

MFEA Spring Meeting-March 18-20, 2010

Bozeman, MT

Thursday, 3/18

Libby Oliver, President, called meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed (see notes)

Committee rosters were reviewed and updated as needed.

Committee chair need to pick up folders which include agenda, committee rosters, other papers that each committee needs to review. Please check all of your contact information on the roster to insure accuracy. Please mark whether you are standing or interim committee member.

2010-11 meet schedule reviewed.

-reminder to all that scheduling a meet is a commitment to host the meet;

-send letter with principal's signature to confirm scheduled meet.

Purpose of Class A meeting earlier in the afternoon:

MHSA knew that there were issues that needed to be tackled. This meeting was a discussion to inform ADs & principals and to give MHSA an idea of how things are going. There were no decisions or voting issues. Joanne Austin called the meeting and invited representatives from around the state for this discussion. Many ADs & principals don't have any idea of what is going on with Speech/Debate/Drama. This was a meeting to inform members of each body as to what is going on with our organization & events.

Meeting adjourned.

Friday, 3/19 morning session:

Libby welcomed everyone & introduced officers:

Bonny Ortner, who will be taking over as president.

Kari Blaylock, Treasurer.

-Reminders: reception at 7:00 with or d'oeuvres & desserts followed by coach of the year & Hall of fame programs in small banquet room

-Review of committee meetings & locations.

-Committee chairs have a folder with agenda. Please make sure that you write legibly so that information can be read accurately.

All are welcome to attend all meetings you do have a voice but follow proper protocol at meeting. Please be on time for committee meetings.

Remember that all business to come before the body must go through a committee first. All votes will be on Sat. & votes will be 2/3 of the body present so we will count those present who have paid their dues. We will reconvene at 4:00 pm.

Friday, 3/19 Afternoon-4:00pm

Libby called meeting to order.

-Reminder about schedule tonight. Program will begin at 7:30

-Purpose of pm meeting: to hear State tournament reports.

-After this meeting, BC needs to reconvene; Drama committee will meet at 6:00

-Meet Schedule was reviewed. BC is still working on who's going to host state.

State tournament reports

AA State - James Maxwell.

Held at Bozeman HS January 29-30. All 14 AA schools in attendance

Things went fairly smoothly, no protest were placed.

Placing: 1st - Bozeman; 2nd - Glacier; 3rd - Flathead

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried.

A State –Doug McConnaha

Corvallis Schools hosted the 2010 Class A state Tournament

21 schools participated

Speech Sweeps: 1st – Columbia Falls; 2nd – Billings Central; 3rd- Whitefish

Drama Sweeps: 1st-Corvallis; 2nd-Polson; 3rd - Libby

399 individual students slots (out of a possible 456), which shows that double entries did accomplish what it was intended: to increase competition.

52 students were double-entered; 14 doubled entered students double placed.

Speech – 149 entries; Drama – 126 entries; Policy-16 entries; LD-24 entries; Total 315 out of 360 possible.

Survived 4 rules protest

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

BC State– Matt Stugios

Thank you to coaches who stepped up to the plate especially my wife. Theresa did a magnificent job of hosting. The coaches were helpful and positive. Over 320 kids from 55 schools competed. Some rules protests, 1 student disqualified

Class C Drama: 1st-Gardiner; 2nd-White Sulphur Springs; 3rd-Great Falls Central

Class B Drama: 1st – Colstrip; 2nd – Manhattan; 3rd – Glasgow

Class C Speech: 1st –Gardiner; 2nd – White Sulphur Springs; 3rd – Culbertson

Class B Speech: 1st –Loyola; 2nd –Forsythe; 3rd – Broadwater County, Townsend.

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

-Hall of Fame committee not meeting this year.

-Education committee will meet in the back.

-BC needs to meet in Main hall

-Reminder from Short Prep committee to submit used topics to Alex Rosenleaf contact will be put on the MHSA website.

Friday, 3/19- Awards & Hall of Fame banquet.

AA Coach of the year: Libby Oliver, Sentinel High

A Speech Coach of the year: Tara Norick, Columbia Falls

A Drama Coach of the year: Doug McConnaha, Corvallis

B Speech Coach of the year: Matt Stergios, Loyola

B Drama Coach of the year: Kari Blaylock,

C Speech Coach of the year: Nancy Heggen

C Speech Coach of the year: Kathy Sulser

MFEA Hall of Fame Inductee Bernie Quilico, Billings.

Saturday 3/20

Special presentation introduced by James Maxwell.

NOMKOO project spoke of opportunity to forensics out of the competitive arena and put in a different perspective. NFL Goal is to get forensics in the community.

Martha Jo Reeder: Nomkhubulawane NONKOO – Zulu for elephant goddess. NOMKOO project will be in MT in August & September & is out of South Africa. Contact through James at Bozeman High School. He will see about putting contact link on MHSHA website.

