

WHSFA QUESTIONNAIRE

Information from your responses to this questionnaire will be shared with the WHSFA Board of Control. Please fold, stamp and return this sheet no later than October 15, 1993. Thank you for your help.

1. Some of the membership has expressed an interest in more competition in the WHSFA organization. Please respond to this concern by circling either A or B.

A. Maintain status quo festival format for WHSFA speech series.

B. Increase competitiveness level for WHSFA speech series.

If you circled B - Please rank (1,2,3,4) these possible options (1 being your first choice, 2 second, etc):

_____ Present festival format through and including the state level with an additional tournament after state for students who scored 24-25 at State Festival. This later tournament would be competitive/elimination format.

_____ Multi sites for "State" and a multi-round State Tournament in our current festival format.

_____ A two-tiered system - At beginning of season, schools would choose **either** a festival approach **or** a competitive "track".

_____ Other suggestion(s). Please explain.

2. The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association has a division for middle level/junior high schools to become members. Do you feel the WHSFA should change the name of our association? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**

If **yes** - suggestions:

If name changed, should the logo be changed also? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**

3. Does the current limitation of 25 entries in the WHSFA speech series meet your school needs? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**

Comments:

4. Currently, the membership dues for each school provide materials and the opportunity to participate in theatre, debate and speech activities sponsored by WHSFA. Would you favor membership dues based on those individual activities in which the school chooses to participate? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**
Comments:

5. Currently the WHSFA Board of Control is comprised of 14 District chairs (school administrators-one for each district) and 5 Sectional chairs (teacher/coaches-one for each section).
Do you feel this Board composition is meeting your needs?
Please circle: **YES** or **NO**
Comments:

6. Currently there are advisory committees for the WHSFA activities of Theatre, Debate, Speech and Middle Level Division. Each of these committees is comprised of 5 teachers/coaches elected by their peers. These committees serve to provide information and concerns of coaches to the Board of Control.
Do you feel the Advisory Committees are meeting your needs?
Please circle: **YES** or **NO**
Comments:

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Name: _____

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School: _____

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PLAYSCRIPT COLLECTION

Changes have been made regarding access to the Extension Library's extensive collection of over 10,000 playscripts. For over 65 years, the Extension Library and its predecessors lent scripts directly to 4-H drama leaders, drama coaches at schools which were members of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, and community theater groups. This type of direct access will no longer be available. The administration of UW-Extension has decided to discontinue the play lending service, and to close the Extension Library.

In the near future, this collection will be moved to one or more libraries on the UW-Madison campus. Because the entire collection will need to be recataloged, there may be an extended period of time when many of the titles will be unavailable. In addition, the Extension Library made author and title cards for every play in an anthology. The Madison campus libraries may not continue this policy, especially for collections which include a large number of plays. This may limit access, particularly to one-act plays. In the past, many coaches asked that a selection of plays be sent to them--for example, a number of one-act comedies with two males and three females. It is not known how this type of request will be served in the future.

To borrow playscripts, drama coaches should use the established interlibrary loan procedure at their school. This probably means asking the school librarian to contact the local public library. If the public library does not have the title, it will forward the request to the county or multi-county library, which will send the request on to the Reference and Loan Library, which is a part of the Department of Public Instruction in Madison and which serves as a back-up library for school and public libraries in Wisconsin. If the Reference and Loan Library does not have the title, it will make arrangements to borrow the title from one of the Madison campus libraries. It is likely that this process will take longer than calling the Extension Library, which would normally have sent the materials to the drama coach the same day the request was received. It means that drama coaches have to anticipate their playscript needs sufficiently in advance of when they will need them.

Shirley E. Johnson, Director
Extension Library

FLIGHT '93
The 1993 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival
Is Set To **SOAR**

WHERE: UW - Stevens Point
Fine Arts Building
and Student Center
Sentry Insurance Auditorium

WHEN: Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday
November 18, 19 & 20, 1993

WHY: Showcase Productions, Informances
WHSFA State Plays, Workshops and Social Interaction

COST: Fees for individuals not performing in the
WHSFA State Plays will be:
\$24.00 for the weekend
\$19.00 single day registration

Make your plans NOW for this Gala Weekend!

NOVEMBER - 1993						
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WHSFA -- ON OUR OWN

July 1 marked a milestone in the history of WHSFA. On that date, WHSFA's affiliation with the University of Wisconsin ceased. After a partner relationship of almost one hundred years, we're on our own.

The transition to an independent association has been smooth and successful thanks in large part to many board member's efforts. Our new office is located in McFarland, Wisconsin and our staff continues to provide quality services to students, coaches and schools throughout Wisconsin.

