

TWO YEAR CALENDAR

Subdistrict dates and the dates for District Debate and Speech are the latest dates the contests may be held. Dates for all other contests are firm.

1986-87	Theatre (1986)	Debate (1987)	Speech (1987)	JR Division (1987)
Subdistrict	Oct. 25		Mar. 7	
District	Nov. 7-8	Jan. 10	Mar. 28	Feb. 21, Level I
Section	Nov. 21-22			Mar. 14, Level II
State	Dec. 5-6	4SP Jan. 23-24 2SP Jan. 30-31	April 24-25	
Board Meetings	Oct. 28-29, 1986 April 30- May 1, 1987	Thanksgiving Easter	Nov. 27 April 19	

1987-88	Theatre (1987)	Debate (1988)	Speech (1988)	JR Division 1988
Subdistrict	Oct. 24		Mar. 5	
District	Nov. 6-7	Jan. 9	Mar. 26	Feb. 20, Level I
Section	Nov. 20-21			Mar. 12, Level II
State	Dec. 4-5	4SP Jan. 22-23 2SP Jan. 29-30	April 22-23 November 26 April 3	
Board Meetings	Oct. 27-28, 1987 May 5-6, 1988	Thanksgiving Easter		

JUNIOR DIVISION UPDATE

Thanks to all the high school coaches who submitted names of persons in your school districts interested in information about the Junior Division, we have nine new members! "Keep those cards and letters coming"! If you know of others who might be interested in what the WHSFA Junior Division program has to offer their students, let us know. We'll contact them in the fall.

The Junior Division emphasizes opportunities to participate in forensics activities, opportunities to learn public speaking skills, and opportunities to succeed. Two festivals are offered by WHSFA each season to provide these opportunities to students in grades 6, 7, 8, and/or 9 all over Wisconsin. This past season there were 2517 entries in Level I festivals during February and 1980 entries advanced to the Level II festivals held in March.

The Junior Advisory Committee plans to survey Junior members in the fall to determine needs for category revisions, rules clarifications, and suggestions for program improvements and Junior membership expansion. The Advisory Committee has also directed the State Office to prepare a Junior Division promotional display, to be made available to Junior and/or Senior members who may wish to take it along to meetings and conferences this summer or next fall. The display should be ready for use by mid-June.

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Board of Control meets, deliberates, decides

The Board of Control held its spring meeting at the Pioneer Inn, Oshkosh on May 1-2. Agenda items affecting the memberships were deliberated. Among those issues raised and discussed were:

- *** Theatre Advisory Committee recommendation for a survey of memberships regarding reduced number of festivals, shortening the season and on-site adjudication of full-length plays. (See story, this issue.)
- *** Debate Advisory Committee recommendations for the rewriting of language regarding 3-0 qualifiers and alternates.

- *** Speech Advisory Committee report covered survey results and other recommendations. (See related stories, this issue.)
- *** Approval of an increase in State Speech fees effective in 1987 from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for a single entry and from \$10.00 to \$12.00 for a group entry.

- *** Approval of a dues increase for 1987-88 from \$160.00 to \$200.00 annually.
- *** Approval of a two-year calendar. (See calendar, back page, this issue.)
- *** Approval of changes in General Rules affecting referee's committee, membership eligibility and coach certification. (See related stories, this issue)

HINTZ AWARDS PRESENTED

The Hintz Memorial Award for Excellence in Speech was awarded to a total of 26 schools in 1986, representing the top five percent of the 424 schools entered in this year's competition. This compares with the 21 recipients representing 419 schools in 1985. Total points and total entries from each school are noted in the chart at right.

Schools achieving this honor for two years in a row include Algoma, Oshkosh West, Hartland Arrowhead, Delavan Darien, Altoona, Holmen, Ripon, Winneconne, and Appleton East.

The Speech Advisory Committee continues to look at methods of determining this award. If after review of the past two years experience, they determine a change should be made, they will present a proposal to the Board at their fall Board meeting. Any decision made will be announced in subsequent Newsletters.

