

San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Meeting
Saturday, September 8, 2007
11:00 am
La Costa Canyon High School, Carlsbad

Roll call: Minnia Curtis, Carlsbad; Krista deBoer, La Costa Canyon (President); Chris Drake, Torrey Pines; Augustus Garcia, Santa Fe Christian; Thomas Gomes, Mt. Miguel; Candace Hamilton, La Jolla; Brad Ho, Oceanside; Amanda Jens, Poway; Kerri Leonard, San Dieguito Academy (VP, Debate); Jane Lopez, Rancho Bernardo; Andara Macdonald, Holtville ; Katie McMillan, Poway; Suzanne Munsell, Area Chair; Gregg Osborn, Helix Charter; Jennifer Osborn, Helix Charter (Secretary); Tim Sheehan, Our Lady of Peace Academy; Tricia Steiner, El Camino; Jessica Young, La Costa Canyon; Jill Zendejas, El Camino; Guest – Brett Banducci.

I. Call to Order

G. Osborn called the meeting to order at 11:10 am

II. Roll Call

K. deBoer noted the coaches present.

III. New Business

A. Tournaments

1. Varsity

Varsity Debate is next weekend. For Varsity, Debate tournament is two days, IE is one day.

K. deBoer explained the difference between a Varsity debater and a Varsity speaker. A Varsity speaker is any student who has competed in any tournament whether debate, congress or IE. A Varsity debater is any speaker who has competed in debate. So a Varsity speaker can be a Novice debater, but a Varsity debater cannot be a Novice speaker. Mixed debate teams and mixed duos (one Varsity, one Novice) are considered Varsity.

M. Curtis noted that CHSSA doesn't recognize Varsity/Novice. A. McDonald noted that SDIVSL bylaws were revised in 1997 to allow Novice debaters.

2. Topics

K. deBoer asked that coaches sign up for creating topics prior to the tournaments so we aren't scrambling to get people to do them the week of the tournament.

Do not share topics with your students, or allow them to write them (for Parli, Extemp and Impromptu).

LD topics are available at www.nflonline.org. The first topic will be used until Feb. 1. (Invitationals may vary). Public Forum will have a new topic every month.

3. Hosting

We still need hosts for several tournaments. Helix will check for Novice Debate.

Everyone discussed preference for IE Quals (League school vs. Grossmont College). The general consensus was to use a League school, and that other schools in that area could help recruit community judges.

4. Entries

Debate entries are to be submitted to Kerri Leonard (kerri.leonard@sduhsd.net). IE entries go to Thomas Gomes (tgomes@guhsd.net).

K. Leonard stated that entries for Varsity Debate are due by Monday at 3:30 pm and the drop date is Wednesday at 3:30 pm (fees are final at that time). Entries can be sent by fax (on invite) or by e-mail. Congress bills were sent out yesterday. Parli topics can be submitted up until the day of the tournament. Any topics sent and not used will be held for future tournaments. She noted that there is heavy traffic on her campus after 3:10, so arrive early. Coaches/tab will be in room 74; judges will be in room 72. We will run registration until 3:30, then post topics at 3:40 pm. Judges and tab rooms won't be available until 3:15 pm.

T. Gomes noted that entries for the IE tournament are due on Monday the 17th and drops will be taken until Wednesday the 19th – after that, there will be no fee adjustments. He asked about Extemp and Impromptu topics. K. deBoer noted that we are working on sign ups. T. Gomes noted the importance of reporting drops – arrive early and let him know of any drops to keep the tournament running smoothly.

M. Curtis asked if all her students are competing on Friday, does she need to provide judges on Saturday? No, but we may run into a problem with usable judges because of the break down of the entries. G. Osborn stated that we haven't required the host school to provide judges, but maybe we could look into it. T. Sheehan noted his ongoing problem with bringing judges who are rarely used. It was explained that a few of his judges can be used, but they need to be available in the judges' room before each round.