MFEA FINACIAL REPORT ~ Kari Blaylock, Treasurer.

Checking Balance: 3/26/09	\$6885.55
Deposits: MFEA Coaches dues & reception	\$3410.00
	\$ 750.00
Total Deposits: <u>\$4160.00</u>	

	Subtotal:	\$11,045.55
Expenses:	Scholarships { 1@\$100.00}	\$ 200.00
	Miscellaneous (stamps) 7/21/10	\$ 44.00
	Total Expenses:	<u>\$324.50</u>
Balance as of March 17, 2010		<u>\$10,801.55</u>
Anticipated expenses:		
	Awards (reimbursed to Libby Oliver)	\$ 80.00
	Salaries/Stipend	\$ _____
	Spring Meeting Expenses	\$ _____
MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2 nd motion carried		

MOTION: Move to add to **Article VI. Committees** Section 2: Committee membership will be restricted to one member per school. *“The scholarship committee shall include the MFEA treasurer as a permanent member.”* Rationale: The Scholarship committee needs to know the financial status of the organization and the funds available to distribute for yearly to the scholarship recipients. 2nd. Discussion. Rational: Constitution restricts how many committees a person can serve on Move to amend: add ‘*regardless of school affiliation*’. Motion carried.

MOTION: Move to change: **Article VI. Committees** Section 1: CURRENT LANGUAGE -- *There shall be six event committees: Rules, Short Prep, Debate, Interpretation, Drama and Memorized; and FOUR special committees: Hall of Fame, Nominations, Education and Scholarship. As necessary, the President may create ad hoc committees to deal with issues affecting the body.* 2nd. Motion carried

MOTION: Move to add to Article III. Election and Terms of Office; Section II. The treasurer shall be elected in alternate years (from President/Vice President). (2006) *“The treasurer may be re-elected to unlimited terms at the acceptance of the nominee and discretion of the MFEA body.”* 2nd. Discussion

Doug: This was discussed in Interim meeting that it is already allowed constitutionally. It says treasurer can run every 2 years. There is not term limitation.

Kari- The amount of time putting things back together, transfer of accounts, signatures etc. we were not operating legally with proper EIN etc.

~This statement just clarifies without changing the constitution.

Kari-Withdraw motion.

Libby-Kari was thanked for her work.

MOTION: Bonnie Ortner-Huntley Project moved to pay treasurer a stipend \$200 a year for the work s/he does throughout the year. 2nd. Rational: s/he works her butt off & deserves it. Motion carried.

AA INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT – Libby Oliver

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

*Tonia Fischer Clark (A division) condolence card passed around

Alex Rosenleaf (Great Falls CMR) – Parliamentarian

Libby Oliver (Sentinel) – motion to accept State AA report - seconded

James Maxwell (Bozeman) State on 29th and 30th of January – no issues, no protests – Overall – sweepstakes – Bozeman 1st, Glacier 2nd, Flathead 3rd –

State report accepted – motion carried

Libby Oliver (Sentinel High School) – motion to replace committee members – seconded

Rule committee nominations: Roger McCullough – Butte High School; Sam Trammell – Big Sky High School

Motion for a voice vote – second 9 votes for Roger 4 votes for Sam Roger accepts spot on Rule Committee

Debate committee nominations: Andrea Christen (Billings Skyview); Sam Trammell; Josh Munro (Glacier)

Motion for a voice vote – 2nd -Sam – 6 votes; Andrea – 5 votes; Josh – 9 votes

Sam and Josh accept spot on Debate Committee

Memorized committee nominations: Kandi Stone (Great Falls CMR)

Motion for voice vote – 2nd **Kandi accepts spot on Memorized Committee**

Short Prep committee nominations: Alex Rosenleaf

Motion for a voice vote – 2nd **Alex accepts spot on Short Prep committee**

Hall of fame replacements tabled

Scholarship Committee – Kerry Gruizenga (Billings Skyview) elected as chairperson for scholarship committee

Motion to close Committee assignments – seconded – carried .

Libby Oliver – motion to discuss proposed business items – seconded

1. Double entry clarification for class A and BC

Mike Christensen (6c on proposed items) – speaker will speak as close to their original position – no farther away than two spots. Tournament director has final say.

No major vote at AA level – more firming of the language.

2. Changes to constitution – adding scholarship committee as a special committee (making 4) adding the treasurer as a permanent member of the scholarship committee, and treasurer can be re-elected for unlimited terms at discretion of the body.

Libby Oliver moves to discuss changes – seconded – carried – AA will support changes.

