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PLAN TO ATTEND

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL

UW-STEVENS POINT - NOVEMBER 20 - 21 - 22, 1997

Hosted by the UW-Stevens Point Department of Theatre/Dance

WHSFA REMEMBERING...

15 Years Ago - - September 1982
 The Junior Division, offering festival competition in speech events, begins its fourth year in 1982-83. Participation in this Division continues to grow.

10 Years Ago - - September 1987
 The specific debate proposition for 1987-88 as affirmed at the National Federation Topic Selection Committee meeting is: Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.

5 Years Ago - - September 1992
 Dr. Charles Grover, or Skip, as he prefers to be called, has most graciously agreed to assume the responsibilities of WHSFA Advisor in Theatre.

1 Year Ago - - October 1996
 Board of Control established a new policy statement for Speech: "All students must participate in three rounds at subdistrict and district, unless permission has been granted by the District Chair/Host in an emergency situation".

WHSFA PUBLICATIONS

A new Speech Handbook will be sent to all schools registered for membership in the WHSFA Senior Division. These handbooks will be sent to the attention of the Speech Coach at each school.

* A new Middle Level Handbook will be sent to each registered middle level school. The book to be used for Extemporaneous Reading for 1998 will be included.

* Eligibility-Registration, (ER) forms and Addendum materials have been sent to registered Debate coaches and Theatre Directors. Important new information is available in all publications - please read carefully.

NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING

Seattle was the site of the National Federation of State High School Associations meeting on August 8-10, 1997. WHSFA Executive Director J. Peter Shaw was the Wisconsin representative.

The following five problem areas were chosen as potential topics for the 1998-99 debate season:

- LATIN AMERICA
- NATO
- RUSSIA
- THE UNITED NATIONS
- PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

A ballot for specific resolutions was mailed to schools registered in Debate for study and consideration. These ballots are due to the State Office by October 31st. The two areas receiving the lowest totals will be placed on a second ballot to be mailed at a later date.

SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 1997-98*

- Platteville High School**
 Wednesday, September 24, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Hammond - St. Croix Central High School**
 Wednesday, September 24, 1997 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Ashland High School**
 Wednesday, October 1, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Arcadia High School**
 Monday, October 6, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wilmot High School**
 Tuesday, October 14, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Plymouth High School**
 Tuesday, October 28, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Milwaukee (WEAC Convention)**
 Thursday, October 30, 1997 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Chippewa Falls High School**
 Tuesday, November 4, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Plainfield - Tri-County High School**
 Wednesday, November 5, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Pittsville High School**
 Monday, November 17, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Fond du Lac - Goodrich High School**
 Tuesday, November 18, 1997 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Glidden High School**
 Wednesday, November 19, 1997 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- UW-Oshkosh**
 (Part 1 of 2) Wednesday, November 19, 1997 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 (Part 2 of 2) Monday, November 24, 1997 3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Greendale High School**
 Saturday, December 6, 1997 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Wauwatosa West High School**
 Thursday, January 8, 1998 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Lancaster High School**
 Saturday, January 10, 1998 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Weston High School (Cazenovia)**
 Friday, February 27, 1998 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

* As of 9/30/97

WHSFA SPEECH ADJUDICATION

Speech Adjudication Workshops are being held around the State during the 1997-98 school year. A reminder that **all judges at 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 any of the listed workshops 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. The recertification notices have been sent. If your certification expires in 1997 or earlier and you did not receive notification, please contact the State Office. There is no fee for recertification.

THANK YOU

WHSFA wishes to extend a "Thank You" to former Board of Control members Terry Grippen - Niagara High School (District 2), Ryan Champeau - Waukesha North High School (District 14) and Tom Kaye - Milwaukee Marshall High School (Section IV). Your involvement in WHSFA activities has been greatly appreciated!!

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 25
 Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
- November 7-8
 WHSFA Sectional Theatre
- November 21-22
 WHSFA State Theatre (UW-Stevens Point)



TRAINING THE TRAINER

On Thursday, August 14, 1997, a Training the Trainer Workshop was held at the Friedrich Center, UW-Madison campus. Its purpose was to train future WHSFA Speech Adjudication Workshop leaders. Leading the workshop was Michael Price, Advisor to Speech and Ethel Heise, Lourdes Academy, Oshkosh.

Those participating were Sam Jonas, Lancaster; Carolyn Mann, Alma Center; Erika May, Sturgeon Bay; Mary Meaney, Pembine; Lori Olson-Putz, Weston-Cazenovia and Chris Verges, Oconto Falls.

WELCOME

Welcome to four new members of the WHSFA Board of Control. Nancy Herbison, a teacher from Tomahawk High School, is the newly appointed District 2 Chair. Craig Lehnerr, a teacher from Madison Abundant Life Christian School, is the newly appointed District 11 Chair. Chuck Malone, a teacher from Waukesha West High School is the newly elected District 14 Chair. Ed Kovochich, principal of Milwaukee James Madison University High School, is the newly elected Section IV Chair. Welcome to all!! Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

1997 THEATRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

This year's annual meeting was held at UW-Whitewater on July 1, 1997. Committee members attending were: Advisor to Speech Charles "Skip" Grover, UW-Whitewater; Craig Lewis (Section I); Ted Moskonas and Amy Tubbs (Section II); Rick Braun (Section III); Sue Luterbach (Section IV); Chuck Malone (Section V) and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the State Office. The purpose of the meeting was to review the 1996 WHSFA State Theatre Festival and update plans for the 1997 Festival. In addition, member comments and concerns were presented and discussed.

