



**Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 30, 2013
Minutes and Recommendations**

The following members were present for the meeting: Moderator: Jack Small, Ann Sullivan; Coaches: Amy Mercer, Sparland Midland; Alison Wirth, Paris Mayo; Julie Quinn, Manteno; Marian Cash, Paris Crestwood; Mark Grant, Petersburg PORTA JHS; and Administrator: Timothy Haupt, Barrington Station.

Introductions were made and a review of the role of the advisory committee took place. The IESA Scholastic Bowl Advisory Committee, in its meeting of May 30, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June 14, 2013 meeting:

Recommendation #1: To add to the Terms and Conditions the following:

Five-team regional for round-robin competition in pools are as follows:

	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>
Pool A	1-4	1-4	1-4 (If Necessary)	A Winner
				vs.
Pool B	2-3 5-BYE	2-5 3-BYE	3-5 2-BYE	B Winner

Rationale: Currently, if there is a five-team regional, it is set-up in a round-robin format. A five team regional with this type of format takes at least 5 hours to complete. Therefore, every effort is made to avoid the initial assigning of five-team regionals. However, when a six team regional has a school drop their entry, a five team regional has now been created. The proposed new format for pool play in a five team regional allows schools to conduct the regional in four rounds, similar to that of a six-team regional, instead of five rounds. The number one seed would play the number four seed in a best of three competition to decide the winner of Pool A while pool B would be played in the traditional three team pool format. Host interest may increase because the time it takes to complete a five team regional will be shortened by at least one hour. **Board Action - Approved**

Recommendation #2: To add to the Terms and Conditions and to revise IESA By-Law 4.146 as follows:

Schools participating in a scholastic bowl competition using IESA rules may conduct their first contest no earlier than Monday of week 30 in the standardized calendar. A school must schedule a minimum of three scholastic bowl matches (using IESA scholastic bowl rules) prior to the regional tournament date. Participating schools will be seeded using only the results of matches where IESA scholastic bowl rules were followed. Schools may participate in outside academic competitions at any time during the school year. Results of outside academic competitions shall not be reflected when listing the team's season record for the online regional seeding procedure. There is not a maximum number of season contest limitations.

Rationale: The IESA scholastic bowl state series is based on the scholastic bowl rules and regulations developed by the IESA. Therefore, the seeding process should reflect only those matches conducted under the IESA scholastic bowl format. Other academic competitions (NAQT, Science Olympiad, etc.) should not be incorporated in a team's season record when listing that record for seeding purposes because those competitions do not follow the IESA scholastic bowl rules. This will alleviate, to some degree, the large disparity between team records when they are entered for regional seeding purposes.

Board Action - Approved

Recommendation #3: To change rule 3-4-1b2 of the IESA scholastic bowl rule book as follows: If an individual preempts the moderator's reading of a toss-up question and answers incorrectly, the moderator can choose to continue the question at a reasonable place prior to the point of interruption for the rebounding team.

Rationale: This allows the moderator to avoid rereading an entire question if they don't believe it benefits the rebounding team. **Board Action - Approved**

POE

1. Qualified Scorers and Timers
2. Room Set-up
3. New Moderator Interest

Additional Items Discussed:

1. The 2013 State Series received positive feedback, highlighted by the questions provided by Questions Galore and the state tournament lockout system provided by Slammer.
2. Explanation of how assignments are made by the IESA.
3. Increasing moderator interest/participation was discussed, with the idea of incorporating moderator training workshops around Illinois. Moderators who may have a conflict of interest was discussed.
4. Rule Book
 - a. Accepting answers written only in question sets and not be allowed to accept other answers was discussed with no changes made.
 - b. Giving answers in the form of "pi" or "decimals".
 - c. Special right triangle questions were discussed and no changes were made.
 - d. Toss-up questions too long/difficult? The committee requested less overlapping to high school questions.
5. The 2013 IESA Scholastic Bowl Workshop was discussed:
 - a. Review of 2012 Program
 - b. Signup fee for 2013 - **\$50.00**
 - c. Themes were discussed
 - d. Incorporation of a session to train moderators will be instituted. Those who wish to attend **ONLY** the moderator training session will not be charged a fee to attend the workshop.

Pairings were drawn for the 2014 IESA Scholastic Bowl State Finals:

Class A

Pool A **D, F, G, H**

Pool B **A, B, C, E**

Class AA

Pool A **A, C, D, E**

Pool B **B, F, G, H**

Recognition of Service: Alison Wirth, Amy Mercer and Ann Sullivan have completed their three year commitment to the Advisory Committee. Their dedication to the activity and the IESA is greatly appreciated.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2014