

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW YEAR BRINGS STAFF CHANGES TO WHSFA

Martha Kaump comes to WHSFA with a background in theatre and speech education. Having taught and coached forensics at both the high school and university levels, Marty will be available at the State Office to manage the Junior Division as well as assist Mary Palm Torgeson in the administration of theatre festivals, debate tournaments, speech contests and Board of Control and other WHSFA meetings.

Shirley Mortenson retired in the spring after 13 years of service as official secretary of WHSFA. We appreciate the dedication and hard work that Shirley gave to her position as well as the kindness she shared with all she came into contact with at the State Office.

Sandy Austin joins WHSFA as secretary to Mary Palm Torgeson. Having been employed by the state for the past six years, Sandy brings experience gained from the Dept. of Revenue, Dept. of Disability Insurance and the Memorial Library at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to her position here in the Department of the Arts. Her secretarial expertise and efficiency are outstanding, and we feel very fortunate to have her as an integral part of the State Office.

Please join us in welcoming Marty and Sandy to the WHSFA staff, and feel free to call on either of them to answer all of your forensic questions.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTING

Principals of member schools have been mailed ballots regarding various changes in the WHSFA Constitution. A condensed review of those changes follows:

Article III: Membership

Section 2. Any public or private high school in states bordering Wisconsin will be admitted to membership by making written application to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Control each year such school wishes to participate and paying the membership fee, provided:

- A letter is received in the State Office from the Forensic Association of the state where the school is located granting permission for participation in Wisconsin activities for each year they make application.
- The application is approved by a majority of the member schools in the District to which such school requests to be assigned for each year they make application.

This amendment will allow for schools in neighboring states to have a means of participating in Wisconsin activities.

Article IV - Section 2C changes would allow for Districts to choose whether or not they choose to establish a District executive committee.

Article IV, Section 3C would be in response to the Section 2C, eliminating the reference to the Executive Committee as being included in the subdistrict assignments.

A simple majority on any of these items is all that is necessary for passage. The Board of Control will take formal action on each of these items at their October 28-29 meeting.

GENERAL RULE CHANGES IN SPRING SPEECH

As a result of Board action, the following changes in General Rules are in effect for 1986-87.

Rule 3A regarding who can coach the various events has been changed. Read: "Coaches should be certified teachers of the school. When this is not possible, a non-certified person may serve as a coach with a designated school contact person". This will more closely respond to the current practices. It does not suggest that the Association endorses the hiring of unqualified individuals, but rather recognizes that often for a program to exist the hiring of non-teachers is necessary.

General Rule 9d Grades and Decisions, has been amplified to include a required Referee's Committee at all contests.

General Rule 11 now makes the Workfest for Speech an optional opportunity that may or may not be provided by each District as opposed to the mandatory requirement of previous years.

General Rule 16d now makes three rounds of competition at the subdistrict level optional if a majority of schools in the subdistrict choose that option. Previously all schools would have had to have chosen to participate in a three round event.

The Board also reaffirmed the necessity of a student(s) actually attending the scheduled contest for that person(s) to be eligible for an award. This was a result of requests that separate contests be held for individuals not able to attend the regularly scheduled contests and/or students not able to participate in the State event.

SPEECH AND DEBATE HANDBOOKS MAILED

Handbooks for both Speech and Debate have been mailed to the coaches of the events as they were registered with us during the 1985-86 school year. If you do not receive your copy, please notify the State Office. If you need additional copies, they are available at \$2.00 each. Please send payment with your request to the State Office.

DEBATE TOPIC SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETS

The National Debate Topic Selection Committee met on August 7-8-9 at Breckenridge, Colorado to choose the three topic areas for consideration by our membership. Voting on the 1987-88 topic will occur in September. Choosing of the actual resolution will be by ballot in March, with announcement of the decision in late April. The change in time sequence is intended to give debate coaches a lengthier time to consider topic and resolution choices before having to choose one.

The three topic areas under consideration for 1987-88 are:

Trade Policy: How can increased federal government involvement in United States trade serve the national interest?

Latin America: What changes are needed in United States foreign policy toward Latin America?

Africa: What should be the role of the United States government in promoting future stability in Africa?

Reminder - middle and junior high schools which feed into your school may be interested in the Junior Division Program. Contact Marty the State Office for further information. Junior Division ETN programs are scheduled for November 15, 1986 and January 10, 1987.

