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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

Celebrated nation-wide October 17-23, 1999. "National High School Activities Week has traditionally been set aside by high schools to increase the public's awareness of the values and needs of interscholastic activity programs." Robert F. Kanaby, executive director of the National Federation of High School Associations.

National Fine Arts Activities Day is Monday, October 18, 1999 a time to focus on the students, teachers, coaches and sponsors involved in fine arts programs.

HIGHLIGHTS - SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

The Speech Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 4, 1999, at the WSMA offices in Madison. Present were the five committee members: Sandy Hermundson, Dorothy Berg, Mark Kohl, Jim Kocovsky and Sharon Sharko, along with the Advisor to Speech, Michael Price and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the State Office. Also participating were guests David Loos, Chair, WCA Category Committee and Rev. Gary Wegner, WCA President.

The committee discussed member comments and concerns, reviewed the 1999 State Speech

Festival and made plans for the 2000 State Speech Festival, established new topic areas for Moments in History, Public Address, Special Occasion and Storytelling.

Results of the WSHFA Speech survey were reviewed.

WHSFA State Office is looking into acquiring new performance videos for Adjudication workshop use.

All recommendations of the Speech Advisory Committee were brought to the WHSFA Board of Control meeting for their discussion and enactment.

DO YOU KNOW THESE STUDENTS???



A camera and other items were located inside a purse which was turned in to the lost and found at the 1999 WHSFA State Speech Festival in Madison. There was no identification, but in an effort to find a clue as to whom these items might belong to, we had the film developed. This picture was among those on the roll. If you recognize any of these students, please contact the State Office at 608/882-6004. All we need is a correct description of the purse in which the camera, et al., was found and all will be resolved!!! Thanks for your help.

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL FALL MEETING

The WHSFA Board of Control met on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 in Madison.

• New board member Carla Buboltz, Administrator, Wrightstown Community School District, was welcomed. Carla is the new District 6 Chair.

• Roger Foegen was re-elected Board Chair and Walter Daumler was re-elected Board Vice Chair.

Speech Advisory Committee Report:

A new WHSFA Speech Handbook will be available this year. The following change received Board of Control approval and will be implemented during the 1999-2000 speech season:

Maximum time limit for Play Acting and Group Interpretive Reading to be changed from 15 minutes to 12 minutes.

Middle Level Advisory Committee Report:

A WHSFA Middle Level Handbook Addendum will be available this year. More Level I and Level II hosts/sites are needed for 1999-2000.

Other Business:

• The WHSFA State Office is in the beginning stages of developing a web-site. Details to come at a later date.

• District and Sectional sites/hosts are now being established for the 1999 theatre season.

• State Qualifying Tournament sites/hosts are now being established for the 2000 debate season.

• The WHSFA Spring Board Meeting will be held on May 4-5, 2000, in Neenah (in conjunction with the spring WCA meeting).

THANK YOU

WHSFA extends a hearty "thank you" to Jim Papham, former Chair of District 6, for his faithful service on the WHSFA Board of Control. We appreciate your support and dedication!

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WELCOME!

WHSFA welcomes Carla Buboltz as the new District 6 chair. Carla is an administrator with the Wrightstown Community School District where she has served as the high school forensic coach for the past 10 years. Carla enjoys golf and spending time at the family

cottage with her husband Doug, children Sadie - 8 yrs. & Bryce - 4 yrs.

WHSFA also welcomes Tricia MacDonald to the Middle Level Advisory Committee. Tricia is a middle level forensics coach who has been

very involved in the forensic program at Sennett Middle School in Madison.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding working relationship with you both!

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The following have been elected to the WHSFA Board of Control/Advisory Committees:

SECTIONAL CHAIR

Section II (Districts 2, 5 and 6) - Chris Verges, Oconto Falls.

DISTRICT CHAIR

District 6 - Carla Buboltz, Wrightstown

District 9 - Orin Mueller, Fond du Lac Goodrich

District 10 - Sam Jonas, Lancaster

District 12/13 - Carol Krause, Milwaukee WI Lutheran

THEATRE ADVISORY

Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) - Amy Tubbs, Pulaski

Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) - Rick Braun, Waunakee

Section IV (Districts 9, 14) - Sue Luterbach, Milwaukee St. Joan Antida.

DEBATE ADVISORY

Section I (District 1, 3, 4) - Richard Mayne, Eau Claire Memorial

Section V (Districts 11, 12/13) - Roland Faas, West Allis Nathan Hale

SPEECH ADVISORY

Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) - Dorothy Berg, Pittsville

Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) - Jim Kocovsky, Milwaukee Juneau

MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY

Karen Heil, Edgar

James LaBelle, Appleton

Tricia MacDonald, Madison Sennett MS

Teresa Shelton, Spooner

HIGHLIGHTS - DEBATE ADVISORY MEETING

The 1999 Debate Advisory Committee meeting was held at UW-Oshkosh on June 24th. Kay Neal, Advisor to Debate, presided over the meeting. Members present were: Richard Mayne, Donna Frenzel, Jim Sauer, Bill McBride and Roland Faas. Also attending were Ken Sajdak, WDCA President, and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office.

