



SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

January 15, 2014

The following were present for the meeting: Ken Bradbury, Special Consultant, Arenzville; Rob Blackburn, Spring Bay Riverview; Shayla Grantham, Dunlap Valley, Coach; and Steve Williams, Chatham Glenwood. Not present for the meeting was Ginny Moore, Sparland Midland, Coach; and Kathy Martin, Niles Gemini, Coach; Stacey Worrell, Jacksonville Our Saviour, Coach.

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting of January 15, 2014, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its January 25, 2014 meeting:

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

1. To make the following changes to Team Improv:
 - a. Eliminate the requirement of providing a facilitator.
 - b. Change the adjudication criteria from audience interaction to spontaneity.
 - c. Add the use of a maximum of five chairs as allowable props for the activity.
 - d. Change the time limit to a maximum of 12 minutes.

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RATIONALE: After the first year of the event being offered to all teams, it was evident that additional "tweaking" was needed.

2. To make the following changes regarding Judges:
 - a. Hosts should schedule judges for a paid thirty minute meal.
 - b. Change the published judging philosophy to- "The Speech Advisory Committee continually evaluates the consistency of ratings throughout the state every year. A guideline for judges to keep in mind as they evaluate performances is that a solid performance that meets the adjudication criteria for the event deserves a Division I rating. It is important to appropriately recognize those performances that are meeting the published adjudication criteria."

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RATIONALE: The proposed change to the lunch period provides a consistent guideline for hosts in regard to scheduling and payment. The change to the adjudication philosophy reflects a concern from coaches regarding the existing rating philosophy which is perceived to be more stringent when awarding Division I ratings.

3. To make the following general rule changes:
 - a. To add to 4.087 (Props)- Inadvertent contact with an object in the room, such as a chair, wall, etc. will not be constituted as the use of a prop.
 - b. To eliminate audience interaction as an adjudication criteria from all events with the exception of Storytelling.
 - c. To add to 4.087 (Time Limits)- The contestants shall be timed from the first spoken word- including the title, author, and introduction- or stage movement.

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RATIONALE: The proposed changes provide coaches and judges with more specific performance guidelines.

Selections were made for the Coach award program:

Distinguished Service Award - Lynn Stehlick, Bradley Central

Class Act Award - Lisa Simpsen, Normal Epiphany

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Committee Discussion:

- Contest Review
- Adjudication Criteria
- Terms and Conditions
- Judge Instructions
- Host Instructions
- Team Improv
- Workshop

Points of Emphasis for 2014-15:

1. Coaches should remind students to keep their Improvisational content appropriate.
2. Terms and Condition changes

3. Rating Philosophy
4. Team Improv
5. Recognition Program
6. Hosts should assign Team Improv events to judges who are comfortable with the event.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2015.