

# WHSFA District Debate Assignments

Schools responding to the questionnaire regarding their intention to participate in the District Debate Tournament have been assigned to specific tournament locations. If it is your intention to participate and have not yet informed the State Office, please do so IMMEDIATELY.

## NORTHWEST

Dick Dueterbeck, Howard Hanson, Chairs  
Hudson High School, Host

Amery  
Chippewa Falls SR  
Durand  
Eau Claire Memorial

Eau Claire North  
Eau Claire Regis  
Hudson  
St. Croix Falls

## CENTRAL

Dean Zimmerman, Chair/Host

La Crosse Logan  
La Crosse Aquinas  
La Crosse Central  
Merrill

Stevens Point SR  
Wausau East  
Wausau West  
WI Rapids Lincoln

## SOUTH CENTRAL

J. Peter Shaw, Chair/Host

De Forest  
Edgerton  
Janesville Craig  
Madison East  
Madison La Follette

McFarland  
Madison West  
Monona Grove  
Madison West  
Watertown

Appleton West  
Appleton East  
Green Bay East  
Green Bay Preble  
Kaukauna  
Little Shute  
Neenah Shattuck

NORTHEAST  
Bill Ott, Chair  
Kaukauna, Host

Menasha  
Neenah SR  
New London  
Plymouth  
Sheboygan North  
Sheboygan south

MILWAUKEE SOUTHWEST  
Priscilla Kuehn, Chair  
James Copeland, Marquette, Host

Greendale  
Kenosha Tremper  
Milwaukee King  
Memorial  
Milwaukee Marquette  
Hale  
Milwaukee Marshall  
Milwaukee Pius XI  
Milwaukee Riverside

Milwaukee West  
South Milwaukee  
Waukesha Catholic  
Waukesha South  
West Allis Nathan

Whitefish Bay  
Wilmet

MILWAUKEE NORTHEAST  
Dru Munson, Chair/Host

Brookfield Central  
Brookfield East  
Cedarburg  
Glendale Nicolet  
Hartford Union  
Juneau Dodgeland  
Mequon Homestead

Oconomowoc  
Port Washington  
Slinger  
Sussex Hamilton  
Wauwatosa East  
West Bend East

## ELIGIBILITY-REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Board members J. Peter Shaw, Howard Hanson, and Priscilla Kuehn compose the Eligibility-Review Committee for 1985-86. Any requests for a combining of programs or student participation at some place other than what is considered the home school should follow the guidelines as printed on Page 12c and 13c of the Speech Teachers Manual. Those requests should be sent directly to the State Office.

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## Board of Control Meets, Deliberates, Decides

The WHSFA Board of Control held its regular fall meeting on October 22-23, 1985, at Lake Geneva. Various matters affecting the membership were discussed in the regular business meeting. Included among these items were:

- \*\* The election of William Ott as Board Chair and Robert Scott as Vice-Chair for 1985-86.
- \*\* The appointment of members to various committees including:  
Finance: Bennett, Zimmerman, Cass and Klug  
Eligibility Review: Shaw, Hanson, and Kuehn  
Nominations: Bennett, Hanson, and Jonas

- \*\* The approval of a WHSFA Judging Handbook for Speech which will be sent to all members schools in January.
- \*\* The approval of a document entitled "Hosting of Sub-district and District contests and the recommendation it be sent to all Sub-district and District Hosts."
- \*\* The suggestion of various changes in the constitution to reflect current practices. Suggested changes will be placed before the membership for their vote. (See story this issue.)

- \*\* The acceptance of a Speech Series Survey form reflecting questions the Speech Advisory Committee formulated for membership reaction. (See story this issue.)
- \*\* The acceptance of District Debate assignments. (See story this issue.)
- \*\* The nomination of Palm to the National Debate Topic Selection meeting.
- \*\* The consideration of requests from schools outside the state to become members of WHSFA deferred for further study.

## Sorry...We Goofed

Three obvious errors occurred in the Addendum 1984-86 Speech Teachers manual. They are:

- ... State Speech dates are April 18-19, 1986, NOT April 11-12.
- ... The Discussion question listed "How can Wisconsin's secondary school system best be improved" is the question for 1985-86, NOT 1984-85 as noted in rules.
- ... Choice "C" in Special Occasion speeches is a speech commemorating Veterans' Day, NOT Venterans's Day, as stated. (What is a "Venterans Day" do you suppose?)

