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## MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVALS SET

The following sites and dates have been set for Middle Level speech events in 1993. More sites are needed! Please consider being a host for one of these festivals. Not only do you save money for buses, but the Association reimburses you for expenses incurred as a result of serving in this capacity. Please call with a notification of your willingness to be a host location.

### Level I (Latest Date 2/20/93)

DATE	SITE	CONTACT
2/06/93	Maplewood (Menasha)	James LaBelle
2/06/93	Whitefish Bay	Kathy Kupfer
2/08/93	DeForest	Cheryl Campbell
2/09/93	Lombardi (Green Bay)	Lois Plantico
2/09/93	Phillips	Lorraine Hoster
2/09/93	Sunnyside (Sobieski)	Jean Girth
2/09/93	East Junior High (Wisconsin Rapids)	Dennis Pribbenow
2/10/93	Spooner	Teresa Shelton
2/11/93	Durand (High School)	Nancy Flanagan
2/11/93	Edison (Green Bay)	Mary Wyman
2/11/93	Eau Claire South	Ken Thames
2/11/93	Marathon	Helen Weber
2/11/93	Northland Pines (Eagle River)	Jean Neuman
2/13/93	Lance (Kenosha)	Maureen Bagg
2/15/93	Wittenberg	Maddy Froom

### Level II (Latest Date 3/13/93)

DATE	SITE	CONTACT
2/27/93	Little Chute	Bob Klozotsky
3/02/93	Beaver Dam	Mary Grisham
3/04/93	Franklin (Green Bay)	Pat Jensen
3/04/93	Gillett	Chris Verges
3/08/93	Manawa	Elaine Zuge
3/09/93	Parkview (Green Bay Ashwaubenon)	Jeanne Gillespie & Jeanne Suda
3/11/93	Durand (High School)	Nancy Flanagan
3/11/93	Edgar	Karen Heil
3/11/93	DeLong (Eau Claire)	Ken Thames
3/13/93	McKinley (Kenosha)	Dean Kuhlman

\*As of November 15, 1992



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## WHSFA BOARD MAKES DECISIONS

The Board of Control met on October 27-28, 1992 to consider matters of concern to our Association in relationship to organization and operation. Those items include:

- Development of an Executive Committee to research alternatives for relocation of the offices of the Association.
- Development of a survey of adjacent state organizations regarding fee structure, membership, funding, leadership, personnel, philosophy and relationships with other organizations.

### Other Business Matters

- William Ott was elected Chair and Roger Klug was elected as Vice Chair for the 1992-1993 year.
- Stan Ore, Bill Ott, Nancy Hendrickson, Jeff Gibson, Kay Bajczyk and Ron Steinhorst were notified that their terms of office expire in 1993 and were asked to notify the State Office in regard to their wishes to run for re-elections.
- Lynda Luce, President of WFCM, presented concerns from the membership which she represents. (See related story.)
- Skip Grover, Advisor in Theatre, reported results of the survey conducted regarding State Theatre Festival dates.

- Other matters regarding certification of critics, changes in critique sheet and medals were also taken under consideration. (See related articles.)
- Torgeson presented recommendations from the Debate Advisory Committee. Board moved to present top speaker awards in both Divisions at the State Tournament in 1993. Concerns regarding revisions in structuring of the State Tournament were referred back to the committee. (See related articles.)
- Price reported on activities of the Speech Advisory Committee. The Board accepted the recommendation to increase the entries allowable in the categories of Prose, Poetry and Farrago from eight to ten with no more than four in any category, effective with the 1993 school year. Other concerns were also taken under consideration in regard to judge certification. (See related articles.)
- Price announced that Tom Kaye, Milwaukee Marshall High School, and WHSFA Section IV Chair would be receiving the Marcella E. Oberle Award at the National Speech Communication Association Convention for being the Outstanding K-12 Speech Communication Teacher, 1992.
- Ott expressed gratitude to the University, represented by Joan Lazarus and Harv Thompson, for the involvement of the system with the Association for the past 97 years.

