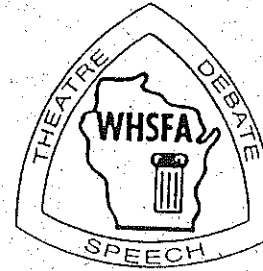


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Call for Board Agenda Items

The Board of Control will meet in Madison on October 27-28, 1992 at the Inn On The Park. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on October 27 and also continues its deliberations on October 28 at 9:00 a.m. These are open meetings. You are welcome to attend. Should you not be able to do that, but wish to have a concern placed on the agenda, you should contact either your District Chair or the State Office. A sincere effort will be made to discuss your issue, and a report will be made back to you regarding their deliberations.

The Theatre Festival Soars Into Flight Two

Scheduled for November 19, 20 and 21, 1992 at UW-La Crosse, this year's Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival promises to provide instruction, entertainment, enjoyment, and rewards for all who participate. Perhaps your training may not be in theatre education, but your contract says you are! Come to the theatre festival and learn how to make that experience much more meaningful for both you and your students. Perhaps theatre is your life. If so, then you know there is always more to learn. Come and do just that.



Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 19-21, 1992, will provide all people with many theatre performances, workshops and social interaction possibilities.

Sound interesting? Call (608) 262-2313 or 263-6662 for further registration and specific information.

WHSFA Welcomes Dr. Charles "Skip" Grover

Dr. Grover, or Skip, as he prefers to be called, has most graciously agreed to assume the responsibilities of WHSFA Advisor in Theatre. Please welcome him as you become more involved with his activities done for the betterment of Theatre Education in the State of Wisconsin.

Grover, currently a member of the theatre staff at UW-Whitewater, brings to this responsibility a background of teaching, writing and publishing materials that are directly related to the Association goals. I know that he will not feel that we are taking advantage of him as we ask questions, express concerns and ask for maintenance or change in our current program.

Welcome, Skip!

Theatre Advisory Committee Makes Recommendations

At the August 17, 1992 meeting of the Theatre Advisory Committee, many issues were discussed and recommendations made for the Board of Control to consider at their fall meeting.

- A questionnaire regarding choice of State Festival dates should be sent to schools to provide opportunity to respond to the two year trial period of the current weekend before Thanksgiving, or a possible return to the first weekend of December. It was noted that this is quite influential for campuses considering the possible hosting of this event as they do build their playbills around these dates.
- The committee also recommended the resolution stated "As of Fall, 1996, any individual who serves as a critic at any level of the Theatre Festival must have participated in a Theatre Adjudication workshop and received certification."
- The committee reached general consensus that the current practice of one judge being able to award acting and or directing awards at the State Theatre Festival should continue.
- The committee recommended that the status quo for State pins remain the same and that All sections should give "state qualifier" medals to all theatre participants invited to the State Festival.
- The committee recommended dividing the critique sheet into five sections - possibly implementing a sliding scale of 1-5 for each section. Total points would not be at issue for determining advancement, but may prove helpful to ensure that critics address all of the criteria.
- The committee recommends that NO choice of theatre or chosen time slot be included on the State Theatre Festival ER form. The State Office should have the latitude of allowing for legitimate reasons for choice of day.
- It was suggested that the Theatre Advisory Board, with members from the WHSFA Committee, in conjunction with the Festival Committee, meet as soon as possible following the festival for evaluation, comments, suggestions, problems, discussion, and to begin plans for the next season.

Speech and Middle Level Addendums Mailed

Addendums to the 1991-1993 Handbooks are in the mail. Should you need additional copies, please request them from the State Office. The cost of each is \$2.00

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New Personnel Involved With WHSFA

Our Program Assistant, Sandy Austin, has chosen to laterally transfer to a new position with the University system. Her new position will provide more opportunity for advancement in her profession, and we at the State Office are pleased that she has this opportunity for growth. We will miss her!

Providing interim services for our Association will be a half time LTE, Sandy Rogers and a work-study student Deb Stone. Sandy Rogers has been a part of our Department on a number of occasions, working with the Alliance for the Arts, and certainly is well acquainted with procedure. Deb has been with us for a year, and has been subjected to all the "nitty-gritty" work which must be accomplished. The voice at the end of the phone may not sound the same, but it will be our combined effort to ensure that the services requested have a positive response.

Three phone lines remain available to you:

- (608) 262-2313 - J. Peter Saw, Assistant to the Executive Director
- (608) 263-6662 - Mary Torgeson, Executive Director, WHSFA
- (608) 263-2954 - Support Staff

Please note the correction of Mary Torgeson's number as printed in the Speech Addendum.

WHSFA, WSMA, WIAA Issue Two Year Calendar

The three organizations representing Wisconsin High Schools has issued a two year calendar which notes important dates of participation. A copy of this calendar has been sent each member school and each Principal. If you did not receive one, and would like to have one, please let us know.