EDUCATIONAL TELECONFERENCE PROGRAMS OFFERED

THE 1986-87 DEBATE PROPOSITION

Resolved: That the federal government should implement a comprehensive, long-term agricultural policy in the United States.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A series of three programs will be presented for teachers, judges and students who will be debating the 1986-87 proposition. Information about the political and social implications of comprehensive long-term agricultural policies and sources of research material will be combined with approaches to analysis and debating skills.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Edward Jesse, Professor and Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension agricultural policy specialist, University of Wisconsin, Madison will be the guest speaker for the September 8 session. Previous to coming to Madison, Dr. Jesse was with USDA's Economic Research Service, stationed at various times in Washington D.C., University of California, Davis and UW-Madison.

Professor Thomas Goodnight will be the speaker for the remaining two sessions on September 15 and 24. Dr. Goodnight, who has published many debate handbooks and coached successful debate teams has been a teacher for their ETN Debate series sessions for WHSFA the past four years and we welcome his return.

CREDIT AVAILABLE

Debate teachers and judges who participate may earn a maximum of 0.4 CEU's (Continuing Education Units). In addition, this program has been approved by the DPI for Equivalency Clock Hours. Please notify the State Office if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

COACHING AND JUDGING WHSFA SPEECH EVENTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A series of five programs will address coaching and judging the spring speech events. New critique items will be covered the first two sessions. The new Judges Handbook will be the focus of the third meeting, followed by coaching and judging each of the events followed by discussion of Board action as it affects the spring speech events, coaching Lincoln-Douglas events and discussion of the state meet will conclude this series.

With the growing need for schools to furnish judges for contests and tournaments, we encourage the participation of not only the coaches but any other people from the school or community that may be interested in learning how to become a speech judge.

CREDIT AVAILABLE

Adults who participate may earn up to 1.1 CEU's (Continuing Education Units). The DPI has also approved this course for Equivalency Clock Hours. Please contact the WHSFA State Office if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

PROGRAM DATES, TIMES, TITLES

October 27 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Review of changes in Interpretative category critique sheets for 1986-88. (Bring copy of Teacher's Handbook)

November 3 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Review of changes in Original Speaking critique sheets for 1986-88. (Bring copy of Teacher's Handbook)

November 17 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Overview of Judge's Handbook Philosophy, Rationale and Coach Ethics. (Bring copy of Judge's Handbook)

November 24 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Coaching and Judging the Interpretative events. (Bring copy of Teacher's & Judge's Handbooks)

December 1 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Coaching & Judging the Original Speaking events. (Bring copy of Teacher's & Judge's Handbook)

November 10 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Results of WHSFA Board action from the May, 1985 and October, 1985 meeting as they affect the spring speech events including category array, Hintz award.

December 8 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Coaching Lincoln/Douglas debate as part of the Spring Speech events. (Bring Teacher's Handbook)

December 15 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Presentation of changes in the State Spring Speech Contest registration procedure for 1987. Time choices, room locations and contest Headquarters changes will all be explained and discussed.

REGISTRATION COSTS

The cost for the course is \$55.00. Registration may be on an individual or per-school basis. Registration on a per-school basis permits each school to send as many teachers as desired to any or all of the sessions. Community members used as judges may also be included in the school fee. Students of registered teachers may also attend if there is sufficient room at the listening station. It is the responsibility of each registered school to make that determination by calling the number listed next to the chosen listening site.

PROGRAM DATES, TIMES, TOPICS

September 8 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Political and Social Long-term Agricultural Policies. The first session will provide an overview of current agricultural policies. (Dr. Edward Jesse)

September 15 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Topicality Issues and Affirmative Care Approaches. This program will direct specific attention to the construction of particular cases. (Dr. Thomas Goodnight)

September 24 (4:00-5:20 p.m.)
Debating the Negative. The final session will analyze and develop the traditional lines of negative argument—inherency, significance, plan workability, and disadvantages. (Dr. Thomas Goodnight)

REGISTRATION COSTS

The cost for the course is \$35. Registration may be on an individual or per-school basis. Registration on a per-school basis permits each school to send as many teachers as desired to any or all of the sessions. Students from registered schools may also attend providing there is sufficient space at the listening station. It is the responsibility of each registered school to make that determination by calling the number listed next to the chosen listening site.

NOTE: If you anticipate your registration may not reach us in time, please call the site you plan to attend to ensure it will be open.