The meeting served as an opportunity to review the 1999 WHSFA Debate Tournaments and commence plans for the 2000 tournaments. Member concerns and comments were also discussed.

There will be no tie breaks, should a tie occur, for Best Affirmative/Best Negative teams at the WHSFA State Debate Tournament - 4-Speaker Division.

Advisor Kay Neal will formulate a procedure for power matching at the WHSFA 4-Speaker State Tournament.

Recommendations of the Debate Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - THEATRE ADVISORY MEETING

The WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee held their meeting at UW-Whitewater on July 22, 1999. In attendance were members Craig Lewis, Rick Braun, Sue Luterbach and Chuck Malone. Presiding over the meeting was Skip Grover, Advisor to Theatre. J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office also attended.

The committee reviewed the 1998 Theatre Festival and updated plans for the 1999 Festival. UW-LaCrosse will host the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival on November 18-19-20, 1999.

Recommendations for rule revision:

#1: *At the Sectional level, a 30 second grace period is allowed beyond the 35 minute*

maximum time. If a performance exceeds the time limit and grace period it will not be eligible to be invited to the WHSFA State Theatre Festival.

#2: *The director of a production at the WHSFA State Theatre Festival which exceeds the 35-minute time limit and 30 second grace period is ineligible to receive an "Outstanding Directing" award and the production is ineligible to receive the "Critic's Choice" award.*

All recommendations of the Theatre Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment. Both recommendations 1 and 2 were approved by the WHSFA Board and will be implemented immediately.

A REMINDER...

To take effect at WHSFA State Speech - April 14-15, 2000. All schools with 13 or less entries will be required to provide one judge. All schools with 14 or more entries will be required to provide two judges. All schools not providing judge(s) will be charged \$75 per judge.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 1999-2000

(AS OF 9/15/99)

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Marshall HS	September 15, 1999 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Deerfield HS	September 22, 1999 (Wednesday)	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
St. Croix Central HS (Hammond)	September 22, 1999 (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Brodhead HS	October 4, 1999 (Monday)	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Glidden HS	October 6, 1999 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Southwest HS (Green Bay)	October 6, 1999 (Wednesday)	12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Webster HS	October 11, 1999 (Monday)	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Pittsville HS	October 18, 1999 (Monday)	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Arcadia HS	October 25, 1999 (Monday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
WEAC (Milwaukee)	October 28, 1999 (Thursday)	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bonduel HS	November 6, 1999 (Saturday)	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cedar Grove HS	November 9, 1999 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Birchwood HS	November 13, 1999 (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
FDL Goodrich HS	November 16, 1999 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
St. Joan Antida HS (Milwaukee)	November 30, 1999 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Madison University HS (Milwaukee)	December 9, 1999 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Blackhawk HS (South Wayne)	December 18, 1999 (Saturday)	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Brookfield East HS	January 20, 2000 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Abundant Life School (Madison) HS	January 25, 2000 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Speech Adjudication Workshops are being held around the state during the 1999-2000 school year. A reminder that all judges at WHSFA Subdistrict, District and State level must be WHSFA certified. If you or your judges are not certified - now is the time!

If you are interested in attending a listed workshop and do not receive registration materials, or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop, call the State Office at 608/882-6004.

Recertification for speech adjudicators is taking place now. If your certification expires in 1999 or earlier and you did not receive notification, please contact the State Office.

HIGHLIGHTS - MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY MEETING

The Middle Level Advisory Committee met on August 9, 1999 in Wisconsin Rapids. Members in attendance were Karen Heil, Nancy Herbison, Bob Klozotsky, James LaBelle, Al Schancer and Teresa Shelton and Advisor to Middle Level, Margie Stone. J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office were also present.

Topics reviewed/discussed by the committee included: 1998-99 Level I and II participation report, constituency concerns and Middle Level Addendum items. Also decided were topics for Extemporaneous Speaking and Special Occasion. The Extemporaneous Reading book was also chosen.

The committee revised News Reporting, rule #6. *Properties or visual materials may be used (but are not required) and should not be the primary focus of the presentation. Visuals requiring electrical/battery-operated equipment are not allowed during the presentation.*

STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in Debate this year will receive an "Intent to Participate" form. This is your commitment to attend a State Qualifying Debate tournament. This form needs to be returned to the State Office by October 15th. Assignments to tournament sites will be based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly. This form was included with the WHSFA Debate addendum packet.

1999-2000 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Check with your business office or call the State Office to ensure your 1999-2000 registration card has been completed and returned to the State Office.