WHSFA has asked J. Peter Shaw to be our Executive Director and provide leadership and services to member schools. Mary Torgeson will not be continuing with the association. We appreciate her past leadership as we do all former executive directors throughout our history.

We have many challenges before us and will be asking you to help in our efforts to build a stronger communications association. Our challenges are to:

- promote communication education in all state secondary schools at a reasonable expense.
- provide greater opportunities for dialog between all communications associations and coaches organizations.
- revise our Constitution to reflect the needs of future students and coaches.

Your advise and counsel in this effort will be appreciated. Please share your thoughts with the WHSFA Board on how to meet our challenges.

Have a great communications season.

William Ott
Board Chair

Plan To Enter WHSFA Theatre Series

Why not make 1993 the year that YOUR SCHOOL enters a play in the WHSFA theatre series! Your cast and crew can culminate their entry with participation in the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival either by advancing through district and sectional festivals or planning to pay the registration fee for this November 18-20 event to be held at UW-Stevens Point. **Select** a show (35 minutes maximum), **cast** with your talented students, **notify** your District Chair of title and also find out when and where District festival will be held. ENJOY - the rewards for participation are abundant.

Has Your Membership Card Been Mailed?

The State Office wants you to have all of the information you need to direct a successful Middle Level, Theatre, Debate or Speech program. We can not provide it without knowing to whom we should send materials.

Please check with your school office or call us to determine whether or not your registration has been received. Even though you may have early mailings, you will not in all likelihood receive the important registration materials for various events if you are not on our mailing list.

WHSFA Publications

The 1993 Addendum to the 1991-1993 Theatre Handbook and the 1993 Addendum II to the 1991-1993 Speech Handbook have been sent to all schools indicating participation in theatre and/or speech. These addendums were sent to the attention of the Theatre or Speech coach.

A new 1993-1995 Debate Handbook has been sent to all schools registered for WHSFA membership in 1992-1993. The handbooks were sent to the attention of the Debate coach to schools indicating participation in Debate and to the attention of the Principal in all other schools.

A new Middle Level Handbook for 1993-1996 will be sent to all schools registered for membership in the Middle Level Division.

Important new information is available in all publications - read them carefully.

WHSFA Board to Meet

The WHSFA Board of Control will meet in Madison on October 26-27, 1993 at the Inn On The Park. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on October 26 and continues its deliberations on October 27 at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to have a concern placed on the agenda, you should contact either your District Chair or the State Office. (608/838-8400)

New WHSFA Board Members

WHSFA welcomes three new members to its Board of Control. **Chris Verges**, a teacher from Gillett High School is the new Section II Chair. Chris formerly served on the WHSFA Speech Advisory Committee and will now represent teacher/coaches from Districts 2, 5 and 6. The newly elected Chair for District 6 is **Don Maslinski**, Principal of Ashwaubenon High School in Green Bay. **Peter Etter**, District Administrator of the New Glarus School District will serve as District 11 Chair.

Welcome Chris, Don and Peter! We appreciate your willingness to serve.

WHSFA ADVISORY COMMITTEES

J. Peter Shaw, newly appointed Executive Director of WHSFA, met with all Advisory committees during the summer months. Highlights of each meeting follows:

WHSFA Speech Advisory Committee June 28, 1993 Lowell Hall - Madison

WELCOME to Dorothy Berg from Pittsville High School. Dorothy has been appointed to represent Districts 2, 5, and 6; she replaces Chris Verges who has been elected chairperson for Section II.

As you read this, we will be getting into a new school year. In your collected summer mail, many of you will have received a letter from your Speech Advisory representative which is our response to your concerns which you shared after State Speech. "Thank you" for taking the time to write and send your ideas to us.

An ADDENDUM has been published with all the changes for Speech '94, but I wish to highlight a few of the decisions made by the Speech Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: There are three topic areas this year: Constitutional Rights, Global Issues, and a humanity issue, Poverty. Recall that the thrust of this category is to generate a public forum for important issues. Best news of all regarding Public Address is that the students will no longer be required to change question for the State level. Yes, we heard your call for this change, and we agreed that this is a change which is good for students and good for the category.

PROSE/POETRY: We have heard you! Rules now state that students are no longer required to change selection from District to State.

STORYTELLING: Yes, this category is again seeing changes, in part due to the comments of coaches and festival directors about the drawing process. Briefly, students will prepare stories of choice in five designated story categories, AND students will present his/her list of stories to the judge. The judge will select which story the student should tell that round. Students are not required to change stories from District to State. Carefully read the judging criteria; we have made some changes to zero-in on the art of storytelling, the talents needed to be a storyteller (not a declaimer of kiddie lit).