Two not so obvious errors, because of changes in Board of Control personnel, include:

- ... District 1 Chair is Ray Mickolajak, Principal from Superior East Junior High.
- ... District 10 Chair is Terry Wiseman, Principal from Pecatonica-Blanchardville High School.

## BOARD MEMBERS TERMS EXPIRE

The terms of District Chairs William Kean (2), Howard Hanson (3), Bernard Bennett (4), Gerald Holte (7), and Druclilla Munson (12) expired this year. In addition, the term of Robert Scott, Section V Chair will also expire.

As a result of Board action, a Nominations Committee was formed with the charge of finding a minimum of two candidates, if possible, for each vacant position, whether or not the incumbent chooses to run for another term.

## Calendar

	<b>JANUARY</b>	
	11 Latest Date District Debate	<b>MARCH</b>
	11 ETN Junior Division Judges	8 Latest Date Subdistrict Speech
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	17-18 Four-Speaker State Debate	15 Latest Date JR Div-Level II
22-23 Sectional Theatre Festival	24-25 Two-Speaker State Debate	22 Latest Date District Speech*
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>APRIL</b>
6-7 State Theatre Festival	22 Latest Date JR Div-Level I	18-19 WHSFA State Speech

## Other Reminders...

### CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION

A reminder was recently sent to the principals of schools not yet registered for 1985-86. A number of schools have indicated they are participating in Theatre and Debate activities sponsored by the Association, but have not yet mailed in their registration cards. New mailing lists are now being developed from the current registration so it is important that this matter be taken care of very soon.

Also, if you have had a change of coaching personnel since you did register, please notify the State office of the change in names. This helps insure that mail is sent to the correct person.

## Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

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Madison, Wisconsin 53703

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL ADJUDICATORS CHOSEN

Some familiar and some not so familiar faces will be in the Warren Jenkins Theatre at Stevens Point on December 6 and 7, viewing the plays chosen to be presented at the State One-Act Theatre Festival.

Returning to share his theatre expertise with us will be J. Peter Shaw. Many of you may remember the years he spent as a high school director here in Wisconsin. He continues his interest in theatre today by being actively involved in Madison Repertory Theatre and MCT.

Another former director will join the judging staff this year. Ellwyn Hendrickson of Menomonie High School has consented to serve in this capacity. Ellwyn did serve as a state judge in theatre in 1980, and we are happy that he is able to do so again.

A new member of the judging team will be Professor Art Hopper, chair of the Department of Theatre, UW-Stevens Point. Before coming to Point, he was very actively involved in the development of the Illinois State Theatre Festival, which is the largest festival of its kind in the United States. We are pleased that he has agreed to serve as one of our adjudicators.

Rounding out the evaluation team will be three very familiar faces. Professor David Bussa, Virginia Newcomb, and of course the WHSFA Advisor in Theatre, Professor Tom Goltry. They all bring many years of teaching, directing, acting, and evaluating to this job. In addition, their continued dedication to the development of quality theatre in Wisconsin and the Continued Improvement of our One-Act Festival make them good choices.

## LINCOLN-DOUGLAS TOURNEY PLANNED

At the May meeting of the Board of Control, the decision was made to make Lincoln-Douglas Debate an official activity of WHSFA. In previous years, this event has been held in conjunction with the help of Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association.

As a result of the action taken by the Board, WHSFA will be the sole sponsor of this event which will be held in conjunction with the State Speech Contest.

There will be no qualifying rounds for the State Tournament in this event. Therefore, a student may choose to do both activities, as this event does not affect your 25 allowable entries in the single and group speech entries. Coaches are reminded that students may participate in any of the Spring Speech events, qualify for the State Meet and also participate in the State Lincoln/Douglas Tournament. The single requirement for students to do both activities is that coaches schedule students for Friday night for their individual or group events in order to allow for the student to participate in the Lincoln/Douglas preliminary rounds which are held on Saturday.

## RULES FOR LINCOLN-DOUGLAS AVAILABLE

For coaches interested in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, a set of rules governing procedures may be requested from the State Office.

It is important that you note that these rules are procedural only in content and do not offer direction in coaching of students.

## FORENSIC WORKSHOP PLANNED

The Annual Forensic Workshop for southern Wisconsin will be held this year at Delavan-Darien High School on Saturday, December 7. The program will be jointly sponsored by the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association and the University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Continuing Education in the Arts.

Instruction will be offered in each of the WHSFA categories.

Invitations have been mailed to all schools in District 11, 13, and 14. If you did not receive one, and wish to attend, please contact the State Office.

## THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The Theatre Advisory Committee met on November 15 at UW-Platteville to discuss issues dealing with the One-Act Theatre Festival. As a result of members questions and concerns, the following format for the State Theatre Festival was developed.

Directors will be given the option of having the oral critique done in one of two ways:

- (1) Just the director and the evaluator, or
- (2) The full cast and director with the evaluator.

Every show will receive the full 45 minutes, which is the limit the rules allow, no matter what is written down for playing time. We hope this will alleviate certain closings and too early openings.

Although the committee felt a printed program would be nice, they realized that the logistics of having one published made it impractical. However, each play will be announced and the introduction provided by the school on the Eligibility-Registration form will be read to the audience.

Other matters of concern were also addressed. Primary among them was the need to increase participation. One suggestion was to make the workfest entirely optional to schools, thus cutting down registration and travel costs. In addition, the development of educational matters--i.e., video tape with instruction in play choice, casting, directing, was strongly urged.

These suggestions will be presented to the Board at their May meeting for their discussion and decision!

## SPEECH SURVEY FORM TO BE MAILED

As a result of concerns and questions raised by individuals in response to the Task Force Report of 1984, the Speech Advisory Committee has formulated a survey which will be sent to all member schools in February. They request that you carefully consider all the issues, discuss them at your District contest meeting, and return it to the State office by April 1. The committee will reconvene on Monday, April 7 to review the results and formulate a report to be presented to the Board at their May meeting. Results of actions taken by the Board will be implemented for the 1986-87 school year.

Issues to be addressed include time limits in the Extemporaneous categories, critique items pertaining to delivery in the speaking categories, the weight presently given to introductions in the Interpretive events. Also, category scope is addressed with options of dropping or adding events, as well as the point totals necessary for advancement and state awards. A few editorial changes for clarification purposes are also suggested.

## RETURN EVALUATION FORMS

The evaluation sheets mailed participants in the ETN classes on Debate and Speech should be returned to the State Office if you wish to receive the Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) provided for your attending the sessions.

The forms also provide the State Office with helpful information for planning next year's sessions. If you have any suggestions for classes not already offered that you feel could be helpful to you in coaching WHSFA activities, we would appreciate hearing about them.

1. A letter asking high school forensic coaches to help us identify interested teachers in middle and junior high schools in their area.
2. A follow-up letter and the Junior Division information pamphlet to teachers recommended by high school forensic coaches.
3. A letter to middle and junior high school principals and the Junior Division information pamphlet.

If we miss a school with students in grades 6, 7, 8, or 9 somehow, please let us know who we should contact, and we will do so.

The Junior Division provides a terrific program which offers students opportunities to participate, to learn skills, and to succeed in twelve types of speaking activities. The program provides workshops for teachers, students, and potential judges, and sponsors speech festivals for students from member schools. We hope more schools will take advantage of the opportunities membership in the WHSFA Junior Division provides!

We hope, too, that students who participate in Junior Division activities will carry their interest in forensics into their high school careers.

## JUDGES HANDBOOK DEVELOPED

At the request of the Speech Advisory Committee and the Board of Control at the May 1985 Board meeting, direction was given to Larry Larmer and Robert Scott to prepare a Handbook for Judges of WHSFA Speech Contests. A draft of that handbook was presented to the Board at the October, 1985 meeting. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to distribute copies to the membership for their use in 1985-86 and to ask for reactions to it to be passed on to the Speech Advisory Committee. Any revisions would then be made, proposed to the Board for their approval, and a more polished version will be published for redistribution in the fall.

We greatly encourage you to use the Handbook and to make it available to any judges you hire to work at WHSFA contests.

## WISCONSIN COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

Did you know that an organization for all individuals in the state of Wisconsin with professional interest in the areas of communication exists? Since its formation in 1936, the Wisconsin Communication Association has held regular annual meetings at which information and education have been provided for all people involved in promoting their mutual interest in communication activities.

In addition, the WCA provides student scholarships, student writing and media contests as well as recognition to the professionals in the field who best epitomize successful communicators.

Becoming a member of this Association can provide you with the opportunity of joining with others involved in similar teaching duties, to learn from professionals who are training tomorrow's teachers, and to gain new perspectives on old ideas.

For membership information, write to:

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Dept. of Speech  
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Oshkosh, WI 54901

Or, contact Mary Palm at the State Office. Join with us in this 50th anniversary year of Wisconsin Communication Association.