

San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
5:00 pm

Spring Business:

Roll Call: Jane Wakeham-Lopez, Rancho Bernardo; Candy Hamilton, La Jolla; Jessica Young, La Costa Canyon; Kerri Leonard, San Dieguito Academy; Todd Newkirk, San Dieguito Academy; Minnia Curtis, Carlsbad; Krista deBoer, La Costa Canyon; Ivy, League Mascot; Tricia Steiner, El Camino; Gale Alexander (Bishops Parent)

1. Reports from CHSSA meeting

a. Computers at State?

I'm to report back to CHSSA our feelings on this one. CHSSA continues to look at the viability of using computers for Policy, LD and Public Forum. After examining all pros and cons, SDIVSL supports computers in LD and Policy, but does not see the benefit in Public Forum. As well, we agree that it is our job as coaches/judges to teach kids how to have computers in round while communicating effectively (ex: teaching them not to sit directly behind the screen when reading, so the judge can't see their faces).

b. Single entries?

CHSSA wanted us to report back regarding our feelings on only allowing single entries at the state tournament (debate qualifiers would no longer be able to compete in an IE also). After weighing pros and cons, the coaches represented last night were in favor of single entries.

c. By-law changes

1. Accidental touching in DUO now to be lowered only one rank. 2. TI Scripts should be highlighted in three colors – each source in a different color. 3. Formula for bonus entries changed. See By-laws for details.

d. Congress Resolutions (due to participate in Congress)

Our league has been negligent in getting bills in for State for the past couple of years. In an effort to prevent this, and to alleviate the burden of only a couple of schools writing all the bills for our league, we will now spread the love. All schools competing in Congress will be required to bring three bills to the Varsity tournament and three bills to the Winter tournament. These bills will be used in league tournaments, and some will be forwarded to State and to Nat Quals. The league president will assign topic areas in advance. We will need to update entry forms to reflect this.

e. CHSSA dues * before participation in Winter tournaments?

As a league, the President will now collect CHSSA dues and send them onto Area Chair. If the President and the league are to be held accountable for dues, we need an initial check at the league level. We can't count on CHSSA or the area chair to be vigilant and timely in reporting to us. K. deBoer will make all efforts to collect everyone's check before the December deadline.

As a side note: after much deliberation, CHSSA decided not to sanction our league for allowing teams to compete in quals who did not pay dues. In fact, as a result of our plight, CHSSA is considering changing the by-laws entirely.

2. State Results

3. 2008-9 Schedule

a. Hosts

See Schedule. We are still looking for several hosts.

b. Invitational, anyone? Carlsbad?

A one-day, all-events tournament seems to serve our needs better. Added one to the schedule in November.

c. Reconsideration of Congress.

In order to allow all students to compete in Congress more than once before State Qualls, we agreed to try having Congress on the Fridays of IE tournaments. This will cost the league an additional \$450 during the course of the season, but some of that expense will be recovered in additional entries. We realize this also may make it more difficult for schools to host. At the end of the season, we will re-evaluate, to see if we want to carry this forward. *We never talked about whether or not this means that we will count Congress as an IE in our "Competitor of the Year" Contests...

d. November "All-Events" Tournament?

See Above.

4. Tournament Details

a. Extemp Topics: order from state guy?

We discussed trying to be more in line with State and Nats. Nothing conclusive was decided. Todd mentioned that he can make all our lives easier by "borrowing" topics from the college tournaments. We'll look into topic areas that the NFL uses, and try to line up more closely with them.

b. How to allocate trophies

Everyone is still in support of our previous decision. However, more discussion is needed regarding the State Qualls Sweeps. We tabled this discussion until Fall.

c. Parli Rules

We'll wait to hear something final from CHSSA and follow their guidelines. We are in favor of additional resources being allowed in prep, as long as prepared cases and outlines are not included.

d. Topics: PF and LD

We tabled this discussion. We want to think more fully about when we switch topics and how that will benefit the league. We discussed the possibility of exercising our autonomy and switching LD topics at the Jan/Feb. switch. This wasn't discussed last night, but Nats Qualls will probably now be at the end of Feb. As such, we really should have our kids practiced in the Jan/Feb topic. See our schedule – come with suggestions in September.

e. Responses to Speaker of the Year/ Debater of the Year?

All positive. We discussed what to do if the same kid wins both. The suggestion was made that we recognize the student, but only give him/her one scholarship. The second scholarship would go to the 2nd place student with the most sweeps; so, if the IE 2nd place has higher total sweeps amassed than the Debate 2nd place, the scholarship goes to the IE 2nd place.

*We also revisited the idea that it may be time to raise fees: \$8 per single event, \$16 for pairs. All at the meeting were in agreement. Any comments?

5. Judge Training

a. Notebooks: volunteers?

Jenn volunteered for this one. K. deBoer emailed Nermin to have her send me her instructions in electronic form. We can use and alter these rather than re-create the wheel.

b. Training session at Fall meeting?

Yes. It'd be great to have a couple of student-led break-out sessions during our meeting. We also discussed having some training at the Varsity tournament – new parents could watch a couple of rounds and then attend a question-answer session during Semis or Finals.

6. Offices

Candy noted that hers may be available, depending on her job status. Candy also offered a treasurer's report: we currently have over \$6,000 in our account. Upon this news, we ordered a second round of drinks. (just kidding).