

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 Duesterbeck, Howard Hanson, Chairs
Mike Nicolai, UW-Stout, 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 Aquinas
La Crosse Central
Merrill
Stevens Point SR

Wausau East
Wausau West
WI Rapids Lincoln

SOUTH CENTRAL

J Peter Shaw, Chair/Host

De Forest
Delavan-Darien
Janesville Craig
Madison East
Madison La Follette

Madison West
Monona Grove
Watertown
Waunakee

NORTHEAST

Glenn Snyder, Chair
Sandy Hoecherl, Host

Appleton East
Green Bay Ashwaubenon
Green Bay East
Green Bay Preble
Green Bay Premontre
Hortonville
Kaukauna
Kimberly

Little Chute
Menasha
Neenah SR
New London
Plymouth
Sheboygan North
Sheboygan South

MILWAUKEE SOUTHWEST

Priscilla Kuehn, Chair
James Copeland, Marquette, Host

Greendale
Kenosha Tremper
Milwaukee Hamilton
Milwaukee Juneau
Milwaukee Madison
Milwaukee Marquette
Milwaukee North Division
Milwaukee Pius XI
Milwaukee Tech

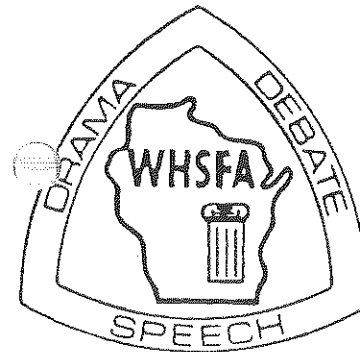
Milwaukee W Division
Milwaukee WI Luth
Racine Walden III
Salem Central
South Milwaukee
Waukesha Catho Mem
Waukesha South
West Allis N Hale

MILWAUKEE NORTHEAST

Dru Munson, Chair/Host

Brookfield Central
Brookfield East
Cedarburg
Glendale Nicolet
Hartford Union
Juneau Dodgeland
Menomonee Falls
Mequon Homestead
Milwaukee King

Milwaukee Lutheran
Milwaukee Marshall
Milwaukee Riverside
Oconomowoc
Slinger
Wauwatosa East
West Bend East
Whitefish Bay



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Board of Control Holds Fall Meeting

The Board of Control met in Madison on October 23-24, 1984, with a special session beginning at 4:00 p.m. on October 23 to view a demonstration by Terrence Falk of Juneau High School in Milwaukee of his forensic scheduling computer disk designed particularly for multiple-round contests and tournaments (see story this issue). Various other matters affecting the membership were discussed in the regular business meeting. Included among these items were:

- *** The election of Robert Beaver as Board Chair and Bernard Bennett as Vice-Chair for 1984-85.
- *** The acceptance of the "Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech" committee report with some modifications (see story this issue).
- *** The appointment of a Public Relations Committee consisting of the Advisors Tom Goltry, Steve Spear, and Mike Price to consider means of promoting more school and student involvement in all of the Association's activities.
- *** A decision to continue WHSFA involvement with the WDCA in the sponsoring of a Lincoln-Douglas State Tournament. Referred to the Debate Advisory Committee.
- *** Endorsed WHSFA involvement in "Loss of Instructional Time Survey" (see story this issue).
- *** Discussed district workfest contents and need for all districts to offer this event to their member schools (see story this issue).
- *** Referred a request from Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association to reinstate Significant Speech as a category in the speech series to the Speech Advisory Committee.
- *** A decision to discontinue all district speech awards.
- *** A decision to stay with medals for state speech awards, but to increase size and have the "finalist" bronze, "All State" silver, and "Critic's Choice" Gold.
- *** A decision to rescind state speech scheduling changes as passed at the spring Board meeting and to let State Office make necessary decisions.

