

Executive Committee

NE Russ Reiter	President	2019-2023	Independence	50644
NW Russ Adams	Vice President	2020-2024	MOC – Floyd Valley	51041
SE Kevin Seney	Sec-Treasure	2021-2025	Grinnell	50112
SW Bill Messerole		2022-2026	Creston	50801
Carrie Tinkham	Coach at Large	2022-2023	Cedar Rapids Washington	52403

District Officers

Northwest:

President	Kim Keller, Manson NW Webster	50563
Vice President	Deborah Benjamin, Emmetsburg	50536
Secretary	Jarrold Roth, Storm Lake	50588

Southwest:

President	Kelly Thompson, Waukee	50263
Vice President	Laura Granger, Creston	50801
Secretary	Jon Russell, Ankeny Centennial	50023

Southeast:

President	Jackye Bowlin, Mt. Pleasant	52300
Vice President	Dixie Forcht, South Tama	52339
Secretary	Brianne Magill, Central DeWitt	52742

Northeast:

President	Molly Holkesvik, Decorah	52101
Vice President	Sam Magner, Hampton-Dumont CAL	50441
Secretary	Heidi Rottink, Don Bosco	50634

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SPEECH CONTEST DATES

	<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>2024 Deadlines</u>	<u>2025 Dates</u>	<u>2026 Dates</u>
State Debate	January 5-6	December 20, 2023	January 10-11	January 9-10
District Large Group	January 20	January 4, 2024	January 25	January 24
State Large Group	February 3	IMMED. After District	February 8	February 7
All-State Festival (LG)	February 17	IMMED. After State	February 22	February 21
District Individual Events	February 24	February 8, 2024	March 1	February 28
State Individual Events	March 9	IMMED. After District	March 15	March 14
All-State Festival (IE)	March 25	IMMED. After State	March 31	March 30

2023 COACHES CONVENTION

October 13 – 14, 2023

Gateway Center

Ames, Iowa

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October 2024

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COMMITTEES

JUDGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Carrie Tinkham, Executive Committee		Cedar Rapids Washington	52403
Lisa Phyfe	2025	Waverly-Shell Rock, Waverly	50677
Dirk Waller	2026	Council Bluffs Abe Lincoln	51503
Vince Hrasky	2027	Tri-County, Thornburg	50255
Shawn Starr	2028	Woodbury Central	50139

LARGE GROUP ALL-STATE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Bill Messerole, Executive Committee		Creston	50801
Angie Manternach	2024	Cascade	52001
Jaylene DeVos/James DeVos	2025	Washington, Cherokee	51012
Emily Hintze/ Stacie Kintigh	2026	North Scott	52748
Jacki Pleggenhule	2027	Waukee	50276

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Russ Adams, Executive Committee		MOC-Floyd Valley	51041
Manda Thomas	2024	CAM, Anita	50020
Kim Carlson	2025	Monticello	52310
Gabe Twedt	2026	Decorah	52101
Nate Irwin	2027	Sioux City East	51106

COACHES CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Kevin Seney, Executive Committee		Grinnell	50112
Debbie DeVore/Matt DeVore	2023	Maquoketa Valley	52223
Cynthia Koster/Laurel Olsen	2024	Denison	51442
Jacque Seidl	2025	Adel DeSoto Minburn	50003
Robin Crow/Darrin Crow	2026	Cedar Valley Christian	52403

DEBATE COMMITTEE

Russ Reiter, Executive Committee		Independence	50644
John Cooper	2024	Iowa City, West	52246
Kirk Kelloway	2025	CAM, Anita	50020
Anne Deam	2026	Ames	50010
	2027		

Foreword ~

The Iowa Interscholastic Speech Association was organized in November 1943. It was an outgrowth of a desire on the part of many people to enlarge and expand the very splendid work the Iowa High School Declamatory Association had done since 1887. This organization is so designed that, as time goes on and the need is felt for other types of speech activities, they may be added. While the visible work of the Association is carried on through a series of contests, the fundamental philosophy of the Association has a much deeper basis. The philosophy is built upon the belief that no form of activity is any more important than that of learning to speak effectively. All true Americans believe in educational enlightenment, but the effectiveness of each enlightenment may be lost through the inability of our people to express to others their ideas and beliefs. The perpetuation of the American way of life rests to no small extent in the hands of the American school. If it can teach the ideals of true democracy, if it can teach its students to express and defend that democracy, we need have no fear for the future of our country.

