

San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Meeting
Wednesday, June 13, 2007
5:00 pm
El Torito Restaurant, La Mesa

Roll call: Vic Bianchini, Mt. Carmel; Minnia Curtis, Carlsbad; Danielle Delahunty, Marian Catholic; Krista deBoer, La Costa Canyon (Treasurer); Thomas Gomes, Mt. Miguel; Candace Hamilton, La Jolla; Amanda Jens, Poway; Katie McMillan, Poway; Gregg Osborn, Helix Charter (President); Jennifer Osborn, Helix Charter; Tricia Steiner, El Camino; Jessica Young, La Costa Canyon; Guest, Bill Smelko.

Absent: Ashley Bahner, Canyon Crest; Chris Drake, Torrey Pines; Donald Etheridge, Rancho Buena Vista; Augustus Garcia, Santa Fe Christian; Brooke Gonzales, Vista; Brad Ho, Oceanside; Linsey Kitchens, Grossmont; Kerri Leonard, San Dieguito Academy; Jane Lopez, Rancho Bernardo; Andara Macdonald, Holtville; David Moseley, The Bishop's School; Tim Sheehan, Our Lady of Peace

I. Call to Order

G. Osborn called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm

II. Roll Call

G. Osborn noted the coaches present. He also noted proxies being carried for K. Leonard, J. Lopez, D. Etheridge.

III. Reports

A. CSSC Winter Meeting Information

1. 2007 State Tournament

G. Osborn noted some of the problems encountered at the 2007 tournament:

- Students “no showed” or spoke in the wrong room – coaches had provided wrong codes or wrote down bad information. These instances were counted as “no shows” and the speakers were given “5”s, regardless of the reason.
- A student competing in HI included added material in the piece. Following semi-finals, another competitor protested. The student was disqualified and that student's scores were removed from all previous rounds. An El Camino speaker was moved into the final semis position, but since semis had run already, he automatically placed 18th.
- Scripts were submitted without title and/or author. All SDIVSL scripts met the requirements.

G. Osborn noted that Poway, Rancho Bernardo and Bishops were due a refund on the judging deposit and that the coaches need to complete a form for that money. He also stated he had ballots for those schools.

G. Osborn noted that if checks for State entry fees are personal checks or from the District, coaches need to be sure that their school's name is somewhere on the actual check so the Tournament officials know for whom the payment is being made.

2. 2008 State Tournament

G. Osborn noted that the 2008 State Tournament will take place April 17-21 at Santa Clara University. This is the same weekend as Passover and there has been some debate around the state regarding this. Coaches may express their opinion for the incoming president to use at the next CSSC meeting in September.

3. 2009 State Tournament

G. Osborn stated that the 2009 Tournament is being planned. Locations being considered are Santa Monica College and Loyola Marymount University.

4. Event DVDs

G. Osborn reminded coaches that last year's event DVD was Expos. Any coach who thinks they are owed an Expos DVD can contact him. Any other coaches wishing to purchase an Expos sample DVD can get them on the CHSSA website for \$15. Original Advocacy is also available.

He explained that Congress was the event taped at the 2007 State Tournament. Any school that pays CHSSA dues will receive the DVD and it will be sent directly to the school, rather than to the League president. The DVD that will be produced at the 2008 tournament will be on Thematic Interp.

5. 2007-2008 Congress Topic Areas

G. Osborn recommended that the incoming president or any coaches enthusiastic about Congress should suggest topic areas for the upcoming year. These areas determine what bills are used/written.

B. Treasurer's Report

K. deBoer stated that there is approximately \$4,000 in the League's account. Most schools have a credit or a zero balance. She recommended League dues remain the same.

IV. New Business

A. Slate of Officers

G. Osborn reminded the coaches that the motion to change the governance structure had been approved at a previous meeting. He noted that the bylaws do not have any descriptions for any of the offices and explained what each office under the new structure should do:

President – Preside (schedule/run meetings; supervise tournaments, either in person or via phone, oversee general operations of the League), serve as the “face” of the League, represent the League at CSSC meetings, serve as one of the executive committee for tournaments (resolve protests).

VP, Debate – Tournament director for Debate tournaments

VP, Individual Events – Tournament director for IE tournaments

Secretary – prepare meeting agendas, take meeting minutes, prepare League roster, prepare materials for tournaments.

Treasurer – Order/manage trophies, collect entry fees, provide financial information to coaches (balances, invoices, etc.)

G. Osborn noted the importance of being committed to the League. He explained that in the past few years, the League has operated in “survival mode” and things have been very lenient as we’ve been trying to build and keep people in offices. He stated that the right people are now in place and experienced enough to take offices and fulfill the duties. The coaches discussed who was interested in which office and the nominations were as follows:

Krista deBoer, President
Kerri Leonard, VP, Debate
Thomas Gomes, VP, IEs
Candace Hamilton, Treasurer
Jennifer Osborn, Secretary

The coaches discussed their hopes for the structure. G. Osborn noted the election is a later agenda item to allow the nominees to confirm their willingness to serve.

B. 2007-2008 SDIVSL Tournament Schedule

G. Osborn noted that a new tournament structure had also been approved at a past meeting. He reminded the coaches that the plan was to have Varsity Debate and Varsity IE tournaments around the same time as the traditional date for the Varsity Tournament, Novice Debate and Novice IE around the same time as the traditional date for the Novice Tournament, then add Winter Debate and Winter IE in early February. They also discussed moving up State Quals to allow more time between Quals and the deadlines for State entries to be completed, paid for, etc.

