

Theatre Advisory Committee Acts

Name Change of Awards Suggested

A name change for awards given at the State Theatre Festival has been suggested by the members of the Theatre Advisory Committee. The members felt that the "All State" award more clearly recognized the concept that each show chosen to perform at the state level was already a winner, and that those shows chosen by the particular critic doing the evaluating as being truly outstanding should receive an award that designates it as a "Critic's Choice." The Committee invites your reaction to this idea as they will be discussing it again to make a final decision at their December 1 meeting held in conjunction with the State Festival. Current members of the Committee are: Sec. 1, Ellwyn Hendrickson, Menomonee High School; Sec. 2, Donald Voermans, Oconto Falls High School; Sec. 3, Ken Beatty, Richland Center High School; Sec. 4, Mercedes Chalmers, Whitefish Bay High School; Sec. 5, Pat Barlow, Lake Geneva Badger High School. Please contact them with your ideas, or call the State Office with questions and suggestions.

Judge Certification Sought

On the recommendation of the Theatre Advisory Committee, the Board approved, in principle, the suggestion that the State Office begin to seek methods of theatre adjudicator certification with the further intention that, once a list of people having received training has been established, the State Office would be responsible for the hiring of all critics at all levels of participation.

Study has begun with the Department of Extension Arts to make a determination regarding the most effective manner of accomplishing this task.

Larmer on Leave

WHSFA and University Extension have granted Larry Larmer a sabbatical leave from his positions with both organizations from September 1, 1984, to January 1, 1985. As a result he will not be available at his office during that time. Please direct any inquiries regarding WHSFA activities to the Association's address or phone number.

ETN Classes Offered

The State Office and the Department of the Arts-University Extension will once again be offering courses in Debate and Speech via the Educational Telephone Network.

"The 1984-85 Debate Proposition" program will be aired on the Mondays of September 10, September 17, and September 24 from 4:00-5:20 p.m. The format developed in the past of the first session dealing with research and analysis of this year's proposition, the second discussing topicality issues and affirmative case approaches, and the third talking about debating the negative will be used.

Schools are encouraged to have individuals who will be used as judges to also attend these sessions. They would be included in the fee of \$30 and also be eligible to receive the .4 CEU (Continuing Education Unit) offered for this course.

"The Spring Speech Program in WHSFA" will discuss the new category array that will be in effect for 1984-85. Sessions will be conducted on coaching and judging Farrago, Group Interpretation, Solo Acting, Special Occasion Speaking, and Group Discussion. Instruction will also be provided in how to conduct a three-round contest. The nine sessions will be held on the Mondays of October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 4:00-5:20 p.m. Coaches are encouraged to include individuals who will be judging for them in these sessions. The school fee is \$45, and 1.2 CEUs may be earned for attendance at all of the sessions.

Brochures with registration information have been mailed each member school. If you do not receive one and would like to participate, please call the State Office.

Judges Sought for NFL Tourney

In June of 1985, Eau Claire will serve as host city for the 1985 National Forensic League. Both Northern and Southern Wisconsin district schools including approximately 40 high schools from this state will be involved in hosting this event.

Beginning on June 17 with preliminary rounds and concluding with finals on June 21, the tournament will have 1400 students from around the nation in competition with one another for honors in the categories of Extemporaneous Speaking, Oratory, Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation, Lincoln Douglas Debate, Two-Speaker Debate, and Student Congress as well as various consolation events.

A large responsibility of the host district is to provide local judges for the preliminary rounds. Art McMillion, NFL District Chair, is seeking people to help fulfill this obligation.

DISTRICT SEVEN CHAIR RESIGNS

Trygve Mathison, District 7 Chair from Holmen High School, has resigned from his post on the WHSFA Board of Control. The State Office is seeking an individual to fill out the remaining two years of his term. We welcome any suggestions from schools in District 7 regarding possible candidates for this appointment.

To help facilitate his locating interested, qualified judges, the State Office has agreed to include mailing a letter with the Teachers Manual explaining the details of the tournament and inviting you to return a form to Ron Steinhorst, New London High School, indicating your desire to receive more information and a registration form. Should you not receive the letter, but are interested in judging, please contact Ron and he will send you the necessary information.



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Eligibility Review Committee Established

At the May, 1984, Board of Control meeting, an Eligibility Review Committee was appointed to consider petitions for exceptions to the "home school" rule. The conditions and procedures for this Committee to consider granting an exception are as follows:

Conditions and procedures for considering an exception due to "special school" attendance.

- 1) Conditions:
 - a) That the reasons for the exception must be in accordance with the Association's objective of promoting forensic participation;
 - b) That both schools must be members of the Association;
 - c) That the principals and district administrators of both schools agree to the exception;
 - d) That the student(s) must be enrolled in academic classes in both schools.
- 2) Procedure:
 - a) The student(s) desiring the exception initiates a written petition which expresses the reason for the exception;
 - b) The petition must be signed by the student(s), principals of both schools, and district administrators of both schools;
 - c) The petition must be sent to the WHSFA State Office no later than six weeks prior to the first level of WHSFA participation;
 - d) The State Office will distribute the petition to the Eligibility Review Committee for a decision which will be announced no later than four weeks prior to the first level of WHSFA participation;
 - e) Any exceptions granted by the Committee shall be in affect for one school year only.

Conditions and procedures for combining programs by schools in separate school districts.

- 1) Conditions:
 - a) That the reasons for the combining of programs are in accordance with the Association's objective of promoting forensic participation;
 - b) That both schools are members of the Association;
 - c) That the principals, district administrators, and school boards agree to the combining of programs.
- 2) Procedures:
 - a) The schools initiate a written petition which expresses the reasons for desiring to combine programs;
 - b) The petition must be signed by the principals, district administrators, and school board presidents of each school;
 - c) The petition must be sent to the WHSFA State Office no later than six weeks prior to the first level of WHSFA activity;
 - d) The State Office will distribute the petition to the Eligibility Review Committee for a decision to be announced no later than four weeks prior to the first level of WHSFA activity;
 - e) Any exceptions granted by the Committee shall be in effect for one school year only.

This information is also printed in the Debate and the Speech Teachers Manuals under General Rules.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Having received this Newsletter and the 1984-86 Teachers Handbooks is not proof you have registered for the current year as the past year's mailing lists are used for these purposes until new ones can be assembled. It would be a good time to check with your schools' offices to see if you have completed the necessary forms and are having the membership fee processed for this year.

Also, please let the State Office know the names of the people who will be directing the activities in Theatre, Debate, and Speech. Our having the correct names enables us to update our mailing lists and ensures that the necessary material reaches the correct persons in a timely fashion.

TEACHER'S MANUALS MAILED

Two copies of the 1984-86 Speech Teachers Manual and one copy of the 1984-86 Debate Teachers Handbook have been mailed to the Principals of all schools who were members in 1983-84 and all new schools registered this year. If additional copies are needed, they are available at the State Office at a cost of \$2.00 each.

The Theatre Festival Handbook will be re-issued in 1985. If you have lost your copy, or are taking part in the Theatre Festival series for the first time, please request a copy from the State Office.

BOARD TO CONSIDER HINTZ AWARD

The change in the spring speech structure and awards system has necessitated the manner in which schools earn the "William Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech" has had to be studied. James Dottke, District 14 Chair, and Robert Scott, Section V Chair, were appointed to a committee to develop and present a proposal to the October Board Meeting regarding this award. The results of their deliberations will be announced in the November Newsletter.