

IHSSA Spring Meeting Minutes

NW Iowa Coaches

The meeting was held at Boulders Inn & Suites Events Center of Holstein on Monday, April 30, 2018 @ 9:30 AM.

President Beth Bellinghausen opened the meeting at 9:40 AM with a welcome and a reminder that it's a great idea to be a district officer.

Each attendee shared his or her name, school, and a highlight or some summer plans

Other notes

- Jerry Laffey's wife Marilyn passed away. A card is available to sign and Wendy will deliver it to Jerry.
- Wendy Bryce of Sioux City East will be "retiring" from speech this year.
- Craig will be recognized this summer by the National Federation of High School Associations. The NW District presented him with a "This Guy is on Fire" grilling basket.

The following committees reported:

Judge Certification Committee: Craig Ihnen reported on behalf of Mark Morehead.

- Mark is looking for sites to host judge certification sites. (Spencer will likely be a site next fall)
- Also a reminder from Craig to fill out the judge evaluation forms online.

Large Group All-State Committee: Erin Ohrlund reported

- Remember to sign up as a room chair at the state contest each year. This year everything went smoothly

Individual Events All-State Committee: Kim Keller reported

- It is Kim's last year on the IE committee
- Things went really really well, thanks to folks at Carroll--their tab room was spectacular
- Also a signup sheet for room chairs at the state contests for IE

Coaches Convention Committee: Jaylene and James DeVos reported (actually Jaylene performed a skit with great enthusiasm and gusto. James read a script.)

- October 5-6 is Coaches Convention in Ames at Gateway Hotel
- Theme is Field of Your Dreams: IHSSA
- Please come, it's a great opportunity and lots of fun

Coach-at-Large Stacy Hanson shared the handout "[Caring for Ratings with Class.](#)"

Stacy shared about her own experience earning a 2 rating and how she could be okay with that rating because of her coach, Allison Berryhill. She talked through the points of her handout to remind us that we not only coach kids on their speech but also on their *reactions* to judges and ratings. Sometimes emotions are in play (including emotions of parents)--it is important to listen with great care; (but sometimes you have to let them vomit their emotions into your trash bag and then take out the trash). *Our* reactions are so important because we model the

reactions for students. Schedule time AFTER the contest to go through comment sheets with each student so that they understand the judge's justifications and comments. Have students give feedback about their judge so that you can fill out that judge evaluation form. Remind kids that "there is always going to be a next time."

Craig Ihnen provided some updates and reminders for the group.

- Thanks to Stacy for that handout and information and reminders about professionalism.
- Thanks to Erin, Jaylene, Mark, & Kim for serving on committees. If you are ever asked to serve on a committee, please say yes! Special thanks to Kim for four years of service on the IE All-State committee.
- Thanks also to district officers for their work at contests.
- Welcome to Larry Untiet (a NW District Hall of Fame member)
- Welcome to Russ Adams of MOC and Stacy Hansen of West Des Moines Valley as representatives of the executive committee
- Big thanks to anyone who ran a contest this year
- Sites for next year
 - District LG: Manson-Northwest Webster, Sheldon, West Monona, Denison
 - State LG: Spencer
 - District IE: Garrigan, Fort Dodge, Okoboji, Whiting
 - State IE: Woodbury Central
- Room chairs for All-State-- thanks for serving! Remember to sign up; you can split shifts with someone. You learn so much and see so much.
- Remember to host contests... you make money! You keep 100% of the gate :) and your general fund cannot take that donation money!
- August 11 is judges-coaches workshop in Des Moines
 - Jeff Hanson--Mime
 - Dr. Dennis Doyle of Southern Illinois--Interp skills
 - Steve Taft of UNI-- One Act/ Acting
- Pay your bills! "The List" of people who still need to pay... see Craig later.
- State Office will no longer accept POs for awards--if you still need awards, send a check!
- Remember to apply for the academic achievement awards
- Special thanks to IGHS AU who pays for so many of our expenses-- they help keep our entry costs low! Take time to email Jean Berger (jeanberger@ighsau.org) to say thanks for the support of their association.
- Special thanks to MediaCom, Ames Chamber (free buildings and bussing), UNI, HyVee, and all other sponsors for All-State events