5. Coaches' duties

Coaches are assigned jobs in tab, or elsewhere. Secure other judges for your school, as coaches cannot count as the school's judge.

6. Computers

Computers cannot be used during policy rounds or for files during extemp. D. Etheridge commented that in Parli, if speakers use information that they just know, it has to be relatively common knowledge to not be cited. Students can use reference materials in the prep room – a dictionary and the Constitution. K. deBoer said she would check on the rules.

A. McDonald noted that if the group felt it was useful and if it's used in the NFL, we may want to decide to use computers. K. deBoer noted that there are a lot of new kids and they have just been asking in each round – if everyone in the room is ok with it, they have been using them.

G. Osborn noted that there has been a lot of discussion at CSSC. He will look at the minutes.

K. deBoer noted that the problem is that kids can access the internet during rounds instead of preparing ahead of time. Also, some kids have computers and some don't. B. Banducci stated that in CA, urban areas have been able to remain competitive because computers aren't allowed. There are reasons to not allow computers.

7. Parli Prep

Coaches again raised the issue of a prep room for Parli so coaches can't help their students prep (approved at June meeting). G. Osborn stated that CSSC decided not to do this. It was noted that in a prep room, the teams will hear the other teams talking and will know the angle they are taking. K. deBoer suggested an Aff prep room and a Neg prep room. K. Leonard noted issues with logistics. G. Osborn stated he wouldn't want his students in a prep room. J. Young noted that at some point, the students would learn that they have to be quiet when prepping. G. Osborn stated that at some point, we have to rely on the ethics of the students and coaches. In IEs, nothing except ethics keeps a coach from writing a student's Oratory. A. MacDonald noted that a team theoretically should be able to pin their case to a wall for everyone to review – they should be able to present and defend their case. K. deBoer stated that we decided that coaches can't help their teams prep. If they are in a room, that is truly their prep. If there are logistical problems, it will be ok to prep around the campus. Talking to other students is not that big an advantage. A. MacDonald stated that we simply need to agree that coaches won't help. M. Curtis suggested to try a room at one tournament and see if it works. C. Drake noted that Aff needs more prep, so they could prep inside and Neg could prep outside. J. Young noted that at Varsity, it is important that the Novices see the prep and Neg is harder to prep. K. McMillan stated her students were excited about a prep room because they felt at a disadvantage because coaches were helping. (No motion – June decision stands.)

8. Congress Resolutions

The League is responsible for writing Resolutions for the State Tournament, as well as for our League tournaments. K. deBoer will provide everyone with a guide for writing Resolutions.

B. New Area Chair

K. deBoer introduced the new Area IV Chair, Suzanne Munsell. S. Munsell stated that we are welcome to contact her any time. She is the coach at Esperanza HS. She can be reached at smunsell@pylusd.org. Her mailing address is 1830 North Kellogg Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807.

C. Judge Training

It was suggested that all judges be trained using the same materials, maybe with a one day training for all schools, instead of each school doing their own. For returning judges, we could provide exhibitions for events they may not have been exposed to, and new judges could receive overall training. A. Jens suggested sharing materials and do a

training next season. K. Leonard noted that one of her parents had prepared packets. She hoped to have 10 prepared by the tournament.

San Dieguito Academy is having their training on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm in room 120. La Costa Canyon is having theirs on Oct. 1 at 6 pm in room 711. All schools are welcome to send their judges to either of these trainings. A. MacDonald noted that speakers should be taped this year to use for next year's training – the recording can then be started and stopped to allow for comments, etc. K. deBoer noted that the anxiety for most judges lies in not knowing how to run the round.

D. Treasurer's Report

C. Hamilton reminded the coaches to pay their CHSSA dues (\$60). J. Lopez noted that her school needs an invoice in order to pay. C. Hamilton will provide invoices.

IV. Adjournment

K. deBoer adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.