3. Ryan Stavnes (Helena High) – discusses his proposal that all school move to e-mail check in at all tournaments.

LouAnn Foley (Billings Skyview) – questions if this is something that needs to be voted on

Greg Adkins (Glacier) – making sure schools check in and tournament director clarifies when everyone needs to check in

Alex Rosenleaf – proposal is not a necessary rule change –

Libby Oliver – perhaps not for State

Oliver Nordlund (Missoula Hellgate) – State is a tournament where there should NOT be an electronic check in – other tournaments not a problem.

Josh Munro – Are we doing Joy of Tournaments?

Libby Oliver – has emailed Brent Hinkle – (joy of tournaments god) three times and has not heard back – discussions of whether Joy of Tournaments is economically feasible – we also need to run it as a few tournaments before NFL – if NFL is requiring we use Joy of Tournaments. Joy of Tournaments has a great deal of costs but is a better program than currently in use. Proposal to institute a \$10 tabbing fee for each tournament from each school to help offset the costs of the program. Also need to discuss with Brent if he can adjust the program to reflect how Montana tournaments are conducted.

3. Ryan Stavnes proposal – Early out for schools that host State

- a. **Libby Oliver** – something we cannot decided – but we need to go to AD’ and let them know this is something we all want to pursue. Coaches need to get on planning/calendar committees for your school to raise awareness. It will probably take us 5 years of working with AD’s, Principals and calendar committee’s to make this happen. Since each school knows when they are hosting state they can help plan ahead a little.
- b. **Alex Rosenleaf** – as spoken with his AD
- c. **James Maxwell** – they were unable to get an early out – heard the same thing Libby mentioned – that is a process we have to all go through.
- d. **Roger Mcullough – Butte** will be unable to ever due and early out due to contract issues
- e. **Greg Adkins** – we have always had an early out – but must work with AD’s and committees and such.
- f. **Libby Oliver** – can try to work within your own schedules to work around the issue of the extra debate round – early out is preferable – but being creative with scheduling is a way to get around that.

STATE ROTATION: 2008 Missoula

2009 Billings

2010 Bozeman

2011 Great Falls

2012 Helena

2013 Butte

2014 Kalispell

Motion to close discussion of electronic discussion – seconded – passed

4. Motion to accept formalized proposal from Greg Adkins to make binders optional in HOI and SOI

1. **Libby Oliver** – JoAnne Austin worries about language to make sure we are not adding events - wants to make sure we just adjust language in an appropriate way.
2. **LouAnn Foley** – language ‘movement allowed?’
3. **Greg Adkins** – no problem with changing the language – worries it will not pass.
4. **Libby Oliver** – thinks it will pass

5. **Alex Rosenleaf** – this proposal still has to go through the interp committee
6. **LouAnne Foley** – we can propose it here in this body because it is a AA issue only.
7. **Alex Rosenleaf** – Motion to discuss the adoption of Greg’s amendment – seconded – passed
8. **LouAnn Foley** – moves to amend language – seconded – passed
9. **Motion to adopt Greg’s proposal – not a unanimous vote**

Oliver Nordlund – votes nay – concern that the binder denotes literature and really separates it from Drama – and there was a reason the AA body moved away from Drama

LouAnn Foley – The binder is a dinosaur and there is so much discussion about what is movement, what is a prop – it is still interpretation of literature, and I want my kids to work harder with memorization

Alex Rosenleaf – if the binder is optional than students who still want a binder can have it.

Libby Oliver – we all do NFL and this is more consistent and trying to help our kids learn two sets of rules

Terri Belke (Butte) and Cory Schneider (Butte) – for freshmen it would be better

Motion to close discussion – seconded – passed

Motion to adopt Greg’s proposal - seconded – passed unanimously

5. **Libby Oliver** – Discussion Item –

At awards ceremonies students get compliments for how polite, well dressed and wonderful they are. Aware there are long trips and students are tired – but we as AA coaches need to make a concentrated effort to ask our students to maintain professional attire (especially at State) during awards ceremonies. With news crews, parents, etc. at State this year it was embarrassing to see people going up in sweatpants to accept their State awards. Not meaning to force coaches into making rules, but wants to know coaches feelings on professional attire.

LouAnn Foley – hasn’t this been a gentlemen’s agreement-

Libby Oliver – concern about turnover so perhaps this has gone by the wayside

LouAnn Foley – Not sure if this issue should be in this committee or rules but - Rostrom article about plagiarism (kids see things on line and then copy it word for word, including movements and direction) – we have had some problems in the past – coaches should be cutting their own material.

Libby Oliver – it should be an agreement among coaches that we will do something about plagiarism.

LouAnn – similar to what we do if there is a problem in Debate. Something should be done about it. If I had kids who were copying exactly I would want to do something about it.

Alex Rosenleaf – do we have a procedure in the rules for plagiarisms in Speech?

Libby Oliver – don’t think so?

James Maxwell – is if a student captures a character to a tee – is that plagiarism?

LouAnn Foley – if the whole piece is copied exactly down to movement, cutting, characterization, etc.

