

Call to Order – 9:20 AM – Beth Clarke, ASDCA President

2. Introductions
 - a. Introductions of all attendees

3. Special presentations
 - a. NSDA-- Lauren Burdt
 - Speech and Debate Education Conference – inaugural just happened, next year in Phoenix July 28-31, 2018, various topics to benefit coaches from inclusion to best practices and strategies; 25 hours of professional development, and available for university credits; proposals for presenters due November 1st; speechanddebate.org/conferences; nsdaconnect.org (online PLC for speech and debate)
 - Big Question Debate – grant gives schools money for hosting; partners or individuals w/ topic that lasts all year (science and philosophy); Topic 2017-2018: Humans are fundamentally different from other animals; this can be added to tournament or done in the home school; deadline to sign up is November 1; NSDABigQuestions.org
 - b. Prepd-- Ian Panchèvre
 - Program for extemp, and there is a Congress app with it (demos provided – see prepd.in for more information)
 - c. Rotary 100-- Ted Haynes
 - Established with prestigious members; Phoenix 100th club; gives a voice to youth; Prelim 4/9/2018 and Finals 4/13/2018; scholarship opportunities; more information www.rotary100.org

4. Election of Officers
 - a. President
 - Nomination(s): Beth Clarke (seconded)
 - b. Treasurer
 - Nomination(s): John Wolnisty (seconded)

5. Conference Caucus

Conference Representatives lead their individual caucus

 - a. Election of new ASDCA/AIA Conference representatives
 - b. Volunteers to be in charge of ballots and trophies for Winter Trophy
 - c. Discussion of proposals

6. Arizona Speech & Debate Coaches Association
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - Refer to handout
 - b. Vote to buy Joy of Tournaments for Convention and Winter Trophy
 - Unanimous consent
 - c. Junior High / Middle School Committee
 - d. Coaches Hall of Fame discussion (call for nominations)
 - See Erin Long to nominate
 - e. Conference Caucus Reports – Conference Reps

1. Election Reports
 - Division 1:
 - 1 year
 - Nick Klemp
 - Marco Dominguez
 - 2 year
 - Tim Cornwell
 - Brittany Stanchik
 - Division 2:
 - 1 year
 - Bryson Brothers
 - Travis Clement
 - 2 year
 - LeAnn Richards
 - Mica Tacderan
2. Volunteers for ballots, sites, and trophy distribution at State and Winter Trophy
3. Conference Concerns

f. Vote on proposals

1.) Advancing Debaters to Elimination Rounds - particularly Winter Trophy . (Travis Clement)

The 2015-16 copy of the Rulebook posted on the ASDCA website currently lists the following for determining how many entries advance in debate.

The number of debate rounds is determined by the number of entries who are registered at the beginning of the contest. Follow the equation below (at SSTAC discretion):

1 – 7 ENTRIES = 3 prelim, semis, and final rounds

8 – 19 ENTRIES = 4 prelim, semis, and final rounds

20 – 31 ENTRIES = 4 prelim, quarters, semis, and final rounds

32 or more ENTRIES = 4 prelim, octa-finals, quarter-finals, semis, and final rounds

If quarterfinals are run, no team shall advance to elimination rounds that has not won more than half of its prelims. If the number of teams qualified for quarterfinals is less than the number needed to make a complete round then a partial round shall be conducted, with byes issued to top seeds as needed.

This metric sometimes results in debaters with winning records not being able to advance to elimination rounds (if the tournament entry was not large enough to warrant offering the next size of elimination round). At the 2016 Winter Trophy tournaments, the following numbers of entries were kept out of elimination rounds for this reason:

- Division I: NPF (2), VPF (1), (LD barely had enough entries for the octa), 1 VCX?

- Division II: NPF (1), VPF (2), NLD (2), VLD ran a clean quarterfinal even though it didn't have enough entries to warrant one, VCX (3 --> in part caused by large entry from one team creating too many byes)

Be it resolved that we change the rule such that debaters with winning records advance to elimination rounds, even if it means offering a partial of the larger elimination round. The additional round would be run Friday night if time permits, or if tabulation cannot be completed in time to offer the round Friday night then the round would be offered during the second half of Speech Round 3 on Saturday. Debaters cross-entered in speech round 3 and this elimination round should go first in their speech rounds. The extemp proctor is encouraged to be mindful of these students in proctoring round 3, and the ballot table should assign judges for extemp round 3 to first to get cross-entered debaters to all their rounds.

2.) Middle School Competition - School Codes and Team Caps: (Travis Clement)

Whereas middle school speech and debate is in early stages of growth and development in Arizona,
Whereas middle school should serve as an uplifting and motivating introduction to this activity for new students at a young age,

Whereas leveling the playing field between large and small middle school teams is in the best interest of fair play continuing to welcome new teams onto the circuit,

Be it resolved that the ASDCA institute the following guidelines pertaining to school codes and overall entry caps for middle school tournaments:

- No individual school code should be more than 1/3 of the overall tournament entry or no more 30 student entries (whichever grants the school more entries).
- Large teams are encouraged to split their entries across 2+ joyoftournaments accounts and be on different school codes (e.g. Jefferson Middle School - Blue; Jefferson Middle School - Silver). Large teams might find it beneficial to divide their students into these separate competing squads by common grade level (a 6th grade team, a 7th grade team, an 8th grade team), to help us make judge assignment conflicts-of-interest be determined quicker.