## Theatre Happenings!



### State Festival

Thirty-nine shows were eligible for the State Theatre Festival on November 20-21 at U-W LaCrosse. They represented the entire state from Superior to Platteville, LaCrosse to Port Washington and all points in between. Learning opportunities also abounded in workshops for students and adults. In addition, showcase performances from high schools, Universities, and Community Theatre provided entertainment and enlightenment! WHSFA is very pleased to provide this opportunity to teachers, students, and other individuals throughout the State of Wisconsin.

### Theatre Festival Critic Adjudication Program

The Board has directed the Theatre Advisory Committee to develop a program for the orientation of Theatre Critics employed by WHSFA for our series. By 1996, all critics at the State Level must have successfully passed this course. By 1997, all critics employed by Sectional Chairs and by 1998, all critics at the District Level and by 1999 subdistrict workfest critics must also have successfully passed this program.

### Revision of Critique Sheet

The Theatre Advisory Committee will be revising the critique sheet to a multi-criteria form which will allow the critic to comment on each of the items of performance. This form will be used for the 1993-94 school year.

### State Theatre Festival Date

As a result of the membership voting on desired date for the State Theatre Festival, there were 34 schools choosing the weekend before Thanksgiving and 27 wishing for the first weekend in December. Grover recommended that as a result of this voting, the weekend prior to Thanksgiving be our time slot.

### 1993 Festival Site Chosen

We are pleased to announce that UW-Stevens Point will host the November 18-20 State Festival.

### Theatre Sectional Scheduling Changes

A change in the procedure for Sectional Theatre Assignments was approved by the Board. Individual schools will now have the opportunity of requesting from the State Office a form which allows for them to change their designated Sectional site. The State Office will in turn send that request to any Sectional Chairs involved and seek their approval. If each Sectional Chair so involved agrees, the State Office will then make a final decision and notify the school(s) requesting the site change.

This change in policy will hopefully alleviate geographic differences as well as allow for scheduling problems.

## State Qualifying Medals Available

Medals are now available for District and Sectional Chairs to purchase for presentation to all state qualifiers in each of the areas of Sectional Theatre, District Debate and District Speech. The State Office would appreciate any response from you or your students to this additional medal.

## WFCA Expresses Concerns

Lynda Luce, President of Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association, presented concerns to the Board in regard to the relationship between the two organizations and expressed a desire for us to work more closely with one another in achieving the educational goals we both have for students. No direct action was taken at the Board meeting; however, Chair Ott did inform not only Luce, but all Board members that as we look at restructuring of the Association, all related organizations will be invited to participate. This will include, as well as WFCA, Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association, Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Educators, Wisconsin Association for Middle Level Education, Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Communication Association, and surrounding state organizations.

The initial report on the progress of the Executive Committee will be presented to the Board at the Spring 1993 meeting. WHSFA membership will be kept informed and have voting rights to any changes that may be suggested.

## Debate Changes for 1993

Top speaker awards in both two and four speaker divisions will be presented effective with the January, 1993 tournament. These will be personal awards rather than the usual school award. In addition, the continuation of plaques for quarter-finalists as begun in 1992, will continue.

The National Forensic League rule which now allows for five minute rebuttal time will also be in effect for Wisconsin schools in 1992-93. Please remember that it is not mandatory that this entire time be used, but it is now possible.

Possible re-structuring of the Debate series was taken under consideration and referred back to the Debate Advisory Committee. Concerns regarding the qualification in a four speaker format and then participating in a two-speaker format was discussed. Methods of increasing participation were also at issue. Any possible changes in format will be given to the membership for their consideration before any action is taken.

