



SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

March 16, 2009

The following were present for the meeting: Ken Bradbury, Special Consultant, Arenzville; Mary Nelson, Dunlap, Coach; Noma Simpson, Lexington, Coach; Larry Weber, Peoria Hollis, Coach; Julie Nelson, Braidwood Reed-Custer; and Janet Kracht, Findlay Okaw Valley, Coach. Not present for the meeting was James Bunting, Watseka Glenn Raymond, Board Liaison.

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting of March 16, 2009, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its April 3, 2009 meeting:

To make the following changes to the IESA Speech Terms & Conditions and By-laws:

1. **New definition of Storytelling:** The student will tell a story from his/her own life experience, from folk literature, from his/her family's oral tradition, or from any other source. Storytelling is unique from most other contest events in that it should have a very spontaneous quality encouraging audience participation/interaction.

The presentation should have a clear beginning, middle, and end, and demonstrate the customary attributes of characterization, stage presence, body and facial expression, articulation, pronunciation, fluency, and eye contact.

The presentation may include multiple characters and sound effects. **PASSED**

RATIONALE: The new definition provides better direction to judges and coaches as to the expectations and requirements of the event.

2. **Addition of a new adjudication criteria:** Staging- to be added as a criteria for all events

RATIONALE: Important part of speech performances. It is common for judges to look for this element and should be included on the adjudication forms. **PASSED**

3. **Removal of an adjudication criteria:** Understanding of Selection **PASSED**

RATIONALE: The inclusion of the criteria is no longer applicable because of existing by-laws.

4. **Change the wording of bylaw 2.128:** "...No coach serving as a judge shall judge students from his or her own school..." **PASSED**

RATIONALE: The by-law was never intended to restrict hosts from being able to hire community members or teachers within their school to judge contest.

5. Increase the workshop registration fee to \$40.00. **PASSED**

RATIONALE: Raise the fee in order to meet rising facility costs.

Committee Discussion:

- Contest Review
- Props
- Judge Representatives
- Member recruitment
- Recognition program

Points of Emphasis for 2009-10:

1. Audience Protocol
2. Problems on Contest Day
3. Workshop- September 18, 2009
4. Props
5. Judging and award inflation
6. Adjudication Criteria

Mary Nelson, Janet Kracht, and Lora Smith were recognized for their service to the Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2010.