

San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2008
1:30 pm
Helix Charter High School, La Mesa

Roll call: Brett Banducci, The Bishops School; Jeff Blankman, Rancho Bernardo; Minnia Curtis, Carlsbad; Krista deBoer, La Costa Canyon (President); Donald Etheridge, Rancho Buena Vista; Thomas Gomes, Mt. Miguel; Kerri Leonard, San Dieguito Academy; Gregg Osborn, Helix Charter; Jennifer Osborn, Helix Charter (Secretary); Holly Smith, Grossmont; Tricia Steiner, El Camino; Jessica Young, La Costa Canyon.

Absent: Chris Drake, Torrey Pines; Augustus Garcia, Santa Fe Christian; Brad Ho, Oceanside; Andara Macdonald, Holtville; Tim Sheehan, Our Lady of Peace Academy

I. Call to Order

K. deBoer called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

II. Roll Call

K. deBoer noted the coaches present.

III. Reports

A. State Qualifier Tournaments

1. Entries

K. deBoer noted the entry dates for this year's qualifiers:

- Debate entries are due no later than Feb 18.
- Congress, Parli, Public Forum and IE entries are due Feb 23, with all fees for all three weekends.
- Invitations will be available on the League website.

Impromptu topics, Parli topics and Congress bills need to be e-mailed to K. deBoer.

SDIVSL's number of qualifiers are as follows:

PO – 1; LD – 7; Congress – 8; Policy – 5; Public Forum – 5; Parli – 5; NX – 4; FX – 4; Imp – 5; OA – 4; Expos – 4; OO – 4; OPP – 5; DI – 4; HI – 4; TI – 5; OI – 5; Duo – 6.

It was noted that students who will not attend the State Tournament are not eligible to enter any of the Qualifier tournaments

K. deBoer recommended bringing judges who are willing to stay even if their child has been eliminated. It is very difficult to get enough judges in the later rounds - if people leave when their student is eliminated, the tournament is left only with the parents of students competing.

2. Script Review

IE scripts are to be submitted with entries on Saturday, Feb. 23 at Debate Quals. If there is no script, the student cannot compete. Beginning at 11 am, there will be a coaches' meeting, after which all coaches will participate in script reading.

If a script does not meet the requirements, it will be returned to the coach with the changes noted, along with a "bill" for \$10 as a nuisance fee.

It was noted that MLA format is usually the biggest problem, followed by words crossed out in scripts. Do not cross out words that are not said, unless they are inadvertently highlighted. Also, do not bracket any crossed out words, unless those words were inadvertently crossed out and they are actually spoken in the piece.

Cover sheets noting the requirements can be found on the CHSSA website (www.cahssa.org).

For movie scripts that are purchased from a script house, the publisher page and a receipt of purchase are required. Acceptable is the name of the site from which it was purchased and a print out of the page that shows where you order (need to show it is possible to purchase the script).

G. Osborn noted that for TI or any interp, if another work is referenced in the script – embedded words must be cited and referenced (for example, in Neil Simon's *Rumors*, the song "La Bamba" is referenced in stage directions, but the words to the song are not printed in the script – if the speaker uses the lyrics to "La Bamba" in their piece, it must be cited).

3. Student awards

J. Osborn proposed the concept of a Speaker of the Year. The rationale for this award is to encourage speakers to compete early and often. Points are earned for each League tournament, for each multiple entry, and for actual sweepstakes points earned. A student will receive 20 points for participating in a tournament, 10 points for each entry more than 1, and the actual number of points earned. She noted that she could figure out the current points, with the help of the coaches, and the award could begin this year. Motion by J. Osborn to begin the award this season, seconded by D. Etheridge. Motion carried, none opposed.

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of awarding one Debater of the Year and one IER of the Year, along with the already-established Joe Lagnese Speaker of the Tournament award. Motion by K. Leonard to award all three awards, seconded by T. Gomes. Motion carried, 4-3, one abstention.

M. Curtis motioned that the awards be accompanied by a cash award, \$100 for the Lagnese award, and a minimum of \$50 for each "of the Year" award, reserving the option to award more if League funds can support a larger amount, seconded by T. Gomes. Motion carried, none opposed.

3. Sign-off meeting

Following the awards ceremony, there will be a sign-off meeting where all qualifiers will be confirmed. All coaches who had students compete in any qualifying tournament must be present at the meeting. Conversations about students' preference for events should take place prior to the meeting to speed up the process.

B. 2008 State Tournament

1. Alternate State Tournament

K. deBoer reminded everyone that the 2008 State Tournament will take place April 17-21 at Santa Clara University. This is the same weekend as Passover. An alternate state tournament has been proposed for students unable to participate in the traditional state tournament. K. deBoer noted that this puts leagues in a bind – how do students qualify? Students who can't attend State can't compete at Quals. As it stands, SDIVSL is sticking with their normal process – if there are any changes, all League members will be informed.

K. deBoer also noted that the entry deadline for the State Tournament is earlier this year, so be aware and get all the necessary forms filled out and signed, checks requested, etc.

2. Event DVDs

G. Osborn announced that the instructional DVD being produced at this year's State Tournament is TI. If a student is a finalist in TI, they may be videoed for the training video. All qualifiers must complete the waiver form that is available on the CHSSA site. Schools that pay their CHSSA dues on time in 2008-2009 will receive the DVD at no charge.

VII. Adjournment

K. deBoer adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.