Corey Schneider – Characterization and plagiarism are totally different things.

LouAnn Foley – Characterization is different than copying an entire piece

Greg Adkins – it is all about talking to our squads about being original – but it is a very find line.

LouAnn Foley – talking to coaches is key – if we are going to teach our kids plagiarism in our schools we need to do it in this arena as well. Make sure our kids know they need to do something different. One of the kids wanted to do a new cutting of a piece they saw at NFL – but the cutting was not long enough.

Greg Adkins – how many interpers are mimicking something they saw from last year or even on their own team – that’s plagiarism as well.

Ryan Stavnes – can we apply this to other events as well? Like impromptu?

Libby Oliver – can we make an agreement to discuss the plagiarism issue with our squads?

JoAnn Sherwood – clarification about professional dress agreement

Libby Oliver – are we good to move on

Motion to discuss schedule - seconded - passed

Alex Rosenleaf – is it time to open discussion of giving NFL to schools which have been closed – Kalispell, Billings, etc.

LouAnn Foley – with budget cuts etc. it will be very difficult – and it is difficult already.

Libby Oliver – we have to be very careful because if people cannot travel they will not go, and if we push the AD’s too hard they may say they are done and that hurts kids.

Sam Trammell – What about ABC schools hosting

LouAnn Foley – every year it gets more and more problematic because of busing, timing, etc.

Oliver Nordlund – what about making NFL more of a MHSA sanctioned event- like Decca, etc.

Josh Munro – Those organizations only have one to two events a year

Libby Oliver – NFL is not a MHSA event – and schools only have to pay for things inside our season which culminates at State. Glacier and Missoula have had discussion with AD’s that if we want the school to provide monies we have to cut stuff.

Sam Trammell – Are there not ABC schools which are more central who could host?

Adam Thane (Bozeman) – not very many ABC schools with the programs capable of hosting NFL

JoAnn Sherwood - what about Butte hosting NFL

Terry Belke – Montana Power closed and 500 families left and they were a great deal of the judge pool – and no one has moved back into Butte to replenish the judging pool. So hosting NFL for Butte is not really an option. The people who still judge are not of a mindset to judge because they only prefer to support athletics. The people do not exist for us to host NFL or have the judges – thus the student judging.

LouAnn Foley – Will you have student judges the tournament before state.

Corey Schneider – we should not have a problem because we host in January

Terry Belke – the tournament in January I'm hoping we'll have the judges – in the fall there are problems with hunting, football, camping, etc. I am hoping since we have the January tournament we will have none of those conflicts and the judging pool will be there. Also, we will have more time to send our students looking for judges. We did have an offer from the pre-release program (much laughter)

Alex Rosenleaf – in a few years Great Falls could be ready to host NFL - but need time to replenish judge pool.

Motion to adopt schedule - so adopted

Greg Adkins – Kalispell will host a Kickoff in October

Motion to adjourn – seconded – moved

Libby Oliver – those going to Nationals – please see Libby

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: Greg Adkins –Glacier move to use the NFL rules for Interp. G.3. (see attached)

Rational: at AA level tired of the fight with the binder. AA coaches are ready to move on to another level. Wanted to insure the ABC & some AA to compete using their rules. AA will play by Class ABC rules when we are lucky enough to be invited.

Shelley Fisher-Libby- is it using the 4 foot rule?

Greg-Don't know anybody who truly enforces this rule. The intent was to keep contestants out of the audience.

CLASS A INTERIM REPORT- Doug McConnaha & Trudy Downer

Doug McConnaha went through all of the motions covered in the meeting.

Reminder that all items of business fill out form & it has to go through a committee to present it to the body for consideration.

State Class A Meet – Doug McConnaha

(see report given Friday afternoon) Move to accept report. 2nd. Motion carried.

Class A Speech Meeting – Doug McConnaha

Joanne Austin, Duane Walker, Scott (Lewistown), ADs some coaches asked to attend. Purpose of the meeting was to clarify language. MHSA recognized that clarifications were needed since the A split from BC. Discussion re: double entries was one of the main topics. Some coaches had said they wished they had started earlier in the season. Some felt geography created a disadvantage because Class A attended BC meet where DE not allowed.

Mike Christensen-CFalls-Encourage districts to provide the financial support to A schools to attend AA meets.

Doug McConnaha there needs to be an increase in communication between coaches & AD's.

Trudy Downer-Laurel: We need to make rules language consistent between AA/A/BC: different language is used when the intent is the same.

Mike Christensen-CFalls: It took a while to understand how the double entries worked and as a house cleaning issue, not rule change, we need to look at where the old rules conflict with the new rules.

Doug McConnaha MHSA likes the double entries rule change.

Mike Christensen-CFalls: Double entries have increase the quality and quantity of competition.

Doug McConnaha ADs are happy with what MFEA has been doing to that end.