It is essential that we have the correct name(s) of the personnel coaching Theatre, Debate, Speech and Middle Level programs. Without these names, we cannot guarantee that important materials will reach the correct person.

New Mailing lists are now being generated. If you have not already returned your completed registration card or made corrections, please do so as soon as possible.

ALERT - SOME AUTHOR'S WORKS ARE TABOO!!

Accountability. Responsibility. We hear these words all the time. We work to instill these standards in the students we teach and/or coach.

WHSFA has stressed these attributes repeatedly. One example is the adjudicator training program. Another is the stipulation that Group Interpretive Reading ensembles have the original source material with them at each speech festival. A third measure of responsibility is the notice to coaches that coaches/schools must pay royalty for plays or receive a waiver of royalty.

Closely akin to these examples for upholding the standards of accountability and responsibility is facing the issue of "forbidden authors." Did you know that some authors forbid the cutting of their works? Did you know that some authors forbid the performing of only a portion of a play? Can you name the authors who forbid cutting works and partial performances?

According to past and present coaches, three playwrights routinely surface. **Neil Simon** (oh no - there goes *Plaza Suite* and *The Odd Couple*), **Thornton Wilder** (*Yipes - Our Town is out!*) and **Tennessee Williams** (*S-c-r-e-e-c-h* - put the brakes on *A Streetcar Named Desire*) are authors who have expressly forbidden the cutting of their works for performances of any type. When you call requesting royalty information or a waiver from paying royalty (since for Forensics you are not holding a full performance, not charging admission, not advertising for an audience), you are told that the play must be performed in its entirety as written and that a 15-minute cutting is not allowed. This has been the expressed wish of the playwright or of his heirs.

So, what does that mean for WHSFA coaches, District chairs and judges? Coaches - it means

WHSFA REMEMBERING...

15 Years Ago - September, 1984
Larry Larmer, WHSFA Executive Director, has been granted a sabbatical leave by both the University Extension and the WHSFA Board of Control. The leave will be from September 1, 1984 to January 1, 1985.

10 years Ago - September 1989
The following problem areas will be considered by Wisconsin Debate Coaches for the 1990-1991 Debate topic:
Outer Space, Asian Pacific Rim or The Middle East.

5 Years Ago - September, 1994
WHSFA welcomes five new members to the

be accountable, be responsible in NOT selecting works by "forbidden authors" for students to perform. If your students choose their play acting pieces, then COACH them to avoid these authors and explain why. District Chairs - remind your coaches in your next letter to them and at your fall/winter district meeting that your coaches are not to enter cut selections from Neil Simon, Thornton Wilder and Tennessee Williams. Also, remind them that at speech festivals, if judges see performances of these authors' works, expect those judges to bring that performance to the festival headquarters for review. And what choice will the festival director have, since everyone has prior knowledge that these authors' works are not to be cut, and therefore, do not fit into the WHSFA time constraints? Judges - you also know that these authors' works are not to be cut for performance. According to WHSFA Disqualification Guidelines, you have the obligation to listen to the entire presentation, NOT sign the evaluation sheet or ballot, and bring that questioned entry to the festival chairperson for review.

Accountability. Responsibility. These are qualities we expect in our work and in our everyday dealings with people. Let's be accountable and responsible in abiding by the expressed "no cutting" designation of the works of Neil Simon, Thornton Wilder and Tennessee Williams.

PS - WHSFA encourages coaches to identify other authors who belong on this list. If you have called for a royalty waiver and been told not to cut an author's work for Forensics performance, please notify the State Office. Thank you, and have a GREAT FORENSICS YEAR!!

Toni Johnson, Arcadia High School

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

APRIL 14-15, 2000

The State Office has sent a *time preference card* for the 2000 WHSFA State Speech Festival to all member Speech coaches. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 31st. In November the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. We will draw ninety (90) cards from each group. You will be notified which time slot you received. There are three things you should remember:

- Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice; (2) second choice, etc., completing all four (4) choices.
- Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 31st.

Reminder - You are not guaranteed your chosen time period as there are scheduling limitations.

The *time preference card* was included with the mailing of the new WHSFA Speech Handbook.

WHSFA PUBLICATIONS

• A new WHSFA Speech Handbook has been sent to the speech advisor at all schools registered for membership in the WHSFA Senior Division. Addenda for WHSFA Theatre and Debate Handbooks have also been sent to the attention of the corresponding advisor at each school and includes Eligibility-Registration (ER) forms for Debate and Theatre.

• A new Middle Level Addendum has been sent to all member middle level schools. Also included was the book to be used for 1999-2000 Extemporaneous Reading Category.

Important new information is included in all publications - please read carefully.

WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January-March 2000. More sites are needed!! Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for reasonable expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office at 608/882-6004 if you are willing to serve as host!