



# Membership

## Spring 2008 Informational Meeting Notes State Speech Tournament “A”-Friday, April 18 & “AA”-Saturday, April 19

1. **Welcome**-Cheryl Neidt, MSCA President
2. **Reports of Officers:**
  - A. Secretary-Ceil McDonald
    - Will post secretary's report online.
  - B. Treasurer-Don Fosburgh
    - We currently have a balance of \$6,199.53.
  - C. President-Elect-Rick Purrington
    - Will be responsible for soliciting “A” candidates to run for President-Elect. (Voting by March 1, 2009 deadline.)
    - Suggested that we develop a MSCA grant form that those in need could use to apply for money from our treasury. (Use for helping coaches, programs, and/or mentorships)
  - D. MSHSL Board of Director/Past President-Mark Quinlan
    - MSHSL Board Member-Speech Representative election. CTAM officers are sending out ballots to the high school CTAM membership.
    - Jill Lofald, Duluth, is the only person running for the board position. Ballots will be mailed out this next week.
    - MSHSL is looking further at a 3 class system for speech. Top 96 schools will be “AAA”; the next 128 schools-“AA”, and the rest of the schools “A”.
3. **Reports of Committees:**
  - A. Advisory Committee-John Fogarty/Chuck Cravens-“A” Friday  
-Kris Lindvall/Jill Lofald-“AA” Saturday
    - Briefly summarized results from October's session.**
  - B. MSCA Website-Meg Kreckler
  - C. Barb Seng-MSHSL Speech Consultant
  - D. Discussion Topics for 2009-Mike Worcester, Jason Olson, Mark Thul
    - \*Please be sure to vote today.
  - E. Storytelling/Extemp Reading Choices for 2009-Committee Members

**-Storytelling: Committee plans to use the same books for the next two years. (3 year cycle) They carefully divide and select stories based on gender of characters, continents, animals and human characters. Best-Loved Folktales of the World**

**-Extemp Reading: Next year the following books will be used. They are books previously used; however, copyright/edition may need to be updated; they are available online at a very low cost—less than \$1.00 in many cases.**

**Points of View @1995**

**The Voice That is Great Within Us @ 1983**

F. Extemp Reading Rules Change Draft Proposal-Kathy Martin and Committee

**We are encouraged to try this new format at invitational tournaments. The idea for the new format (modeling North Dakota's) will be placed on our MSCA website page. A couple of coaches who are familiar with the North Dakota format spoke favorably of it. Implementation is a few years away; we need to try the format and study it carefully before making any rules changes.**

G. Disqualification Rules Change Draft Proposal-Tracy Steiner and Committee

**This draft proposal will be uploaded on the MSCA website. It may be discussed more heavily at CTAM this fall.**

H. MSHSL Hall of Fame Committee-Joni Anker & Howard Valliancourt

1. Nomination process/timeline
2. Possible nominees

I. CTAM 2009-"The unCONVENTIONAL Convention"-Alexandria-Cliff Janke

1. Friday and Saturday, September 18-20
2. Workshop needs, ideas, and presenters

**We are reminded that there may be MSCA money available to pay presenters for paper items, etc.**

**Session suggestions/presenters—contact Cliff.**

**-Poetry**

**-Low incidence categories-great speeches/extemp speaking**

**-Online/internet use in speech: sources, necessity for ISBNs, etc.**

J. Other

1. School leave time for judges

**We will ask the MSHSL if a letter can be sent to superintendents explaining the uniqueness of speech in that often 20+ officials are needed at subsection/section contests; quality judging is**

**critical and coaches need to be released from some school time to fulfill this need.**

2. Available judges lists for subsection/section contests  
**Would someone like to coordinate this list at CTAM next fall?**
3. Coach-of-the-Year Awards  
**-Joanne Biederwolf reminded section MSCA representatives to get their nominations turned in immediately.**
4. State Knowledge Bowl Conflict  
**-Cheryl Neidt offered to make a contact with tournament official to express concern about double-up with state contests; some state speech qualifiers needed to drop to go to Knowledge Bowl.**
5. Letter to Education Minnesota President  
**-Cheryl Neidt explained her letter sent to the Education Minnesota President expressing a desire for speech and other fine arts activities to be included in future promotional/congratulatory ads aired on television during state hockey and basketball tournament. (in addition to congratulating high school athletes)**

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