

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of June 6, 2017 Meeting

The Speech Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at the NSAA Office. Debra Velder, Associate Director of the NSAA, chaired the meeting. The mission of the committee was to develop the 2017-18 Speech judge's exam, and review the Speech Judge's Manual.

Committee members present were Matt Davis, Lincoln East; Matt Heimes, Lincoln Southwest; Aaron Liebel, Fairbury; Quinton Lyons, Columbus Lakeview; Luann Frauendorfer, Battle Creek; Kaitlyn Clark, Gothenburg, Amanda Davidson, McCook; and Claudia Loomis, Bridgeport. Ex-officio members included NSAA staff members Debra Velder and Cindy Callaway.

The committee formulated questions for the 2017-18 Speech judge's exam.

The committee discussed the following issues:

1. Updating the speech ballots to include specific writing areas for judge's to specify "Areas of Strength" and "Areas for Improvement". Much discussion centered on a specific 'Reason for Decision' portion but it was the feeling of the committee that the two areas will provide the feedback warranted.
2. Tie-breaker alternatives
3. The publication links required in Humorous and Serious on the district entry.
4. Requesting registered NSAA judges to provide judging paradigms.
5. Implementing a parade of medalist at the State Speech Championships prior to the awards ceremony.
6. Review of the 218 NSAA State Speech Championship schedule with the addition of a 3rd round for Class A.
7. State Speech Championship speaking rooms.
8. Implementing SpeechWire at all district speech contests as well at the state championship.
9. The Speech Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 and the possibility of broadcasting the event on Face Book Live.
10. Student Input Survey.
11. Legislative changes for the upcoming school year.
12. Cellphones in the extemporaneous prep room.
13. Eliminate judge's writing comments on the ballot.
14. Defining a novice speaker as a first year competitor.
15. The need for a Jury of Appeals or an Ombudsman at the State Speech Championships.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Debra Velder, Associate Director