All recommendations of the Theatre Advisory Committee were brought to the fall Board of Control meeting for discussion and approval.

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL FALL MEETING

The WHSFA Board of Control met on September 10, 1997 in Madison.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE: District 2 Chair - Nancy Herbison, Tomahawk High School; District 11 Chair - Craig Lehnerr, Madison Abundant Life Christian School; District 14 Chair - Chuck Malone, Waukesha West High School; and Section IV Chair - Ed Kovochich, principal, Milwaukee James Madison High School.

Roger Klug and Roger Foegen were re-elected as WHSFA Board Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Major items discussed were as follows:

THEATRE: Due to the success of the evaluator feedback form at last year's district level theatre festivals, it was approved by the Board to use the form at this year's sectional theatre festivals as well.

DEBATE: The WDCA's Standards for Evidence Citation and Standards for Challenging the Validity of Evidence were approved by the Board and adopted for use by the WHSFA.

SPEECH: It was approved by the Board that one 4 x 6 notecard may be used in the Oratory and Four Minute Speech categories.

It was approved by the Board that each

1997 DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Debate Advisory Committee held its annual meeting on June 24, 1997 at UW-Oshkosh. Attending were: Advisor in Debate, Kay Neal, UW-Oshkosh; Donna Frenzel (Section II); Jim Sauer (Section III); Bill McBride (Section IV); Roland Faas (Section V); guest Tom Noonan, and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the State Office. The meeting served as an opportunity to review the 1997 WHSFA Debate Tournaments and commence plans for the 1998 Tournaments as well as discuss member/student comments and concerns.

Guest Noonan presented the WDCA's newly approved Standards for Evidence Citations and Standards for Challenging the Validity of Evidence, which the WHSFA will seek to adopt.

All recommendations of the Debate Advisory Committee were brought to the fall Board of Control Meeting.

WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January-March 1998. **More sites are needed!!** Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for expenses incurred while hosting a festival. Please call the State Office 608-882-6004 if you are willing to serve as host!

school hosting a Speech Adjudication Workshop may send one participant at no charge.

Total number of Certified Speech Adjudicators is 1,841. The certification of approximately 300 of those will expire at the end of 1997.

MIDDLE LEVEL: 4,578 students (representing 146 schools) participated in Level I activities at 22 sites in 1997.

3,116 students (representing 134 schools) participated in Level II activities at 17 sites in 1997.

A survey will be sent to all Middle Level member schools regarding the need for a possible change in the way Level I and Level II sites are volunteered as well as an inquiry regarding interest in debate.

Many more schools are needed to volunteer to serve as host for a Level I or Level II Festival!

OTHER BUSINESS: It was approved by the Board that the State Office purchase a new desktop and laptop computer and be connected online for e-mail capability as soon as possible.

The WHSFA will apply for affiliate membership to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

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

SECTIONAL CHAIR

Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4) Roxi Wakeen, Baldwin - Woodville - re-elected
Section II (Districts 7, 8, 10) John Culbertson, Waterloo - re-elected
Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) Ed Kovochich, Milwaukee Madison - elected
Section V (Districts 11, 14) Walter Daumler, Delavan - re-elected

DISTRICT CHAIR

District 1 - Ray Mikolajak Superior Senior - re-elected
District 2 - Nancy Herbison, Tomahawk - appointed
District 3 - Lee Bjurquist, Colfax - re-elected
District 5 - John Olig, Pittsville - re-elected
District 8 - Roger Klug, Montello - re-elected
District 11 - Craig Lehnerr - Madison Abundant Life - appointed
District 14 - Chuck Malone - Waukesha West - elected

Elected to an Advisory Committee for two year terms are:

THEATRE ADVISORY

Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) Amy Tubbs, Pulaski - elected
Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) Rick Braun, Waunakee - re-elected
Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) Sue Luterbach, Milw. St. John Antida - re-elected

DEBATE ADVISORY

Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4) Richard Mayne, Eau Claire Memorial - appointed
Section V (Districts 11, 14) Roland Faas, West Allis Nathan Hale - re-elected

SPEECH ADVISORY

Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) Dorothy Berg, Pittsville - re-elected
Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) Jim Kocovsky, Milwaukee Juneau - re-elected

MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY

Karen Heil, Edgar - re-elected
Kathy Kupfer, Whitefish Bay - re-elected
James LaBelle, Menasha - re-elected
Teresa Shelton, Spooner - elected

WELCOME TO ALL!!

1997 SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual WHSFA Speech Advisory Committee meeting was held in Madison on June 18, 1997. In attendance were: Advisor to Speech Michael Price - Marquette University; Sandy Hermundson (Section I); Dorothy Berg (Section II); Jim Kocovsky (Section IV); Sharon Sharko (Section V); and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the State Office. The meeting was held to discuss member comments and concerns, review the 1997 State Speech Festival, initiate plans for the 1998 State Speech Festival and determine topics for Moments in History, Public Address, Special Occasion Speeches and Storytelling.

WHSFA shared mutual concerns and ideas with WFCFA representative Linda Luce, who indicated a continued willingness to work cooperatively for the benefit of all students.

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

STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL APRIL 17-18, 1998

The State Office has sent a time preference card for State Speech - 1998 to 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 you received. Things you should remember:

1. Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice; (2) second choice, etc., **completing all five (5) choices is required!**

2. Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 31st.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Reminder - you are not guaranteed your chosen time period - there are scheduling limitations.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

OCTOBER 19 - 25, 1997

NATIONAL FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES DAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1997

1997-98 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Check with your business office or call the State Office to ensure that your 1997-98 registration card has been completed and returned to the State Office.

It is important 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, please do so as soon as possible.