Darren Means, Hardin: Point of clarification: since there are old rules that need to be changed, we still need to vote on them, right?

Doug McConnaha whether it's a housekeeping rule or not, it has to be voted on.

Motion: Doug McConnaha moved to accept Report on Class A Speech Meeting. 2nd. Motion carried.

a. **Article VI. Committees**

Section 1: CURRENT LANGUAGE -- *There shall be six event committees: Rules, Short Prep, Debate, Interpretation, Drama and Memorized; and **three special committees: Hall of Fame, Nominations and Education.** As necessary, the President may create ad hoc committees to deal with issues affecting the body.*

Proposed Change: "and FOUR special committees: Hall of Fame, Nominations, Education and Scholarship.

Motion: Judy Woodhouse-Polson moved to accept proposal 2a and send to the body. 2nd Motion carried.

a. **Article VI. Committees**

Section 2: CURRENT LANGUAGE -- *Committee membership will be restricted to one member per school.*

Proposed Change: Add to the section the following sentence – "The scholarship committee shall include the MFEA treasurer as a permanent member."

Motion: Judy Woodhouse moved to accept proposal 2b and send to the body. 2nd Motion carried

Proposed Change: Add the following sentence – "The treasurer may be re-elected to unlimited terms at the acceptance of the nominee and discretion of the MFEA body."

Motion: Judy Woodhouse move to accept proposal 2c and send to the body. 2nd. Discussion: it is already in the constitution. Need clarification; Treasurer's term is not limited to just 1 2-year term.

Tim-Havre: This is not housekeeping if we've been doing it in violation of the rules.

~ There is no reason the Treasurer can't run for another 2-year term.

~Constitution doesn't need to be change. Motion failed.

Doug: asked for someone to make a proposal.

Motion: Darren Means-Hardin moved to have the minutes reflect that we do not recommend a change in the constitution to the body. The constitution already allows a treasurer to serve more than 1 2-year term. 2nd. Motion carried.

For the A and BC Interim Committees from Nancy Heggen, White Sulphur Springs: I would like to propose that the A, B-C schools separate into the categories of Speech, Drama, and Debate (3 separate teams), following the example of AA.

Motion: Move to kill proposal to separate competition into 3 separate categories. 2nd. Motion carried.

- a. Mike Christensen-CoFalls: **Page 6, F. 4.** – Need to address for clarification in Class A Interim Meeting – No school as required to take part in any tournament, but when once entered under the plan outlined, schools shall carry out their part of the program in fairness to all other schools represented. **Reason for Discussion** – at Class A State Tournament, a team's head coach did threaten to withdraw his team prior to a rules committee ruling. Believe we need to briefly discuss what the ramifications ought to be should any such action actually occur at a Divisional or State Tournament, specifically. Seeking clarification on whether or not students competing in the tournament should be allowed to advance once such a threat is made, and whether or not, should a team actually withdraw in advance of semifinals in Speech or quarterfinals in debate, whether students from other programs be allowed to advance in their place.

There is an MHSAA consequence if any team withdraws from competition once it has started, including sanctions against the school. What we need to talk about is what happens in the competition when a team withdraws.

2 choices: to move students into the vacated slots or not in semis and/or finals.

Mike Christensen-CFalls: This is about logistics, it doesn't need to be a rule.

Kevin-Havre: Clarification: this is not for the rules committee, why waste the time for something.

Melissa -Ronan: Is this a tournament decision or State.

Doug McConnaha: When a coach threatened to pull his team, this is what we did: 1-I went to my AD as it is an MHSA rule, then discussed what to do with rule committee as to what to do in the event the team left. It was a question of repairing semis or not. We wanted to have a plan in place in case something happened rather than delay the tournament.

Ryan-Hardin: In favor of filling slots. Sanctions will take care of the team consequences.

Tim Havre: Point of clarification: How hard is it to repair top 8 if 3 are withdrawn.

Maria Hansen-Dillon: Do those kids deserve to go if they didn't make the cut? We already move 7th place into State competition from Divisionals if there is a drop.

Kevin-Havre: You can't erase results once the students have already met.

Doug McConnaha: Note: This is only motion to discuss –this is a moderated caucus

Mike Christensen-CFalls: when debate withdraws, tabbers are reexamining results to pair debaters going into quarters, semis & finals. I recommend we do it the AA way. If there is a withdrawal, don't fill the slots. The process just needs some guidance.

Michelle McConnaha -Corvallis: As a tournament director, we don't want to tell the judges to wait while we figure it out.

Janie Morissett- It's logistics: with results posted, the student sees they missed the cut, start crying & are consoled, then it's changed & you have to go find the kid, what kind of performance are they going to have?

Motion: Table discussion on what to do if a team withdraws from completion @semis & finals.