Our students time and energies will always remain in conflict, but perhaps by having a calendar which you can see ahead to what is happening may be of some help to you in your planning as well as being of assistance to your participants. Our organizations do remain in contact with one another, and will make every effort we can to further refine the process.

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.

We also do enjoy sending materials to names, and not just "Director of..." so whenever possible, a specific individual noted on the card, or when someone does accept a position with your school, please do call that name in as that will be helpful both for you and us.

The Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival

Is Set To soAR



WHERE: UW - La Crosse
 Frederick Theatre
 Toland Theatre
 Cartwright Center

WHEN: Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 November 19, 20, 21, 1992

WHY: Theatre Performances, Theatre Workshops, Social Interaction

COST: Fees for students NOT performing in the WHSFA State Festival:

Entire Festival	\$20.00 per participant
1 Day	\$15.00 per participant

Make your plans NOW for this Gala Weekend!

NOVEMBER - 1992						
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Debate Issues Discussed

At an August 18, 1992 meeting, the Debate Advisory Committee discussed a variety of issues affecting the membership. A brief summary of those include:

- The importance of District Debate Coaches meetings being held, with a report sent to the State Office to assimilate and distribute to Advisory members and to be discussed at the State Tournaments.
- Consensus that WHSFA should adopt the "Five Minute" rebuttal time which will be in place this year. (1992-93)
- Group consensus was also reached regarding the use of alternates, but an editorial change should be made in the State Tournament Four Speaker rules which indicates more clearly that once an alternate is used, that individual must remain debating for the remainder of the tournament.

- Another editorial change will also be made in regard to the "bracketing" of the two speaker division rounds.
- The State Office was directed to not send repeat judging philosophy forms. However, on the initial judging invite, there will be an opportunity for each individual to indicate if they wish to have their form updated.

The judging philosophy forms should also include date of submission as well as an added question regarding attitude toward "intervention."

- A proposal was made that the State Office circulate or distribute at District tournaments a list of potential State Hired judges. A definite time line will be established for striking no more than three and then returned to the State Office.
- Judge selection procedure will remain the same. Neal and Torgeson will review the list of potential judges and make determinations based on recommendations from coaches as well as past experience with specific individuals.
- Recommendation was made that a possible judge certification program should be developed in conjunction with the Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association, as they are also interested in the feasibility of such an activity. No dateline was set.
- Shaw reported that State Qualifier medals will be available to all District sites and that the State Office will strongly recommend that ALL districts do purchase these medals. It was also recommended for the Board of Control that top speaker awards in both divisions should be given. The rationale for this is that while schools receive awards, no personal recognition is given for outstanding achievement.

Motion made which would suggest major changes are to be considered by the WHSFA Board of Control included:

- All WHSFA District tournaments be divided into two and four speaker divisions and that schools must declare by December 1 their intent of which division they will enter. If approved, this would be implemented in 1993-1994.
- Wisconsin should adopt the "Michigan Plan regarding post District bids for schools who did participate in the District contest but for whatever reason did not earn a state berth. If approved by the Board, this would be implemented in 1993-1994.

Other issues regarding a general agreement that District and Sectional Chairs as well as Advisory Committee members assist Torgeson in the search for monies to reduce the costs of the State Tournament.

Torgeson also suggested the possibility of bringing the National Federation Debate Topic selection committee meeting to Wisconsin in 1995, as a beginning to the celebration of our 100th Anniversary. General agreement reached that the idea should be pursued.

WDCA Pre-Season Notice

The debate Coaches Association has provided the WHSFA State Office with information regarding Novice Limited Case Areas for the 1992-93 season. They include:

1. Encourage Deep Ocean Dumping
2. Ban Hazardous Waste Exports
3. Encourage Natural Gas Use
4. Decrease Deforestation (reduce cutting of trees)[Intent of novice topic framers: reforestation is not the same as deforestation]

The WDCA workshop will be Saturday, September 19, 1992 at West Bend. For information, contact Clif Morton, Hortonville HS, 211 E. Towne Dr., Hortonville, WI 54944 (414) 779-4684. (School)

A tentative schedule as of May 18, 1992 includes:
Codes:

- 1 = 4-speaker Varsity, JV, N
- 2 = 2-speaker Varsity
- 3 = Lincoln-Douglas
- 4 = Middle School
- 5 = Student Congress

