

San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Meeting
Saturday, September 6, 2008
10:00 am
La Costa Canyon High School, Carlsbad

Roll call: Minnia Curtis, Carlsbad; Krista deBoer, La Costa Canyon (President); Kay Flewelling, High Tech High, Chula Vista; Thomas Gomes, Mt. Miguel; Roberto Gonzales, Otay Ranch; Jason Hosfield, La Costa Canyon; Jack Lawrence, La Jolla; Kerri Leonard, San Dieguito Academy (VP, Debate); Todd Newkirk, Dan Dieguito Academy; Gregg Osborn, Helix Charter (Secretary of record); Tim Sheehan, Our Lady of Peace Academy; Chris Smith, Canyon Crest Academy; Tricia Steiner, El Camino; Jill Zendejas, El Camino.

I. Call to Order

K. deBoer called the meeting to order at 10:10 am

II. Roll Call

K. deBoer noted the coaches present.

III. New Business

A. Rules for Flowing Debates

Clarification was made that novices can practice flowing at Varsity Tournament, but other varsity speakers and coaches may not do so.

B. Congress Resolutions

A reminder to all schools planning to compete in Congress at the Winter IE Tournament that you must submit three Congress resolutions.

C. Schedule

The schedule was reviewed. Host schools are needed for Novice IE, Novice Debate and Winter IE. It was noted that Novice Debate is scheduled for Halloween and the coaches discussed the possibility of holding the tournament on Saturday/Sunday instead of Friday/Saturday. It was decided by consensus to keep the dates Friday/Saturday.

D. Debate Topics

LD Topics will change to the Jan/Feb topic for Winter Debate and to the March/April topic for Quals.

Novice Debate will use the October topic for Public Forum.

E. Computers in Policy Rounds

K. deBoer stated that the CSSC will be addressing the use of computers in Policy rounds at the next meeting. They have asked for the opinions of each League. Following a basic poll of the coaches present, K. deBoer will vote for the use of computers in Policy, but not in the other debate events.

F. Parli Debate

K. deBoer announced that, at the State level and for the League, we are moving away from the use of metaphors for Parli topics. Topics will be Value/Policy/Fact based.

Rules regarding materials allowed in the prep room were discussed. In Article XI, Sec. 4c2 of the CHSSA Constitution, it states that students can consult other students, a dictionary, reference materials and prepared notes during the prep time, but not in the rounds. It was also noted that questions (points of information) are allowed in all speeches.

G. Tournament Team Awards

It was clarified that sweepstakes trophies will be awarded as in the past – three overall trophies and three class trophies based on entry size – except at State Quals (decided at the Feb. 08 meeting). At State Quals, there will be one overall trophy, then three top debate trophies and three top IE trophies.

H. Splitting OO/OA at Varsity

G. Osborn asked for clarification as to why the decision was made to split OO and OA at the Varsity tournament, since even the combined event usually has so few entries. The decision was made because of the autoqual and to allow more sweepstakes points to be awarded.

I. Judge Training

K. deBoer reminded the coaches of the judges' training workshop at LCC on Saturday, Sept 27, from 9 am to 2 pm.

K. Topics for Varsity Tournament

Impromptu topics will be provided by the following (please bring to tournament):
Carlsbad – concrete nouns; Helix – quotes; El Camino – current events; San Dieguito – abstracts.