The Judging Philosophy books will be continued this season, with the addition of coach philosophies which were requested in the Fall with the "Intent to Participate" form.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!** The first vote on topic choice has been sent to participating WHSFA Debate schools. That should be returned by December 15. In January, the topic area will be announced and another ballot will be sent for the selection of a specific proposition. If you did not receive a ballot, or have misplaced yours, please call the State Office.

## TOM KAYE RECEIVES ACCOLADES

Tom Kaye, Milwaukee Marshall High School and Section IV Chair, was presented with the Marcella E. Oberle Award at the Speech Communication Association Convention. The award recognizes Tom as the National K-12 Outstanding Speech Communication Teacher for 1992. Congratulations Tom!

## SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

An increase in the number of entries allowed in the areas of Prose, Poetry, and Farrago from the current eight to ten was approved. This is effective with the current 1992-1993 school year. The total number of entries remains at 25, and no more than four are allowed in each category.

### QUESTIONS? CALL!

Re-certification of speech adjudicators will be done by mail at no cost to the individual. However, should a handbook be needed, the cost of those materials will be charged to the participant. This process will begin in the Fall of 1993. The State Office will notify individuals of their need to become re-certified, and ask for information regarding the procedure they wish to follow.

## ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS UPDATE

The following adjudication workshops are still available. Remember that each school must provide a certified judge for the State Meet in 1993.

Saturday, Dec. 5	Lodi	8:30-1:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9	Lancaster	8:30-1:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 14	Ashland	4:00-8:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 10	UW-Oshkosh	4:00-8:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 10	UW-Whitewater	4:00-8:30 p.m.

Schools who do not provide a certified judge for the State Meet in 1993 will be charged \$25.00 for a provided adjudicator.

An additional session of "Training the Trainers" will be held in the Spring/Summer of 1993. If you are interested in possibly becoming one of the teachers of the on-site sessions, please inform the State Office.

At the present time, 725 people have successfully completed the Adjudicator Program. While that may sound as if it is more than sufficient, it isn't. Inability to attend the State Meet, moving to another state, or otherwise employed depletes the number of individuals available. If you have not yet enrolled in the course, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

## Have you sent in your intent to participate in District Debate?

Hosts of District Debate Tournament need to plan for the number of schools who will be attending. If you have not sent in your form, please notify the State Office immediately of your intention to either participate or not to participate. At this time, the following assignments have been made:

### NORTHWEST CENTRAL

Host: Carla Traun/UW-Eau Claire (Lon Glauner)

Eau Claire Memorial	St. Croix Falls
Eau Claire North	Stevens Point
Hudson	Wausau East
Merrill	Wausau West
Onalaska	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

### NORTHEAST

Host: Stan Ore/Appleton East

Appleton East	Kaukauna
Appleton West	Menasha
Fond du Lac Goodrich	Neenah
Green Bay East	Neenah Shattuck

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Host: Jeff Gibson/Monona Grove

DeForest	McFarland
Madison LaFollette	Monona Grove
Madison Memorial	Palmyra Eagle

### MILWAUKEE AREA

Host: Dru Munson/Brookfield Central

Glendale Nicolet	Milwaukee Tech
Greendale	Milwaukee Washington
Dodge Land-Juneau	Mukwonago
Kenosha Bradford	South Milwaukee
Milwaukee Juneau	Wauwatosa East
Milwaukee Pius XI	West Allis Nathan Hale
Milwaukee Riverside	West Bend East
Milwaukee Rufus King	West Bend West

Eligibility Registration forms have been mailed to all schools registered for WHSFA Debate. Please mail those to the host in the area where you will be in attendance.

## SPEECH COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Mike Price and Mary Torgeson submitted and had accepted a paper to the National Organization in regard to the Adjudicator Program. It was presented at the convention held in Chicago on October 30, 1992. Professor Steve Spear, Loyola University prepared a statistical report on the results of the program and Richard Fawcett, National Federation of High School Associations

served as the respondent.

We were very pleased with the response and to hear from others that Wisconsin is far ahead of other states in our effort to provide adjudicator orientation.