Sept.	19	WDCA Workshop, West Bend
	25-26	Brookfield Central (1,2; 3,4 if interest)
	26	Neenah (1; 3,4 if interest)
Oct.	2-3	UW-Oshkosh (2)
	3	New London (1)
		West Bend West (1)
	9-10	Waukesha South (1,2)
	10	Beaver Dam (1,4; 3 if interest)
	16-17	Kaukauna (1,2,4)
	17	Nathan Hale (1)
	23-24	La Crosse Central (1,2)
	24	Little Chute (1)
		West Bend East (1,2,3,4,5)
	30-31	Appleton East (V,JV,N-All Switch Side, 4,5)
	31	Sussex Hamilton (1)
Nov.	6-7	Sheboygan South (1,2)
	6	Wausau East (1)
	7	Wausau West (1)
	13-14	Brookfield Central (1,2)
	14	Ashwaubenon (1)
	20-21	Sheboygan North (1,2,3,4)
	21	Rhineland (1)
Dec.	4-5	Appleton West (1,2; 4 if interest)
	5	MSOE (1)
	11-12	Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln (1)
	11	Greendale, Wilmot, Tremper (1,2)
	12	Nathan Hale (1,2)
	18-19	Hortonville (1,2,3,4,5)
Jan.	22-23	WDCA State Championship Tournament, Sheboygan
	28-30	WHSFA State Tournament, Oshkosh
Feb.	5-6	NFL Southern District

District Debate Assignments

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in the Debate series this year will be receiving in mid-September 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 14. Assignments to District sites will be made by the Board at their fall meeting based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly.

Also included in this packet will be a "Judging Philosophy" form. This should be completed by any individual you are likely to use as a judge either for WHSFA activities or the tournament circuit. The return at this time will allow for adequate time to assimilate the information for use at the WHSFA State Tournament.

National Federation Meets

As a result of the Federation deliberations held in Indianapolis, IN on August 7-9, 1992, the following three topic areas were chosen for your consideration in regard to the 1993-94 debate season:

America's Health Care System
Congressional Reform
Africa

Specific resolutions will be sent schools in September for study and consideration. Voting on topic choice will be conducted in December and announced in January. The first of March, schools will vote on the specific resolution for the topic area. In late April, the results of that voting will be announced.

Speech Advisory Committee Makes Recommendations

Recommendations from the Speech Advisory Committee include:

- Three round subdistrict remains status quo.
- No sectional level of participation should be added.
- The current festival system, as opposed to the ranking/rating system should remain as is.
- No "grandfathering" should be allowed in the judge certification procedure.
- No scholarship possibilities should be offered for the Adjudication program.

Adjudication Dates/Sites Added

After the publication of the Adjudication Orientation Program brochure, the following workshops have been added:

- October 15 - Brodhead, 4:00-8:30 p.m.
- November 16 - DeForest, 4:00-8:30 p.m.
- January 14 - Ashland, 4:00-8:30 p.m.
- February 12 - UW-Whitewater (time TBA)

Please plan to register no later than two weeks prior to chosen workshop if at all possible.

Plan Now for State Speech

It may seem early to be thinking ahead to April. However, planning now for when you wish to participate at the State Tournament will allow your students and other activities at your school to plan accordingly. To help you with this, we will follow a procedure much like last years with some modification.

On October 14, the State Office will send speech coaches via first class mail a time preference card. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 30. On November 2, the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. A "disinterested" observer will then draw 90 cards from each pile. You will be notified by the end of the second week of November what time slot you received. Three things you should remember:

1. Fill out in order of preference with one being the top choice of the possible choices.
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.

Are You A Transescent Teacher?

WHSFA provides many helpful materials to assist you in providing communication education skills for your middle level students. Consider the possibility of becoming a member of our group to participate in these activities. If you are already a member, spread the word!

Membership cards have been mailed to schools that participated in 1991-92. If your school did not participate last year, but would like information about joining this year please contact the State Office by calling (608) 262-2313 or 263-6662.

Share this information with schools in your area. We welcome inquires and are most willing to share our resources with schools and individuals.

1992-94 WHSFA TWO-YEAR CALENDAR				
Subdistrict dates and the dates for District Debate, Theatre and Speech are the latest dates the contests may be held. Dates for Sectional Theatre and all State Senior Division contests are firm.				
1992-93 Subdistrict District Sectional State	Theatre (1992) Oct. 17 Oct. 23-24 Nov. 6-7 Nov. 20-21	Debate (1993) January 9 Jan. 28-30 (4 & 2SP)	Speech (1993) March 13 March 27 April 23-24	Middle Level Division (1993) February 20, Level I March 13, Level II (Latest Dates)
Board Meetings	October 27-28, 1992 April 29-30, 1993	Thanksgiving Easter	Nov. 26, 1992 April 11, 1993	
1993-94 Subdistrict District Sectional State	*Theatre (1993) Oct. 16 Oct. 22-23 Nov. 5-6 Nov. 19-20	Debate (1994) Jan. 8 Jan. 27-29 (4 & 2 SP)	Speech (1994) March 12 March 26 April 22-23	Middle Level Division (1994) February 19, Level I March 12, Level II (Latest Dates)
Board Meetings	Oct. 26-27, 1993 May 5-6, 1994	Thanksgiving Easter	Nov. 25, 1993 April 3, 1994	
* 1993 Theatre dates are subject to possible change following a 2-year trial period.				