TOP 5 PERCENT OF 424 SCHOOLS = 22 SCHOOLS

Total Points		Points Per Pupil
80	Algoma (24 entries)	3.33
73	Hartland Arrowhead (25 entries)	2.92
69	Waukesha Catholic Memorial (24 entries)	2.87
65	Delavan-Darien (20 entries)	3.25
62	Altoona (23 entries)	2.69
61	Hartford Union (22 entries)	2.77
60	Columbus (21 entries)	2.85
60	Holmen (23 entries)	2.68
60	Prescott (23 entries)	2.68
59	Mt. Horeb (20 entries)	2.95
57	Wisconsin Rapids Assumption (21 entries)	2.71
57	Sheboygan South (21 entries)	2.71
57	Ripon (23 entries)	2.47
56	Baldwin-Woodville (20 entries)	2.80
56	Oshkosh West (20 entries)	2.80
56	Livingston Iowa-Grant (21 entries)	2.66
56	Schofield D.C. Everest (22 entries)	2.54
56	Winneconne (22 entries)	2.54
55	Sheboygan County Christian (19 entries)	2.88
54	Menomonie (22 entries)	2.45
53	Appleton East (17 entries)	3.11
53	Pulaski (19 entries)	2.78
53	Brookfield Central (19 entries)	2.78
53	Oconomowoc (19 entries)	2.78
53	Horicon (22 entries)	2.40
53	Mukwonago (22 entries)	2.40

Note: Total entries for each school excludes Group Discussion.

STATE SPEECH RESULTS

Dist.	Schools	Entries	F*	AS**	CC***	H****	GD*****	NS*****
1	26	289	140	122	27	0	11	6
2	32	342	175	135	32	0	8	6
3	30	299	107	150	42	3	16	4
4	32	223	92	96	35	1	7	9
5	36	419	171	180	68	2	13	10
6	28	325	130	124	71	3	13	12
7	33	256	105	112	39	1	8	3
8	33	366	136	161	69	3	9	11
9	29	325	93	159	73	4	8	9
10	34	350	114	171	65	2	5	3
11	36	275	101	130	44	0	3	12
12	22	298	106	128	64	4	4	10
13	25	187	59	85	43	0	2	23
14	28	337	130	147	60	3	15	18
	424	4291	1659	1900	732	26	122	136
			(39%)	(44%)	(17%)		(3%)	(3%)

*Finalist **All State ***Critics Choice ****Hintz Award
 *****Group Discussion (Not counted in entries) *****No Shows

ACTION TAKEN ON SPEECH ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations from the Speech Advisory Committee were accepted by the Board of Control.

General Rule 16b, regarding subdistrict contests will be changed so that not all schools in a subdistrict must agree to holding a three round event, but rather a majority of schools can make that determination.

Point totals needed for advancement and achieving state awards as they presently exist will remain the same for one more year. They will be studied again for possible change for 1987-88.

The Advisory Committee's suggestion to make Group Discussion a separate event, held parallel to Lincoln Douglas was modified. Group Discussion will instead become a part of the 25 allowable entries beginning with subdistrict, and with participants state scores becoming part of the Hintz award totals.

Lacking a clear mandate from the membership, the Advisory Committee reconsidered their original decision to leave "Proposition of Fact" in Extemporaneous Speaking, and at the request of individuals had reconsidered their original decision and recommended that it be dropped. The Board approved of this action.

A group to study and formulate a new Group Discussion critique sheet was established by the Board. They also approved the amplification of critique items in all the other categories. This new material is to be ready for the fall publication.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

In the past few years the State Office has received requests from cities in neighboring states to participate in Wisconsin activities as WHSFA members. Membership Eligibility requirements have not in the past clearly defined any procedure for saying yes or no to such requests. At the spring Board meeting, a proposal for making it possible for schools to make application to Wisconsin was presented. This is a Constitutional provision that requires a vote by the membership before it can be instituted. The amendment which schools will be voting on in September reads:

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 in paying the membership fee, provided:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

The results of that vote will be presented to the Board at their October meeting for their consideration. Their decision will be announced in the November Newsletter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

More candidates for the Advisory Committees are needed! Please volunteer yourself or nominate someone you feel could successfully represent your school's interest in any of the three areas of Theatre, Debate and Speech. Elections will be held in early September to fill these positions.

