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Executive Committee

NE Tim Cronin	President	2023-2027	Decorah	52101
NW Terry Hemann	Vice President	2024-2028	Spencer	51301
SE Kevin Seney	Secretary/Treasurer	2025-2029	East Marshall	50142
SW Bill Messerole	Member	2022-2026	Creston	50801
Jason Eslinger	Ex. Vice President		IGHSAU	50266
Carrie Tinkham	Coach at Large	2022-2023	Cedar Rapids Washington	52403

District Officers

Northeast:

President	Kyle Weber, Waterloo Columbus	50702
Vice President	Amanda Knox, Starmont	50606
Secretary	Josh Sparrgrove, Forest City	50436

Northwest:

President	Alyssa Rusk, Sioux Central	50585
Vice President	Cynthia Koster, Denison-Schleswig	51442
Secretary	Chistina Moyer, Sheldon	51201

Southeast:

President	Kim Carlson, Monticello	52310
Vice President	Ellen Johannis, Lisbon	52253
Secretary	Stacie Kintigh, North Scott	52748

Southwest:

President	Jon Russell, Ankeny Centennial	50023
Vice President	Lauren Ernst, Nodaway Valley	50849
Secretary	Jacque Seidl, ADM	50003

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SPEECH CONTEST DATES

	<u>2027 Dates</u>	<u>2027 Deadlines</u>	<u>2028 Dates</u>	<u>2029 Dates</u>
State Debate	January 8-9	December 18, 2026	January 7-8	January 5-6
District Large Group	January 23	January 6, 2027	January 22	January 20
State Large Group	February 6	January 25, 2027	February 5	February 3
All-State Festival (LG)	February 19	February 9, 2027	February 18	February 16
District Individual Events	February 27	February 10, 2027	February 26	February 24
State Individual Events	March 13	March 1, 2027	March 11	March 10
All-State Festival (IE)	April 5	March 16, 2027	March 27	March 26

2026 COACHES CONVENTION

October 9-10
Gateway Center
Ames, Iowa

2027 COACHES CONVENTION

October 2027
Gateway Center
Ames, Iowa

2028 COACHES CONVENTION

October 2028

COMMITTEES

JUDGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Carrie Tinkham, Executive Committee		Cedar Rapids Washington	52403
Vince Hrasky	2027	Tri-County, Thornburg	50255
Shawn Starr	2028	Woodbury Central	50139
Lisa Phyfe	2029	Waverly-Shell Rock, Waverly	50677
Kelsey Dinkla	2030	ACGC	50115

LARGE GROUP ALL-STATE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Bill Messerole, Executive Committee		Creston	50801
Jacki Pleggenhule	2027	Waukee	50263
Emily Eisenman	2028	Waterloo West	50702
Alex Halverson	2029	Spencer	51301
Scott Davidson/Laura Travagiakis	2030	Cedar Rapids Xavier	52411
Elizabeth Hansen		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Kevin Seney, Executive Committee		East Marshall	50142
Jake Gute	2027	Kuemper Catholic	51401
Kate Engelkes/Chuck Ripley	2028	Ames	50010
Jackye Bowlin	2029	Mt. Pleasant	52641
Kimberly Cavalier	2030	Janesville	50647
Jodi Grant		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

COACHES CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Terry Hemann, Executive Committee		Spencer	51301
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
Marissa Kuiken	2029	Waukee Northwest	50263

DEBATE COMMITTEE

Tim Cronin, Executive Committee		Decorah	52101
Lydia Cowins	2027	Des Moines Christian	50323
Jeremy Fitzpatrick	2028	Johnston	50131
Sam Juhl	2029	Des Moines East	50316
Todd Crites	2030	Grinnell-Newburg	50112
Spencer Waugh		Special Assistant to the Executive Director	

CAST COMMITTEE

NE: Emily Eisenman, Waterloo West and Derek Friederich, Postville
 NW: Jodi Grant, Northwestern College and Kim Keller, Manson Northwest Webster
 SE: Kevin Hosbond, Grinnell-Newburg and Layne Sheetz, Cedar Rapids Washington
 SW: Trisha Koenig, Atlantic and Matt Schmidt, Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson

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.