Page 18, J. 2. – amend language to read Students will be responsible for arriving in each round time for competition according to the speaker order presented on event postings. **For class A divisional and state tournaments**, speaker order must reasonably take into account double entries, providing speakers an opportunity to compete in a timely fashion in both events. First preference – a division of two speakers between each double-entered competitor, but minimally one speaker in order to provide adequate time for contestants to attend both events during a round. For class AA, the tab room will not modify speaker order.

Motion: to accept b. p.20, VI.A: 2nd. Point of order: this is already passed & in the rule book.

Page 20, VI. A. Add little a below 4. **Class A Only** - Speaker order must be adjusted for students double entered to avoid conflicts in assigned speaking for both events. First preference – a division of two speakers between each double-entered competitor, but minimally one speaker in order to provide adequate time for contestants to attend both events during a round.

Discussion: the language needs to be clarified.

Michelle McConnaha -Corvallis: With all of the spider webbing in drama double entries, we're lucky if we get them 2 different speaking positions.

Doug McConnaha MHSA says we need to clarify language so the tournament director has the flexibility to adjust speaking order to accommodate DE.

Kevin: Can we legislate where a student must perform?

Mike Christensen-CFalls: TriPec is available on the MHSA website to help with pairing & double entries. The computer will do 90% of the work, then the director can hand change that 10% so that speakers don't always speak in the same order each round.

Doug McConnaha What I did at State was to make adjustments in the set speaking order in the rule book for the double entries.

Motion: Doug McConnaha moved to add on p. 20 Rule VI.A.4 "In case of Double entry after random draw, tabbers shall adjust speaking order so student is not speaking in the same speaking position in the 2 different events." 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion: Doug McConnaha moved to recommend that the rules committee takes care of reviewing all rules for any conflicts pertaining to double entry rules. 2nd. Motion carried.

a. **Page 24, VII. A. 3** Amend to read – Each member school may enter up to four entries in each speech and drama event, but no more than 30 students in speech and no more than 27 students in drama.

Rationale – essentially, this change adopts the current AA practice of allowing up to four entries in an event with a cap. The cap proposed maintains our status quo regarding the number of students any one program can bring to a divisional tournament, but allows programs with strengths in specific events to maintain that strength going into a divisional tournament, also allowing students who've worked and succeeded in a specific event throughout the year a greater opportunity to continue competing in that event rather than being entered late in the year in an event where a team is weak. This proposal continues to support and enhance our philosophy of doing all we can to ensure a higher level of competition in our events and maximizing our numbers whenever possible. The cap protects against any single program from gaining an unfair numerical advantage, or increasing divisional tournaments size beyond what a host may have facilities for.

Ryan: Can we clarify to read for Class A only? Friendly amendment

Mike Christensen-CFalls: Just to clarify, you're not increasing the number of students participating just shuffling where they compete.

~Logistics: tournament directors would still need the same number of judges and rooms for competition.

Motion: P. 24. VII. A.3 Doug McConnaha moved to amend to read: Each Member school may enter up to four entries in each speech and drama event, but no more than 30 entries in speech and no more than 27 entries in drama. 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion: Doug McConnaha moved to add on p.21 D. Ranking a.: Change the fourth sentence to read: *At B-C State **ONLY**, raw scores will be used.* [Also Page 31 (below the brackets) DELETE the number (3) *Only raw scores will be used in tabbing the results.*] {We will also need to change the headings on pages 22 and 23 to reflect the use of the correct matrix for Class A state from Matrix B to Matrix D.} **Rationale:** At Class A state we no longer have sections that are balanced. The raw score concept no longer fits the structure of the Class A State meet. By using raw scores we unfairly and arbitrarily give advantage to the students in smaller sections. 2nd. Discussion:

Judy – Polson: can we add that this is for preliminary rounds only?

Tara Norick– CFalls: It's only a small difference between 5th & 6th place to be making it an arbitrary rule. Someone who is making those low scores will not be making it into semis.

Doug McConnaha: I disagree when it comes to tie breakers, it's a disadvantage to the kid who was in a round of 6 versus someone in a round of only 5, low drop score counts.

Motion carries.

Mike Christensen-CFalls proposal

Page 18, J. 1. – Change second sentence “For Class A divisional and state, students can only double enter in two speech or two drama events” to read For Class A divisional and state, students may only double enter in two speech events (including Lincoln-Douglas Debate) or two drama events.”