The coaches discussed the Tournaments. It was decided that at Debate Tournaments, Friday events will be Public Forum, Parli and Congress. Saturday will be LD and Policy. Dates were discussed. Coaches considered issues such as time for case prep, getting students involved, invitationals already scheduled, holidays, etc. The following schedule was decided upon:

Varsity Debate – Sept. 14 and 15, 2007
Varsity IE – Oct. 6, 2007
Novice Debate – Oct. 26 and 27, 2007
Novice IE – Nov. 3, 2007
Winter Debate – Feb. 1 and 2, 2008
Winter IEs – Feb. 9, 2008
Debate Quals – Feb. 22 and 23, 2008
Congress Quals – March 1, 2008
IE Quals – March 7 and 8, 2008

G. Osborn that hosts are needed for each tournament and that the new President will e-mail coaches for hosting. Coaches noted tournaments they would like to host and will check with their school sites.

The coaches discussed new schools that may be joining the League. B. Smelko announced that he had been working with the San Diego Unified School District to get their schools involved with Speech and Debate. He had spoken with an Assistant Superintendent and is working on trainings to help coaches start their teams. He noted that the trainings would be open to any coach and he would inform the League when any dates were set.

K. deBoer noted that La Costa's Winter Classic Tournament may be getting a Tournament of Champions bid, which would help San Diego debate.

C. Formation of ad hoc committee to review Constitution and bylaws

G. Osborn circulated a copy of the current Constitution and bylaws. He noted that the practices have not matched policy, a result of operating in the previously-mentioned "survival mode". To illustrate the point of how outdated the information was, he noted that there was no electronic version prior to the one being circulated. He stated that it will be e-mailed to the entire League.

G. Osborn asked for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee, which he will chair, to review and rewrite the Constitution and bylaws. It is important that this is done because the leagues must submit their bylaws to CHSSA Council because different leagues have different rules and any appeals regarding qualifiers go to CHSSA. T. Steiner, A. Jens and M. Curtis volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee.

D. Election of Officers

G. Osborn reintroduced the slate of officers. All nominees accepted their nominations. J. Osborn motioned to approve the slate of officers, seconded by M. Curtis. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion passed.

G. Osborn asked if there were any other items for discussion. M. Curtis proposed that the manner in which team trophies are awarded be modified so that overall winners are not eligible for the IE or Debate winners so that no team gets two trophies. The coaches discussed the pros and cons of changing the team trophies. It was suggested that Debate Sweepstakes and IE Sweepstakes trophies be eliminated, but that those winners be announced. It was suggested that divisional trophies be based on entry size, rather than school enrollment. T. Steiner expressed concern that changing the structure may set a precedent of lowered expectations. J. Osborn noted that not getting a trophy can serve as motivation to work harder – competitiveness can motivate speakers to work harder to get a team trophy. There was further discussion about whether it was constructive to change the structure. M. Curtis motioned, seconded by K. deBoer, that the team trophy structure be changed to the following: Sweepstakes trophies are awarded to the schools with the top three sweepstakes points totals. Those three schools are then removed from consideration for divisional trophies. Remaining trophies will be "Class Trophies". The remaining schools will be divided into three groups, the number in each group depending on the total number of schools competing at the tournament. The first class will be comprised of the

schools with the most entries, the second class with the next most entries, the third class with the least entries. The Class Trophies will be awarded to the school in each class with the most Sweepstakes points.

Example: 12 schools competing; schools 5, 9 and 11 win the overall sweepstakes. The nine remaining schools are eligible for Class Trophies, with three in each class (9 schools divided by 3 classes = 3 per class). Entry and sweepstakes totals are as follows:

School 1 – 74 entries, 113 pts.	School 7 – 72, 137
School 2 – 36, 124	School 8 – 62, 35
School 3 – 25, 99	School 9 - Sweepstakes
School 4 – 48, 7	School 10 – 14, 33
School 5 – Sweepstakes	School 11 - Sweepstakes
School 6 – 68, 53	School 12 – 11, 2

Class 1

School 1
School 7
School 6

Class 2

School 8
School 4
School 2

Class 3

School 3
School 10
School 12

(Bold, italicized font equals class winner)

Motion passed, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

K. deBoer motioned that the teams with the highest Debate Sweepstakes and the highest IE Sweepstakes be mentioned, seconded by T. Gomes. Motion passed, five in favor, one opposed, four abstentions (3 proxy).

A. Jens proposed that a prep room be provided for Parli debate. The coaches discussed the pros and cons, considering that it would allow for the control of impropriety, but would provide a logistical challenge (enough/big enough rooms, noise levels, etc.).

A. Jens motioned that a Parli Prep room be provided at tournaments, seconded by M. Curtis. Someone would monitor that no coaches assist their teams. The topics should be posted in the room and all prep will take place in the room.

It was noted that it is difficult to keep the teams from talking. K. deBoer expressed the opinion that collaboration is a good thing. M. Curtis noted that was a good point. G. Osborn stated that CHSSA will not address this, as they do not want to police it or deal with the logistics issue. T. Gomes asked if we are hurting our debaters by implementing this. M. Curtis stated if it does not work, it can be changed back at a later time.

Motion passed, six in favor, one opposed, three abstentions (proxies).

VII. Adjournment

G. Osborn adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.