- Please nominate folks for the Hall of Fame; don't be afraid to renominate (although the jury keeps all nominations on file)
- Administrator Award-- remember to nominate administrators who make your lives better
- Riggleman Award has changed (for 2nd OR 3rd year coaches), remember to send an application if you are a 2nd or 3rd year coach
- Coaches Convention-- October 5-6; Robin is putting together a great convention; we're bringing back some great sessions and some new ones
- State Debate Clinic-- embedded with Simpson debate tourney on Sept. 29; novices can come along to learn to debate in one day
- May-- see SWIFT for national conference information
- Info on Film Festival
- Therese left with 14 years of knowledge; Deb has had to learn a LOT-- thanks to all of you for being most gracious and kind in helping Deb out! A little note to her to thank her for her work this year would be great... deb@ihssa.org
- This has been a unique year for contests... lots of weather issues! Lots of moving of dates/ locations, but everyone did a great job of being understanding and flexible.
- Some things that Iowa does differently
 - Short Film (now Virginia and Texas have short film festivals!)
 - We are the first state to do electronic retrieval for debate-- we made the national association move to this
 - We are the first AND ONLY to allow students to use iPads/ phones for scripts
 - We are the only state that has SO MANY LG events; no other state has TV News, Radio, group improv, or choral reading
 - We are the only state to work out agreements with MTI & TRW to do their material because we play by the rules
 - We are one of the only states to allow spoken word as poetry
 - We are the only state to allow student-written scripts
 - Iowa can do all of these things because "we are so darn lucky" to have coaches who help kids find their voice

Beth explained that we will take nominations for next year's secretary at the end of the day. Once those nominations are in, the nominees will send a short bio to the current secretary and be listed on the voting ballot. Please watch for the voting [survey](#) in your email. You get one vote per membership (so if you have 9th AND Varsity, you get two votes and need to complete the survey twice).

A lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy hashbrowns, and green beans was served at 11:30 AM.

After lunch, we began our discussion of rule changes for the upcoming year. The following changes were submitted:

Article 5, Section 11: Lighting

Kim Keller submitted a suggestion that lights could be dimmed for presentations that allow digital media.

Sara Carlson moved to add a sentence: Lights may be dimmed to allow for electronic media.

Lindey Krug seconded.

Rationale: Schools are already dimming the lights because of unfamiliarity with the lighting rule.

Voting Results

Yes-- 45

No--0

Motion passes

Apply to all LG categories (see page 49, Section 5)

Wendy Bryce submitted a suggestion with a proposed change to allow the timekeeper to choose to stand and stay stop rather than blow a whistle.

Craig addressed this to say that *the rules are written differently for different categories on purpose*; we should keep it as it is written currently. LG contest managers should pay attention to the differences.

Motion withdrawn.

Page 65, Article 31, Section 2, Clause 2

Erin Ohrlund submitted a suggestion to change “must” to “may” in the context of including a special feature for Radio Broadcasting.

Erin Ohrlund movee to change “must” to “may.”

Denise Heiman seconded the motion.

Rationale: Judges (and coaches) are confused by what a “special feature” entails.

NOTE: this change may also create a need to update the comment sheet.

Voting Results

Yes--41

No--0

Motion passes

Page 28-29, Casebook Question 2

Karrienne Jurgenson submitted a suggestion to add “appearance” to “normal wearing apparel” in the context of suggestion of a character for Solo Musical Theatre.

Karrienne Jurgenson moved to amend Question 2 to read “If normal wearing apparel/appearance”

Randy Stanislav seconded the motion.

Laurel suggests that “appearance” is dangerous as students can’t control their race, hair color, etc. that may be similar to a character.

Some discussion was had that perhaps this is just a judging issue

Voting Results

Yes--0

No--45

Motion is defeated.