Be it further resolved that the ASDCA convene a middle school advisory committee (meeting right after the coaches convention), at least one of whom must be an ASDCA board member, to discuss middle school issues in the future and determine debate resolutions for the year.

3.) High School State Tournament Schedule: (Travis Clement)

Whereas the AIA requires (prefers?) that the State Tournament not conflict with championships of other AIA sports/activities,

Whereas the AIA prefers that we re-use the same weekend annually for the State Tournament (or go through an approval process),

Whereas Easter weekend continually moves each year making April difficult,

Whereas the mid-March weekend used the last couple years conflicts with Spring Break for some schools,

Whereas the currently scheduled weekend also has noticeable conflicts (SAT Testing, All-State Music Festival Auditions, other schools on Spring Break),

Be it resolved that we examine condensing the Spring tournament schedule such that State can move even earlier (March 2-3) or return to its original weekend (March 16-17),

Be it further resolved that if the date for this year is unable to move this year, that we develop a plan earlier for 2018-19.

4.) Proposal: In order to continue to nurture and grow our middle school league I propose the following two procedures: (C. Ryan Joyce)

1-Eliminate all school codes from the competition. This will allow the student who may be the sole representative from a school not to feel intimidated when looking at postings and seeing a large number from another school.

2-Similar to what Victor Silva proposed, let's have a sweeps award for teams with smaller entries.

***If the goal is to build the league then we should avoid separating a single team against itself (not great for team morale and not a great message to send to other teams). Rather, let's work together on building the league - a team (or group of teams) can offer to host a workshop for all interested middle school kids to learn the events...and a workshop for coaches on building and sustaining a team, etc.

5.) ASDCA Proposal: Allowing Novice Divisions in PF, LD, and Policy at the State Tournaments.

This was an issue discussed at our April meeting. Up to six (6) entries would be allowed in the novice division per school in each respective debate event PF, LD, and Policy debate. The top three scorers per school in the novice division

6.) A Proposal to Recognize Teams with Smaller Entries (Victor Silva)

The AIA should create award(s) at the State Championship Tournaments that recognize speech and debate teams with small entries who score the most sweepstakes points at the State Championship Tournament. At the state convention we should discuss issues such as

1. If an award of this nature should be given out
2. How many awards would we give out
3. What level of entries should we cap the award at
4. What should the name of the award be

- Division 1
 - o Proposal 1 - pass
 - o Proposal 2 & 4 - referred to Middle School debate
 - o Proposal 3 - voted down
 - o Proposal 5 – amended novice debaters can't contribute sweeps – pass
 - o Proposal 6 – pass
- Division 2
 - o Proposal 1 - pass
 - o Proposal 2 & 4 - referred to Middle School debate
 - o Proposal 3 – keep current for this year; like flexibility for future
 - o Proposal 5 – voted down
 - o Proposal 6 – board needs to figure out, top 3 schools, based on percentage of entries (bottom of total entries)
- Total
 - o Proposal 1 – pass
 - o Proposal 2 – tabled to post convention middle school discussion
 - o Proposal 3 – voted down
 - o Proposal 4 – tabled to post convention middle school discussion
 - o Proposal 5 – voted to recommend to committee, 18-8
 - o Proposal 6 – recommend to committee; requesting specific proposals
 - o Proposal middle school caucus - pass

7. AIA Speech and Debate Advisory Committee
 - a. Discussion of State Rulebook changes for 2017-2018
 - Copies of rule changes provided
 - b. Scholarship Activity Awards
 - Nominate students; through AIA
 - c. AIA meeting schedule and submission of items
 - 9/27, 1/17, 4/18
 - d. Update calendar of tournaments and locations

8. National Speech and Debate Association – Meg Howell-Haymaker, Arizona District Chair
 - a. 2017-2019 District Committee
 - b. Announcements
 - c. NSDA Birmingham review
 - AZ is amazing; presentation of results from TOC and Nationals
 - d. Membership
 - join NSDA soon; middle school has reduced price for membership – must have separate memberships; plan ahead for NSDA tournaments
 - e. Interp Finals 2017 - Resource Package

9. National Federation of High Schools Speech, Debate, and Theater Association
 - a. Membership Benefits
 - insurance
 - b. NFISDA Educator of the Year Nomination
 - “Heart of the Arts” 2017 recipient – Susan Seep
 - Speech, Debate, and Theater Educator of the Year – Timothy Cornwell
 - Nominee this year: Victor Silva

10. Adjournment – Beth Clarke
 - Please fill out the survey regarding convention
 - Adjourn 2:41 pm
 - a. Hand-out of Recertification Credit Certificates (request via email)