

SPEECH AND DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2019
9:00 a.m.
MSHSAA Office, Columbia

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business:

1. Role of Advisory Committees
2. Approval of 2018 minutes
3. State Championship Report

New Business:

1. Regular Season
 - a. Adding clarification on selections that are performed during non-season (Nationals) times and where those selections fall (previous year or upcoming year) – *Whyte*.
 - b. Can we remove the 50/50 rule for memorization in prose and poetry? No one follows it and it makes judging those rounds difficult – *Haug*
 - c. Duo Interpretation/Duet Acting Rules/"brightline" for characters – *Maurer/Robertson/Haug*
 - d. Oversight and enforcement of the "copying" rules in each interpretation area – *Haug*
 - e. Can we please add POI and Informative to MSHSAA – *Haug/Higgins*
 - f. Ballot conformity and revisions – *Higgins*
 - g. It should be permissible for actors or directors (in IE, Readers Theatre and One-Act Plays) to be able to give a disclaimer before a performance if there will be any content that may be triggering or traumatic for audience members – *Robertson*
 - h. Cell phones: Make the cell phone policy stricter versus less strict. Include smart watch in the discussion. NOTE: There are varying options amongst coaches in my district on this subject) – *Robertson*
2. District/State
 - a. Classifications – *Maurer/Higgins/Robertson*
 - b. Have Reader's Theatre and One-Act Play moved to a rating system instead of a ranking system for districts and state – *Whyte*.
 - c. One-Act and Readers Theatre State Brackets: Schedule for convenience or based on district finishes – *Bushmeyer*
 - d. One-Act preliminary performance locations 2019 – *Bushmeyer/Robertson*
 - e. Reader's Theater and One-Act Play scoring system – *Higgins*
 - f. Can you change your performance piece from districts to state in One-Act Plays – *Haug*
 - g. Originality of the script choice/performance (include Readers Theatre and One-Act Plays) – *Robertson*
 - h. State competition light board info/usages/issues – *Robertson*
 - i. Exchange of evidence during a debate round – *Bushmeyer*
 - j. Judge/coach intervention during a debate round – *Bushmeyer*
 - k. Possibility of shortening the debate day? Paul Gieringer created an optional schedule that I can share. Possibly hold some rounds on Thursday or Saturday – *Bushmeyer/Haug*
 - l. Can people be put as judges for debate in more than one pool – *Haug*
 - m. Can we get rid of the procedure that says you cannot judge a team that beat your team – *Haug*
 - n. Judge recruiting system – concern that some schools have to bring two judges when the tournament only uses one – *Higgins*
 - o. Push back due date for extemp questions to be entered for the district tournament because some questions could become outdated in the meantime – *Whyte*.
 - p. Awards: Can we have one or two emcees for awards and they announce everything – *Haug*
 - q. Send out plaques and medals after qualifying round – *Higgins*
 - r. Plaque and trophy system at Districts and State – *Higgins*
 - s. Combine Sweepstakes for Speech and Debate – *Maurer*
 - t. Move up students if qualifying student cannot attend – *Higgins*
 - u. Any school being protested should have the courtesy to be notified of that protest within the 20 minutes allowed; not two days after the tournament (even if the decision of the Grievance Committee is to do nothing). – *Robertson*
 - v. Errors in the State Program – *Robertson*