ELECTIONS UPDATE

Elections are being held in several areas to fill positions on the WHSFA Board of Control, which will become vacant at the completion of this school year.

Elections are in progress in three Districts and one Section to fill the following positions:

District 2 Chair

The two District Administrators running for this position are Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, from the Wausaukee High School District, and Gordon Reiden from the Crivitz High School District.

District 4 Chair

David Miskulin, District Administrator for the Loyal High School District, and Ed Ristow, Principal of Altoona High School are the candidates in this election.

District 7 Chair

Those in contention for this position are Gerald Holte, Principal of Arcadia High School and Jerry Trachinski, Principal of West Salem High School.

Section V Chair

The two teachers serving as candidates for this position are Robert Scott, of Delavan-Darien High School, and Jeff Brower of Walworth/Big Foot High School.

Elections have been completed in the two other Districts where terms will have been completed this year.

Howard Hanson of the Prairie Farm School District has been elected to serve again as District 3 Chair, and Dru Munson, of Brookfield Central has been reelected to serve as Chair of District 12.

REFEREE'S COMMITTEE NEEDED

As a result of Board action, it will now be necessary to establish a referee's committee at every contest sponsored by the Association. Current General Rule 9d found on Page 14c of the current Speech Teacher's Handbook will be changed to read:

"At each contest sponsored by the Association, there shall be a group of three people, with another person as alternate, to serve as a referee's committee. Any possible disqualifications or judging concerns shall be referred to this group for their resolution. The group may be appointed by the contest host or elected by the participants in attendance."

The intent of this change is to ensure that all students have as fair an opportunity as possible at each level of participation, and that we have a state-wide uniform policy.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS RESULTS

Eighteen schools from across the state participated in the Lincoln Douglas State Debate Tournament held in Madison on Saturday, April 19, including teams from DeForest, New London, South Milwaukee, Appleton West, Hudson, Eau Claire North, Cedarburg, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin Rapids, Lincoln, Brookfield Central, Sheboygan South, Durand, Marquette, Rhinelander, Appleton East, Greendale, Green Bay Premontré and Menomonie Falls.

Emerging as winners were:

- Third: McBride, Marquette
 Arndt, Appleton East
- Second: Van Elsen, Brookfield
- First: Krause, Marquette

WHSFA congratulates all the students who chose to participate in this event.

WORKFEST CHANGES

After deliberation and discussion on the workability of General Rule 14 regarding District Workfests, the Board unanimously voted to change the language from mandating such an event to making it optional, dependent on District needs and wishes. Rule 11 will now read "A Workfest, optional to member schools, may be offered in each district before the subdistrict contest."

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING?

Various items were left at Headquarters on the days of State Speech. The State Office would be happy to match them up with their owners if at all possible. Items included:

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| A Walkman | A Purse |
| A Scarf | Prescription glasses |
| A Poster | A Readers Digest |

If any of your students lost these articles, please call us at the State Office, describe what you lost and if it matches up, we'll be happy to send it onto you.

FEES TO BE INCREASED

The Board approved a finance committee recommendation to increase membership dues for the following school year of 1987-88 from \$160.00 to \$200.00.

This increase is a direct result of increased costs in maintaining the organization. A large postal increase in third class and bulk mail, as well as an increase in the materials printed and provided to our members has nearly doubled the postage and printing bills in the past year.

The Association has also experienced growth in the number of schools and participants in all events, which is not offset by the current membership fee.

It is hoped that by announcing this amount now, schools will be able to budget for the school year of 1987-88 to take this dues increase into account.

In addition, for the 1986-87 school year, State Speech Contest fees will be increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00 a single entry and from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per group entry. This represents the first time these fees have increased since 1973. The additional costs to schools is minimal, but will result in a considerable revenue gain for the Association.

The Board felt that if we were to continue serving our membership in the manner in which we have, and also continue to expand our activities as we have been requested to do, these increases are necessary.