

Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Convention

August 20, 2016 – Brophy College Prep

1. Call to Order – 9:15 AM – Beth Clarke, ASDCA President
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Introduction of officers and board members
2. Introductions
 - a. Introductions of all attendees
3. The State of the State
Make sure everyone signs into the coaches' database.
Best we have been. More schools represented at nationals than any other district in nation.
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Vice President
Kristen Taglia nominated Erin Long. Erin accepted nomination.
John Wolnisty moved to close.
Unanimous consent.
 - b. Secretary
John Wolnisty nominated Kristen Taglia. Kristen accepted nomination.
Scott Johnson moves to close. Erin Long seconds.
Unanimous consent
 - c. Interim Public Relations Officer
Brian Gruman nominated Kevin Berlat. Meg Howell seconded. Kevin accepted.
Unanimous consent
5. Conference Caucus
There is a new conference: 6A. To accommodate, we will elect 3 reps for 6A; 5A and 4A will be combined. 1-3A remains the same.
Meg proposed: Rather than reps by conferences, do reps based on division competed in. Then can have same representation based on division. In discussion, historically we keep conferences because different size schools with different concerns represented. Is that still a concern? Bring to caucus to discuss.
Change will be implemented to the next competitive year. Division 1 is 1700 and above; 1699 and below is Division 2. Schools can petition up or down dependent on strength of team.

Conference Reports 1-3A

LeAnn Richards reelected, Joel Sannes and Nick Klemp remain

Proposals:

- 1) On the fence with it. A few concerns regarding tournament logistics such as pushing ballots. Lengthen tournament and wouldn't benefit students. Is this really a problem we need to solve? Conference does not think it is an issue.
- 2) Congress house size – amended the language a bit. Want to make a rule that house size caps at 30. Hosts should plan on having 4 houses available. Rather than soft cap of 12, give the tournament discretion to create soft cap if we don't have the rooms available.
- 3) Eliminate line.
Reps should be by division and not by conference. There should be 4 reps. They should be staggered. Next year dissolve. 2 reps 1 year and 2 reps 2 years, so every year we are electing two reps.

Conference Reports 4-5A

Scott Johnson, Tim Cornwell, Ronda McWhortor remain reps

- 1) Initially agreed with proposal; however, the logistical problems were not originally considered Do it as Winter Trophy as well.
- 2) Agree with Congress house size because it was a problem. Concern is trophies and having the right number. Might not have the trophy if added last minute. (John noted he always orders extra)
- 3) Yes – eliminate it

Discussed rotating event – POI is keeping it. Rhonda brought up topic of digital presentations in expos. This had a lot of different arguments. It is a much bigger issue including disparity etc.

Conference Report 6A

Brian Gruman, Susan Seep, Brittany Stanchik – Desert Vista are reps.

- 1) Same concerns with logistics – stuffing ballots, judge sign ins. Discussed that if there is a perception that this is happening, that is a problem. This would remove the perception at least. This takes away strikes. Despite logistical issues, think we can work around it. Yes – unanimously
- 2) Congress – supported it. 12 is a good number – A team and B team for state
- 3) Eliminate line

Division 1 report – concern is sites and encourage more to be involved in hosting. Some sort of mandatory hosting – AIA support. Division 1 agreed reps would be easier and cleaner by division and not conference. If it is ok with div 1-3, then go for it.

Voting on proposals:

- 1) Listing students by code
 - a. Nick introduced a friendly amendment to test at Winter Trophy. It was seconded.
 - i. Discussion: It is not random at Nat Qual. There are numerical markers to check judges. Victor (writer) – copied language from NSDA rulebook, this will look like quals. It can have the number markers as it is currently in for Nat Qual. There were several arguments on both sides regarding the need for this type of change.
 - b. Nick moves to table question. (lunch break)
 - c. Meg moves to remove from table seconded.
 - d. Nick move to close.
 - e. Meg call to question.
 - i. Vote: 5 in favor – it fails
 - f. Travis move to amend it is tried at division 1 and introduce to division 2 in future.
 - i. Move to question
 - ii. Vote: approved 11 in favor
 - g. Amended proposal – call to question – seconded
 - i. 12 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained
- 2) Congress cap
 - a. Nick move to amend to cap houses 30, TD director has discretion to cap school entries if schools don't have space
 - b. Moved and seconded
 - i. Amendment passes
 - c. Vote on amended
 - i. Passes (1 abstention)
- 3) Wording
 - a. Call to question
 - i. Verbal vote – unanimous consent
- 4) Motion to elect reps by division for rotating two year turns (Kevin) seconded
 - a. Unanimous consent

Middle School Report – Ryan Joyce PCDS

People thinking of starting – go for it. Travis Clement starts with a Congress tournament that has a middle school portion. There are a few others through out year and spring has more. If anyone is interested in starting a program or talking about it, we want to build the number of people. The middle school tournament is really good.

