



SPEECH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

January 13, 2016

The following were present for the meeting: Ken Bradbury, Special Consultant, Arenzville; Rob Blackburn, Spring Bay Riverview, Coach; Shayla Grantham, Dunlap Valley, Coach; Molly Nixon, Normal Epiphany, Coach; Stacey Worrell, Jacksonville Our Saviour, Coach; Trish Ballard, Germantown Hills, Coach; Diana Sherman, Opdyke-Belle Rive, Coach; and Kim DesLauriers, Morris ICS, Administrator. Not present for the meeting was Angela Marcum, Champaign Judah, Coach.

The IESA Speech Advisory Committee, in its meeting of January 13, 2016, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its January 22, 2016 meeting:

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

1. To make the following rule changes:

a. To add to 4.088 Ratings and Awards-

Current: A "Judge's Choice" ranking shall be given by each judge to two overall performances from those selections the judge has evaluated. This ranking shall be in addition to any award the individuals have received. Those individuals receiving the ranking shall be given a certificate.

Proposed: A "Judge's Choice" ranking shall be given by each judge to a maximum of two performances from those selections the judge has evaluated that day. ~~All eligible performances may be selected for this ranking.~~ **Performances receiving a Division I rating may be selected for this ranking.** The ranking shall be in addition to any award the individual(s) have received. Those individuals receiving the ranking shall be given a certificate. **PASSED WITH NOTED CHANGES.**

RATIONALE: All performances, regardless of final rating and/or potential violations, are eligible to receive a Judge's Choice ranking.

b. 4.086- Individual Limitations-

Current: Qualified students are eligible to participate in the IESA State Speech Contest in any combination of up to three different events. To be eligible to participate in Team Improv, students must also perform a scripted event.

Proposed: Qualified students are eligible to participate in the IESA State Speech Contest in any combination of up to three events. Students may participate in multiple performances in the same scripted event within the maximum. To be eligible to participate in Team Improv, students must also perform a scripted event. **PASSED**

RATIONALE: Allow students to perform more than one script in the same event. In the past, students could only enter one performance in each event. This allowance will only apply to scripted events. Improvisational events will only be allowed one entry in the same event per performer.

c. 4.085 Small Group Events Team Improv-

Current: ...The judge shall select a game to be played by the team from the approved list.

Proposed: ...The judge shall select the participants and game to be played by the team from the approved list. **PASSED.**

RATIONALE: Having the judge select the participants for each game retains the element of improvisation.

d. 4.083 Duet Events-

Current: ...Presentations must have direct dialogue or conversation between the two contestants portraying no more than two characters, who may speak to off-stage characters or to silent characters... [Note to Instructors: Check your reading carefully for additional characters.]

Proposed: ... Presentations must have direct dialogue or conversation between the two contestants portraying any number of characters, who may speak to off-stage characters or to silent characters... [Note removed] **PASSED.**

RATIONALE: Greater freedom for actors and for the selection of scripts.

e. 4.087 General Contest Regulations-

Current: At no time may contestants stand on tables or chairs during a performance.

Proposed: At no time may contestants stand on tables during a performance. **DIED NO MOTION.**

RATIONALE: The ability of performers to use chairs in many different ways is central to many scripts.

Selections were made for the Coach award program:

Distinguished Service Award – Kathy Brake, Fisher

Class Act Award – No nominees

Committee Discussion:

- Contest Review
- Event review
- Terms and Conditions
- Judge Instructions
- Host Instructions
- Team Improv
- Workshop
- Film Festival

Points of Emphasis for 2016-17:

1. Props.
2. Terms and Condition changes
3. Rating Philosophy
4. Team Improv- Review games

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Angela Marcum was thanked for her service to the Committee and to the membership.