Rationale: Our Lincoln-Douglas rounds are consistently double-flighted and provide 45 minutes minimally of down time for those competing in L.D. Debate. Students in L.D. Debate could, with those 45 minutes, compete in Speech events, many of which share and or build the skill sets employed in L.D. Debate. Providing this opportunity for students is in the kids' best interests and our programs' best interests as we continue to work to build numbers and will serve to improve the competitive quality of both speech and debate at our Divisional and State Tournaments. Managing the double entries to include L.D. Debate would be far less complicated than managing duo entries in Drama, which we've proven can be managed. L.D. Debate at a State Tournament only requires a maximum of 6 available classrooms, meaning Speech and L.D. in total would require 34 available rooms for competition, and Drama and Policy 36 available rooms maintaining a workable balance for a majority of potential State tournament sites. 2nd. Discussion

Dee Hallock-Hamilton-If a student is entered in Extemp would be a logistics problem

Tara Norick: disagrees. There is a way to arrange speaking orders to make it work.

Kevin: LD would affect speaking order, flight. Does this affect the 10 minutes or forfeit the debate round?

-There is no penalty in IEs for being late.

Liz Foley: AA has huge #'s it would cause a problem in logistics because you can't guarantee when an LD round will start.

Michelle McConnaha: How often is debate not on time? It would be difficult to determine speaker order.

Jeff Lowe-Hamilton: Is there anything in the rules to prevent invitationals to allow double entry with in LD?

-No

Trudy Downer-Laurel: I like the concept- in most tournaments there are some logistics if there are a lot of LD entries. I like Jeff's idea to try it at some invitationals so that if there are problems we wouldn't be stuck with a nightmare if it didn't work.

Tara Norick: I think there are several sets of skills to learn.

Trudy Downer-Laurel: can we have a straw vote of tournament directors who would be willing to try double entry with LD at their meets?

Maria Hansen-Dillon: From the tabbing point of view, how would you work it?

Doug McConnaha: that's the logistics that need to be worked out.

Motion: Trudy Downer moved to table the LD double entry issue until next year after trying. 2nd. Motion carries.

Tara Norick-CFalls: go back to #7 proposal

Motion: Tara Norick moved to add on p. 31 Section D.1.a. 3: "in preliminary rounds only" to clarify not using raw scores in Class A state. 2nd. Discussion. Motion changed as follows:

Motion: Tara Norick moved to move #3 to be #4 below raw scores in semis & finals. 2nd. Motion carries.

Motion: Dee Hallock moved to have language added to Judge's Handbook to explain Double Entries in the general judging section. 2nd. Motion carried.

Doug McConnaha mentioned the motion presented by AA to adopt the NFL rules for Interp. If Class A is competing at AA, notebooks will be optional. ~If at an A meet- AA will follow A rules & reverse at AA meets. This proposal will be going to the Interp committee. Doug just wanted coaches to be aware of this discussion.

Chairs entertained motion to adjourn. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: Doug moves to change: P. 24. VII. A.3 Amend to read Each Member school may enter up to four entries in each speech and drama event, but no more than 30 entries in speech and no more than 27 entries in drama. 2nd. Discussion:

Bonnie Ortner-Huntley Project: sometimes that is the only way we can fill the less popular events

Doug: It is only for class A. Motion carried.

2nd. Division on the vote. For: 21; against: 4. Motion carries.

MOTION: Trudy: add word ONLY raw scores will used ONLY at BC state in preliminary rounds only. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: housekeeping to move raw scores to after semis & finals.

Bonner Orner moved to reconsider. 2nd the motion re: about entries limit to 4 .

Trudy moves that all housekeeping will include A-only with entries be added where needed.

BC INTERIM COMMITTEE REPORT - Matt Sturgios

Mr. Mature did not visit our meeting. We discussed the proposals presented prior to meeting.

All present agreed with #2 a, b, c & #3

#5 – discussions to separate Drama, Debate & Speech to increase involvement

Bonnie- Supports separation with possible smaller trophies
John Moore- suggests increase fee for individual D/D/Sp team
Sarah Jennings: against due to division/segregation of team.
Kim Leise: Debate may die out due to increased cost to school.
Kathy WSS: Scoring more equal
Christina Cote –Gardiner – does not support team separation-posted with more equitable scoring.
#6d. (p.24) 'A only' don't allow 4/events in BC
#7 Said no to dropping raw scores in preliminary rounds.
#9 Change A BC to just say BC instead (therefore just remove 1A)
P 18 H Nancy does not support double entry of LD
IV: ok V: page 7.G.9a double entry
#10 OK house keeping
#12
#13 a yes support it

b combining Hum/Ser

#15 SPOI –refer to Interp committee for discussion

Discussed a number of options to make sweeps points equitable. Options considered:

- 1- Split D/D/D
- 2- Add 1 point for each 1st place
- 3- No points for debate wins →not accepted

Don't have a tournament site for next year. Recommend that JoAnne Austin send out email to all ADs about hosting a state tournament.

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: Matt Stergios moved to change p. 23 E. A and BC sweepstakes points add sub-point D: In BC only each speaker in Speech or Drama that earns a top ranking in a preliminary round earns 1 sweepstakes point. 2nd. Discussion.