HINTZ AWARD REQUIREMENTS CHANGE

With the state speech award system change from "A," "B," "C" grades to "Finalist," "All State," and "Critic's Choice," a new method of determining winners of the "Hintz Award for Excellence in Speech" had to be determined. A committee, consisting of Robert Scott and James Dotke, studied the matter and presented a proposal which was slightly modified and accepted by the Board at its fall meeting. For the contest held April 19-20, 1985, the following procedure will be in effect:

Each state participant receives one point,
Each "All State" award receives two additional points,
Each "Critic's Choice" award receives three additional points.

The point total for each school will be determined, and the top five per cent of schools participating will receive this award. The winners will be notified and schools receiving the award will be announced in the May Newsletter.

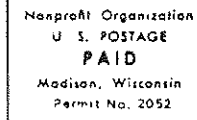
The award was referred to the Speech Advisory Committee for further study after this one-year trial period.

Calendar

16-17	NOVEMBER	11	JANUARY	9	MARCH
10	Sectional Theatre Festival	12	Latest Date District Debate	16	Latest Date Subdistrict Speech
30	ETN Junior Division Coaches	18-19	ETN Junior Division Judges	23	Latest Date JR Div-Level II
	State Theatre Festival	25-26	Four-Speaker State Debate		Latest Date District Speech
			Speech Workshop UW-La Crosse		
1	DECEMBER		Two-Speaker State Debate	19-20	APRIL
	State Theatre Festival	23			WHSFA State Speech
			FEBRUARY		MAY
			Latest Date JR Div-Level I	2-3	WHSFA Board of Control

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association

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610 Langdon Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706



Announcements

KLASSEN ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Professor Robert Klassen, a long-time state-theatre judge and avid supporter of theatre in the State of Wisconsin, has left Marquette University and accepted a position as Chair of the Theatre Arts Department at the State University of New York at Fredonia. His address is:

Department of Theatre Arts
207 Rockefeller Arts Center
SUNY - Fredonia
Fredonia, New York 14063

THEATRE FESTIVAL TEE SHIRTS

The State Theatre tee-shirt returns to the short-sleeved style and also a return to the \$5 cost. This year's design is black on silver and features the masks of comedy and tragedy.

Sizes are adult extra-large, large, medium, and small. They will be on sale both Friday and Saturday at the Theatre on a first-come, first-served basis.

THEATRE RESERVATIONS

Holiday Inn/Holidome in Stevens Point has set aside a block of rooms for schools to use during the State Theatre Festival. They have agreed to hold the rooms until November 20, 1984. If you call to make reservations, please tell them you are attending the WHSFA State Theatre Festival. The number to call is: (715) 341-1340.

NO WORKSHOPS AT FESTIVAL

There will be no workshops held in conjunction with the State Theatre Festival in order to allow you to attend the plays and share those theatrical experiences with other schools in attendance.

Even if your school is not participating at the Festival, we invite you to attend with your students and see the shows chosen to represent the state.

STATE THEATRE FESTIVAL EVALUATORS CHOSEN

Expertise, caring, interest, and experience are all qualities shared by the state theatre judges for 1984. All have served in this capacity in the past and are enthusiastic about this year's assignment. The State Office is very pleased that the following people have agreed to evaluate the plays chosen to participate in the state festival.

After an absence of three years, Christine Beatty returns to the state festival. Her continued involvement with interpretive events and play acting, combined with her extensive background, make her well suited for this assignment.

J. Peter Shaw will be serving for the second year as a state judge. As a former director and now a very active participant as an actor with the Madison Repertory Theatre and MCT, he is uniquely qualified to evaluate the plays at the state level.

Also returning for his second year as a state evaluator is Professor David Buzza from Ripon College. His on-going commitment to and involvement with the theatre program at Ripon and with various theatre groups provides him with qualifications desirable for being a state evaluator.

Virginia Newcomb will be completing her fourth year as a state adjudicator in 1984. Although no longer an active director herself, she has maintained her interest in and knowledge of the high school theatre program and continues to serve both as a teacher and judge for many WHSFA activities.

