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Executive Committee

SW Bill Messerole	President	2022-2026	Creston	50801
NE Tim Cronin	Vice President	2023-2027	Independence	50644
NW Terry Hemann	Secretary/Treasurer	2024-2028	Spencer	51301
SE ELECTION	Member	2025-2029	TBA	TBA
Jason Eslinger	Ex. Vice President		IGHSAU	50266
Carrie Tinkham	Coach at Large	2022-2023	Cedar Rapids Washington	52403

District Officers

Northeast:

President	Heidi Rottink, Don Bosco	50634
Vice President	Kyle Weber, Waterloo Columbus	50702
Secretary	Amanda Knox, Starmont	50606

Northwest:

President	Jarrod Roth, Storm Lake	50588
Vice President	Alyssa Rusk, Sioux Central	50585
Secretary	Cynthia Koster, Denison-Schleswig	51442

Southeast:

President	Brianne Magill, Central DeWitt	52742
Vice President	Laura Travagiakis, Cedar Rapids Xavier	52411
Secretary	Ellen Johanns, Lisbon	52253

Southwest:

President	Jon Russell, Ankeny Centennial	50023
Vice President	Kelsey Dinkla, ACGC	50115
Secretary	Lauren Ernst, Nodaway Valley	50849

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SPEECH CONTEST DATES

	<u>2026 Dates</u>	<u>2026 Deadlines</u>	<u>2027 Dates</u>	<u>2028 Dates</u>
State Debate	January 9-10	December 19, 2025	January 8-9	January 7-8
District Large Group	January 24	January 7, 2026	January 23	January 22
State Large Group	February 7	January 26, 2026	February 6	February 5
All-State Festival (LG)	February 21	February 10, 2026	February 20	February 19
District Individual Events	February 28	February 11, 2026	February 27	February 26
State Individual Events	March 14	March 2, 2026	March 13	March 11
All-State Festival (IE)	March 30	March 17, 2026	March 29	March 27

2025 COACHES CONVENTION

October 10-11
Gateway Center
Ames, Iowa

2026 COACHES CONVENTION

October 2026
Gateway Center
Ames, Iowa

2027 COACHES CONVENTION

October 2027

COMMITTEES

JUDGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Carrie Tinkham, Executive Committee		Cedar Rapids Washington	52403
Dirk Waller	2026	CB Abe Lincoln	51503
Vince Hrasky	2027	Tri-County, Thornburg	50255
Shawn Starr	2028	Woodbury Central	50139
Lisa Phyfe	2029	Waverly-Shell Rock, Waverly	50677

LARGE GROUP ALL-STATE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Bill Messerole, Executive Committee		Creston	50801
Emily Hintze/Staci Kintigh	2026	North Scott	52748
Jacki Pleggenhule	2027	Waukee	50263
Emily Eisenman	2028	Waterloo West	50702
Alex Halverson	2029	Spencer	51301
Elizabeth Hansen		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

TBA, SE Executive Committee		TBA	TBA
Gabe Twedt	2026	Decorah	52101
Jake Gute	2027	Kuemper Catholic	51401
Kate Engelkes/Chuck Ripley	2028	Ames	50010
Jackye Bowlin	2029	Mt. Pleasant	52641
David Wendt		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	
Jodi Grant		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

COACHES CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Terry Hemann, Executive Committee		Spencer	51301
Jacque Seidl	2025	ADM	50003
Darrin/Robin Crow	2026	Cedar Valley Christian	52403
Wendy Buseman	2027	Hampton-Dumont-CAL	50441
Emileigh Eilderts	2027	Hampton-Dumont-CAL	50441
Lindey Krug	2028	Fort Dodge	50501

DEBATE COMMITTEE

Tim Cronin, Executive Committee		Decorah	52101
Anne Deam	2026	Ames	50010
Lydia Cowins	2027	Des Moines Christian	50323
Jeremy Fitzpatrick	2024	Johnston	50131
Sam Juhl	2025	Des Moines East	50316
Spencer Waugh		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

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.