Page 29, Casebook Question 6

Chuck Prior submitted a suggestion to remove “or standard popular songs”

Chuck Prior moved to remove “standard popular songs” from this casebook question.

No second.

The motion was withdrawn after discussion.

Page 31, Section 4, Clause 4

A suggestion was submitted to include the title and author so every category is the same.

Kim Keller moved to amend Clause 4 to say “the contestant **MUST** announce the title and author and may use an introduction with remarks...”

Cynthia Koster seconded the motion.

Voting Results

Yes=46

No=0

Motion Passes

NOTE: Also need to add a Casebook question that should read like Page 41, #9 (What to do if author is anonymous or unknown in Storytelling)

Amy Kueper moves to add a Casebook question that reads just like page 41, number 9 to the Poetry, Prose, and Literary Program categories (change “story” to “selection(s)”)

Second by Kariann Jurgenson

Yes= 44

No=0

Motion Passes

Page 30, Casebook question 12 (Prose/ Poetry)

A suggestion was submitted to define oratorical steps

Becky notes that oratorical steps should be purposeful, should direct a feeling or a mood

Discussion: NW Iowa judges are more traditional; kids get dinged more for movement around here...but current school of thought is to allow for more movement? Maybe we need to work

more with judges... What about oratorical steps in public address (they *should* use the full stage!); Oratorical steps are not acting/ do not suggest a character; Craig suggests to remove the second sentence.

Cassie Fjerstad moved to amend Casebook Question 12 for Poetry/Prose and Casebook Question 13 on Literary Program by striking the second sentence.

Amy Kueper seconded the motion.

Voting Results

Yes= 45

No= 0

Motion passes

Page 30, Casebook question 10 (Prose/ Poetry) also on page 33 for LP

Randy Stanislav submitted a suggestion to clarify that if a book is used as a script, it should have no artwork on the cover or dustcover because such artwork could be misinterpreted as a prop.

Discussion that this should also include any reading source (book, notebook, binder, electronic device, construction paper).

Randy moved to amend casebook question 10 for prose/ poetry and casebook question 11 for LP to include "If using a book or notebook, it must have a plain cover."

Shawn seconded the motion.

Voting Results

Yes= 46

No= 0

Motion passes

Page 35, Section 4, Clause 4

A suggestion was submitted to increase the prep time for spontaneous speaking to 10 minutes and allow electronic devices for research due to students needing to check sources, to encourage participation, and to encourage students to use resources.

Laurel Olsen moved to increase the prep time to 10 minutes and allow kids to bring electronic devices to research.

Discussion: Concerns with wifi access and need for another prep room/ monitor

Lindey brings up the point that questions could be more "impromptu" (requiring less "research")

Craig said maybe we can do some more reteaching of judges; Sara wondered if we could extend prep time to 5 minutes without needing another prep room

Laurel amended her motion to increase the prep time to 5 minutes (striking the rest of her original motion).

Deb Gute seconded the motion.

Voting Results

Yes= 23

No= 19

Motion passes

Page 37, Section 5, Clauses 2 & 4

Craig Ihnen introduces the idea that Radio News Announcing is the only category where the stop card is an automatic disqualification and wonders if this should be changed for consistency. Deb Gute moved to change Clause 4 to say "At 5 minutes, the timer will say STOP. The speaker must stop at once or be subject to disqualification"

Cassie Fjerstad seconded the motion.

NOTE: This change would mean that a district officer must be contacted before disqualifying if the student does not stop at 5 minutes.

Discussion included the point that this category is intentionally designed this way to mimic a real radio environment.

Voting Results

Yes=29

No=14

Motion passes

Secretary Nominations

- Denise Heiman nominated Jodi Grant from Sheldon; seconded by Ryan Brown
- Amber Rouse nominated Lindey Krug from Fort Dodge; seconded by Jarrod Roth
- Motion to cease nominations by Denise; seconded by Chuck

President Beth Bellinghausen closed the meeting at 2:10 PM and handed out door prizes to all attendees. Coaches had a choice of wooden clipboards, photo frames, or door hangers branded with the IHSSA logo.