Possibilities to team up with other schools. Meet up at PCDS to talk about year. Email to come with information.

Middle school starts at 6th grade for nationals although 5th grade works within AZ. High school junior/seniors can come judge and earn NSDA points. Happy to do group practice, workshop, demonstrations etc.

National Federation of High Schools

Membership benefits – insurance policies, resources

NFHS Educator-of-the-Year Nomination – Tim Cornwell (nominated by Victor)

Recent: John, Cassie, Meg, Beth, Kevin

Policy papers are not available yet. Potential areas: Energy/Environ, Income, Education, Domestic Ag, Russia

Resources online: new coach binder, paperwork, responsibilities, a great starting resource, they have booklets on almost every event (theatre and speech)

Automatically a member – head coach through ASDC membership

SWSDI

AZ camp was a huge success. March event will not be at Brophy.

SWSDI in fall – novice competition, not practice. Upper division kids can judge. Great place for new judges. No ranking. The purpose is for new kids to get a feel for it and practice. It lets them not get discouraged.

Treasurer's Report

Account Summary – ending balance \$53,250.28

Income from dues, winter trophy, etc.

Will continue to spend in technology. Bought printers. Buying laptops this year to help run tournaments. Only paid out 3 scholarships. Encourage kids to put in for that. \$100 scholarship for each event won at Winter Trophy.

We now accept PayPal. Payee treasurer@azsdca.org (specify school)

All payments should be made to Arizona Speech & Debate Coaches Association. Cannot accept Forensic League of AZ. The W-9 on website

All filings and IRS done – we are all good and legal.

AZSDCA cannot pay individuals. Can reimburse the school.

If you want John to send an invoice to the district, let him know. Also let him know if you don't. Avoid duplicates. If don't see anything in 30 days, will send an invoice.

“One Man Band” teams – don't ask for a due waver etc. It isn't fair.

Motion to purchase joy of tournaments for the 2016-2017 year

Motion Passed- Unanimous

AIASDAC Business

Rulebook revisions – if you had a section you were working on, kindly do so

Scholar/Activity Award – great thing to do for Speech and Debate. Administration likes this. It helps give visibility to us. AIA materials in spring for nominations.

Meeting schedules are posted on website

If you want submissions, send to Beth ahead of time.

Meetings are open even if you are not on the board.

Dobson Tournament is no longer – it will be at Mesquite (Nov 18-19)

Toro County Classic is 25th anniversary – upsizing tournament, giveaways, alumni, should be a fun weekend.

Jim Fountain will be at Jim Fountain Classic! Offer novice in all events – collapse if necessary, but novice will get awards, will offer due improve

Scottsdale Prep – Sept 24 congress only tournament, houses no more than 20. Collapse to house and senate final. Saturday – great for people who can't do Fridays.

Feb 10-11 – Bobcat Bonanza 18th annual, NITOC bids, TOC bids, register early – Bobkitty again

National Speech and Debate Association – Meg Howell-Haymaker, Arizona District Chair

Hosts qualifying congress and national qualifiers. Acknowledged for district who qualified the most schools at nationals. Yay AZ! John W. won outstanding district committee member award.

AZ group – we get along and we help each other. If people need help – reach out.
We rocked NSDA Nationals!
Should all schools be part of NSDA? Yes! Part of something huge.
Congress qual is its own separate weekend – will continue having final rounds. Best kids to nationals.
(Mountain View or North Pointe)
PCDS will host qualifying tournament
New Coach Workshop next Saturday 9-12 – help specific things
Resource package? A lot of videos, links, information, textbooks (helps coaches, students, etc)
Encourage coaches to stay even if kids didn't break – kids will get better watching others

If you want cert, send email to Beth. She will send it to you.

Adjourned 1:57pm