Our roster would not be complete without the WHSFA Advisor-in-Theatre, Professor Tom Goltry of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. His continued enthusiastic support of the theatre program throughout the state and his recognized expertise in acting and directing always makes him an excellent judge.

THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Theatre Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, November 30, in connection with the State Theatre Festival. Your ideas and suggestions for agenda items would be appreciated. Please send them to the State Office by November 25, or contact your teacher representative. They are:

- Section I: Ellwyn Hendrickson
Menomonee HS
- Section II: Donald Voermans
Oconto Falls HS
- Section III: Ken Beatty
Richland Center HS
- Section IV: Mercedes Chalmers
Whitefish Bay HS
- Section V: Pat Barlow (currently on leave of
absence from Lake Geneva High School)

The terms of Donald Voermans and Mercedes Chalmers expire in 1985. They are eligible for re-election should they choose to run.

WORKFESTS PLANNED

Each district will be offering its members an opportunity to attend a workfest previous to subdistrict where the various speech categories will be discussed, coaching tips given, and instruction to judges provided. This is an optional activity that each individual school can make the determination to attend or not.

The traditional workshops held at New London and Delavan-Darien High Schools will not be held this year as the workfests will replace those events.

DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Debate Advisory Committee will convene during the Two-Speaker State Debate Tournament in January of 1985. Any suggestions for items you feel this group should discuss should be sent to the State Office by January 15, or contact your teacher representative:

- Section I: Sue Segelstrom
St Croix Falls HS
- Section II: Donna Frenzel
WI Rapids Lincoln HS
- Section III: Jeff Steward
De Forest HS
- Section IV: James Copeland
Marquette HS
- Section V: Dean Baerbock
Delavan-Darien HS

The terms of Donna Frenzel and James Copeland expire in 1985. They are both eligible for re-election should they choose to run.

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 reserve 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.

SCHEDULING CONTESTS BY COMPUTER

Terrence Falk, a forensic coach at Juneau High School in Milwaukee, has developed a computer program for the scheduling of multiple-round speech contests and tournaments. He explained and demonstrated how it works to the Board of Control at their fall meeting.

The program's needs are an Apple II Plus, or Iie, or Iic, a monitor, a one disk drive, and a printer. According to Falk, "You do not need to be a computer wizard in order to run this forensic program." He suggests that a couple high school students may well be able to do it for you, but that, if you do handle an Apple Computer on a regular basis, you should not have any difficulty.

The program is available on a rental basis. For more information, you should contact him at: Newberry Computer Services, 2978 South Wentworth Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Phone: (414) 744-4598.

BOARD MEMBERS TERMS EXPIRE

The terms of District Chairs Ray Mickolajak (I), Dean Zimmerman (5), Roger Klug (8), and James Dottke (14) will expire in 1985 along with Sectional Chairs R. M. Duesterbeck (I), Pat Jonas (III), and Tom Kaye (IV). All are eligible for re-election should they choose to run.

LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME SURVEY

Public schools throughout the state of Wisconsin will soon be receiving a survey asking them to document the time spent out of the classroom by students taking part in athletic, music, and forensic activities as well as on field trips or other school-planned programs. As the legislature is moving toward the definition of a school day including a required number of hours of face-to-face instruction, the information gathered in this survey will help all the co-curricular activities more carefully plan their activities. While the survey is being mailed and processed by the Department of Public Instruction, it is a co-operative project of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Inc., Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, DPI, Wisconsin High School Forensics Association, Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association, and Wisconsin School of Music Association.

ELIGIBILITY-REVIEW COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Board members J. Peter Shaw, Howard Hanson, and Priscilla Kuehn compose the Eligibility-Review Committee for 1984-85. 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.

CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION

A reminder was recently sent to the principals of schools not yet registered for 1984-85. 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 correct names. This helps insure that mail is sent to the correct person.