In the May Newsletter, we had the opportunity to vote on retaining or deleting Moments in History and Radio Speaking as categories. You voted to retain both. The era chosen for MOMENTS this year is the period of U.S. Westward Movement (1840's - 1880's). In your new addendum, look for rule changes in MOMENTS as well.

Speech Advisory also reviewed the '93 State Speech Festival. A variety of suggestions were made for next spring. Watch for a summary of changes for '94 in a later newsletter.

We urge you to answer the questionnaire included with this newsletter. We need your input; we need to keep the lines of communication open.

Summer has come to an end, and we've started a new school year (and a new forensics season). Your new 1993-94 addendum has LOTS OF NEWS for you. Your Speech Advisory representative and J. Peter at the State Office are ready and willing to answer questions.

Have a great year!

Toni Johnson
Arcadia

WHSFA Debate Advisory Committee July 13, 1993 UW - Oshkosh

Members in attendance were Donna Frenzel, Doris Sexton, Bill McBride, Jim Sauer, Sue Segelstrom, WHSFA Advisor Kay Neal, Cliff Morton, representing the WDCA and J. Peter Shaw, WHSFA Executive Director.

Issues discussed and/or recommendations made include the following:

Following discussion of the State Debate Tournament top speaker awards - the committee recommended that "duplicate" awards be presented for ties.

The committee recommended that the "Michigan Plan" be implemented on an experimental basis for one year - 1994. An explanation and guidelines will be included with the new Debate Handbook.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not "schools should declare their intent to participate in 2 or 4 speaker division by December 1st". No action was taken.

The WHSFA Debate and L/D ballot were discussed. The WHSFA debate ballot will be redesigned.

The Debate Handbook will be revised for a new printing. The committee made several clarifications on specific debate rules which will be incorporated into the new handbook.

Another issue regarding committee discussion included Debate Judge Certification. The committee could see no reason for implementing debate adjudication/certification program at this time.

Shaw reported on participation for the L/D Tournament for the years 1987-1993. The committee recommends that the tournament be continued. The state office was asked to send a separate mailing of information regarding the L/D tournament directly to Debate Coaches.

Judges for the State Tournament were discussed. To increase the pool of available

judges for state debate, it was suggested that an extra qualified judge be listed on the State Debate Registration form. This would be in addition to the school provided judge.

Hired judges for the state tournament must be at least a senior in college. The State office will send a request to Debate Coaches asking them to recommend qualified debate judges. This request will be sent this fall.

Sexton raised the issue of membership dues. She asked that Advisor Neal discuss with the Board of Control the possibility of a "pay as you use" system for membership dues. The dues would be determined by the number of activities (debate, theater, speech).

Sue Segelstrom
St. Croix Falls

WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee July 22, 1993 UW - Whitewater

In attendance were Chairperson Charles Grover, J. Peter Shaw, Ken Beatty, Chuck Malone, Sue Luterbach and Ted Moskonas.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, the committee reviewed the actions taken by the Board of Control regarding Theatre. The 1992 Theatre Festival was discussed and special plaudits were given to Richard Tinapp, the UW-LaCrosse Theatre Faculty and UW-LaCrosse theatre students for a job well done.

The Committee then reviewed plans for the 1993 Theatre Festival to be held at UW-Stevens Point on November 18-20. The medals/awards structure was discussed and it was decided to maintain the present system.

The E-R Form, Critique Sheet and Rules for Theatre were examined and some changes were made to make them easier to use and to make the language they contained consistent. The revised forms will appear in the updated Theatre Handbook Addendum which will be published and distributed this fall.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the adjudicator orientation program for theatre. The Committee agreed to add "At District, Sectional and State, Theatre critics are not to confer prior to making their recommendation and signing the critique sheet." to the Evaluation Procedures for Critics document. The Committee will gather further information of program needs to bring to the next meeting to be held on February 1, 1994. A specific adjudicator orientation program for theatre will be further discussed at that meeting.

Ted Moskonas
Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

WHSFA Middle Level Division Advisory Committee August 17, 1993 UW - Eau Claire

The Committee had the pleasure of meeting its newly appointed advisor, Margie Stone, an education professor at UW - Eau Claire.

Minutes of the April 10, 1992 meeting were approved as printed. J. Peter Shaw reported that Middle Level membership for 1992-1993 included 132 schools. The 1993 Participation Report showed 4,142 Level I entries from 118 schools at 15 contest sites. At Level II, there were 2,891 entries from 115 schools at 10 sites.

Festival sites for 1993-1994 were noted. Presently 11 schools have volunteered to host a Level I and 7 schools a Level II. **Additional sites are needed at both levels** to keep the size of these festivals more manageable.

