Octas/Quarters - 11:30  
Quarters/Semis - 1:30  
Semis or Finals - 3:00  
Finals - 4:30

All sessions will be held in the Nursing Education and CLOW buildings which are connected.

Schools participating are reminded that they must provide one qualified judge that is not already employed by the Association. This individual will likely only have to judge one or at the most two rounds. Every effort will be made to use judges provided by each division for that division only.



DISTRICT DEBATE PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED

We want more schools participating in the District Debate tournament. As a member of WHSFA, your school should be involved in this important educational activity.

To encourage more schools to attend the District meet, and not feel intimidated by other teams, the format of the tournament has been changed.

The tournament will now consist of 4 rounds as opposed to the three of previous years. Once a school has achieved 4 wins, they will be declared state participants and will no longer compete.

The remaining teams will then be matched for further competition. In this way, we hope more teams will survive the District process.

This will also change the 3-0 rule for a half-team to progress to a 4-0 requirement.

Letters are being sent to Principals of registered schools explaining these changes and encouraging them to get their schools involved. We hope that you, too, as teachers will encourage your colleagues to participate.

NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETS

The National Federation of High School Associations, Speech Committee, convened the annual debate topic selection committee meeting in Traverse City, Michigan on August 7. After three days of deliberations the topic areas of "Space: The Final Frontier," "Prison Reform," and "Discrimination" were chosen.

Schools registered for the WHSFA Debate program should now have received a full description of each of the topic areas including discussion topics as well as resolutions.

Also included in that mailing is a definition of debate terms as developed by Walter Ulrich, Vanderbilt University.

If you have not received this packet of information and wish to, please contact the State Office.

DISTRICT FOUR CHAIR APPOINTED

David Miskulin, District Administrator at Loyal High School has accepted a one year appointment to the WHSFA Board of Control to fill the term of Ed Ristow, Altoona High School. In 1989, Miskulin will be eligible to be elected to a full three year term.

The State Office wishes to express thanks to Ristow for his service to the Association.

CORRECTION!

As a result of Board Action taken in May of 1988, the points necessary for advancement in WHSFA Speech activities for 1988-89 will be:

Subdistrict to District - 16  
District to State - 20

State Awards  
Critics Choice - 25  
All State - 23-24  
Finalist - 22

(Also see related story regarding Speech Advisory Committee meeting.)

Please make these changes on Page 99 of your Speech Handbook. We regret the printing error.