The committee chose 2 books for Extemporaneous Reading in 1993-1994, namely The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain. Extemporaneous Speaking topics will be national health care and violence in America. Topics for special occasion speeches have been modified to also include the eulogy and the introduction of an assembly speaker.

The State office will revise, print and distribute to member schools a new Middle Level Handbook - 1993-1996 along with a copy of An Evaluator's Guide to Effective Criticism.

The committee read letters of concern from two coaches. A request to eliminate the requirement of changing prose and poetry selections from Level I to Level II was thoroughly discussed. After much consideration, the Committee moved to maintain rules for prose and poetry as established to better expand the student's literary horizons and more fully apply interpretation skills without becoming bored, mechanical and memorized. A concern for a "lack of competition in the middle level program" was felt not to be a problem if one notes the participation statistics at Levels I and II and the proportionate numbers of blue and red ribbons awarded at Level II statewide.

A second letter noted a concern about the News Reporting category. The Committee agreed to implement adaptations to further clarify the rules and critique sheet. The student will announce to the evaluator that the performance will be done either as a radio or a television report so the proper method of critiquing may be applied. Furthermore, the presentation is to be given without costume or make-up.

An update was made of current advisory members' terms of office, addresses and telephone numbers. It was also noted that there is a need for representation on the Committee from the southcentral/southwestern section of the state. Any volunteers?

Wally Hoffman
Green Bay

WHSFA WECOMES DR. MARGIE STONE

Dr. Stone has most graciously agreed to assume the responsibilities of WHSFA Advisor to Middle Level Division. Please welcome Margie as she becomes involved in the activities done for the betterment of Middle Level Education in Wisconsin.

Stone is currently a staff member in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Eau Claire and brings to this responsibility a strong background of teaching, writing and research that is directly related to WHSFA goals and objectives.

Welcome Margie!

National Federation Meets

As a result of the National Federation of State High School Associations meeting held in Salt Lake City, UT on August 6-8, 1993, the following three topic areas were chosen for your consideration in regard to the 1994-1995 debate season:

- Africa
- Immigration
- Proliferation of Biological, Chemical and Nuclear Weapons

Specific resolutions will be sent schools this fall for study and consideration. Voting on topic choice will be conducted in December and announced in January. In March, schools will vote on the specific resolution for the chosen topic area.

District Debate Information

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in the Debate series this year will be receiving a letter including an "Intent to Participate" form which is your commitment to attend a District debate tournament. It should be returned to the State Office by October 11. Assignments to District sites will be made by the Board at their fall meeting based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly.

Plan Now For State Speech

In October, the State Office will send speech coaches a time preference card for State Speech - 1994. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 30. In November, the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference and we will then draw 90 cards from each group. You will be notified what time slot you received. Three things you should remember:

1. Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice, and (2) second choice, etc.
2. Make certain you note if you are traveling with another school(s).
3. Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 30.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. A reminder that you are not guaranteed your chosen time slot - there are scheduling limitations.

Speech Adjudication

Speech Adjudicator Workshops continue to be held around the state during the 1993-1994 school year. If you or others that you use for judging have not yet participated in this workshop, make this the year to become certified! Remember that each school must provide a certified judge for State. If you are interested in participating in any of the listed workshops and do not receive registration materials - call J. Peter at 608/838-8400. If you are interested in **hosting** an Adjudication Workshop for the 1993-1994 school year - call the State Office.

Re-certification for speech adjudicators will begin this fall. If your original 3 year certification expires in 1993, you will be notified by the State Office and asked to request and successfully complete the Speech Adjudicator Orientation Self-Test. There is no fee for re-certification.

A "Training the Trainers" session will be held at Marquette University on Saturday, October 2, 1993. If you have successfully completed the Speech Adjudicators Workshop and would be interested in co-conducting other workshops - contact the State Office or Mike Price (414/288-7149).

Speech Adjudication Workshops 1993-94*

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 13 (Monday)	Luck	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sept. 29 (Wednesday)	Clintonville	3:45 pm - 7:45 pm
Sept. 29 (Wednesday)	Deerfield	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Oct. 7 - NWEA Convention (Thursday)	Eau Claire	12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Oct 16 - Marquette Univ. (Saturday)	Milwaukee	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Oct. 20 (Wednesday)	Prairie du Chien	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Oct. 23 (Saturday)	Platteville	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Nov. 4 (Thursday)	Spooner	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Nov. 13 (Saturday)	Mishicot	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jan. 11, 1994 (Tuesday)	Brookfield East	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*As of September 21, 1993