With all the changes in the A & BC it is going to be a mess

Sarah Jennings-Loyola in favor. We have had continuing discussions about debate score with wins giving a team with debaters have an unfair advantage over teams with no debate. This would be a solution.

Steve Hamilton-3 Forks- we have several meets where we have had only 1 extemper they would automatically get the points. The other issue is the differences between the levels will be complicated.

Bonnie Ortner, Huntley Project- we did split from A so we are different creatures. Adding 1 point is not difficult even for 5th graders. They do get to compete. Hopefully this will

Kathy-White Sulpher Springs: the original proposal was a split between speech & debate.

People thought there was inequitable sweeps distribution.

April Gilstrap: what we are looking at divisionals & state. Suggest a friendly amendment to add to motion: only for divisional & state.

Doug McConnaha: Rules established for Divisionals & State are to be followed at invitationals.

IF we are invited to A we follow their rules, if AA we follow their rules.

Question called. 2nd to end debate

Lyla Beard-Belgrade: if we go to a B meet we get the points.

Matt repeated the motion: **motion carried**

RULES COMMITTEE- Doug McConnaha

Members Present: Doug McConnaha, Mike Christensen, Greg Adkins, Trudi Downer,
LuAnn Foley, Roger McCullough, Sheila Haselhuhn, Kristina Hanson,
Tim Leeds, Steven Hamilton

Election of Chair: Doug McConnaha was re-elected unanimously.

Comments and Concerns from the Season:

No votes during the season. Many questions answered. Reports from State Meets:

BC Report was given by Steven Hamilton. (Copy Attached)

A Report was given by Doug McConnaha. (Copy Attached)

There were no Rules violations discussed at AA State.

Dual Entry Clarification as requested by MHSA:

Doug McConnaha submission: Class A Double Entry Rulebook Cleanup

Page 6, F. 2. Delete final sentence – *Each contestant in divisional and state tournaments will be allowed to enter one speech or one drama event.*

Page 7, G. 9. a. – amend language to read “All audience members, **excluding competitors double entered**, must remain in the room until all competitors have spoken.

Page 18, J. 2. – amend language to read: “Students will be responsible for arriving in each round in time for competition **according to the speaker order presented on event postings. For Class A divisional and state tournaments, speaker order must reasonably take into account double entries, providing speakers an opportunity to compete in a timely fashion in both events (double-entered students should be scheduled, at minimum, one speaking position apart in their two events in order to provide adequate time for contestants to attend both events during a round. For class AA, the tab room will not modify speaker order.**

Page 20, VI. A. Change the last sentence to read: **ONLY in cases of double entry, tabbers will adjust speaker order to prevent a double entered student from being scheduled in the same speaking position in both events.**

Page 31, D. b. (3) Change the last sentence to read: **ONLY in cases of double entry, tabbers will adjust speaker order to prevent a double entered student from being scheduled in the same speaking position in both events.**

Greg Adkins moved to amend Page 18, J 2 to omit last sentence so that both levels use the same level. The amendment passed unanimously.

A motion to accept all changes was made by Michael Christensen and seconded by LuAnn Foley. The motion carried unanimously

Proposed Business Items:

8. For Rules Committee, from Doug McConnaha, Corvallis - Housekeeping

a. Page 31 under the “Note” Paragraph: ADD the schematic for 18 or less competitors that we have used for the past two state tournaments. **Rationale:** Housekeeping.

Motion to accept by Michael Christensen, seconded by Greg Adkins. Passed unanimously.

b. Page 7 G. 3. The second sentence is redundant (and 20th century) and needs to be removed.

Rationale: Housekeeping.

Motion to accept by Greg Adkins, seconded by Mike Christensen. Passed unanimously.

9. II.

Page 18, H. Oral Interpretation of Humorous Literature. 2. – Replace current sentence, “Final round of Oral Interpretation of Humorous Literature will be the humorous theme used in preliminary rounds” with “Contestants must use the same material from the beginning to the end of the tournament. Cutting is allowed.”

Motion by Trudi Downer to accept, seconded by Mike Christensen. Passed unanimously

9. IV

Page 27, E. Pairing Procedures, b Option 2 – Add Schematic for 6

I	A-B	IV	A-F
	C-E		B-E
	D-F		C-D
II	E-A	V	A-C
	D-B		B-F
	F-C		E-D
III	D-A		
	B-C		
	F-E		

Motion by Michael Christensen to accept, seconded by LuAnn Foley. Passed unanimously.

10. For Rules Committee, Bonnie Ortner (Huntley Project)

1. In the following places, change “Round 1” to “Round I,” “Round 2” to “Round II,” and “Round 3” to “Round III” in keeping with the Roman numerals used throughout the body of the text:
 - a. pg. 25 - 1(b), 2(a) [Note: page 25, 2 (a): “In Round 11” should read “In Round II” with Roman numerals. We don’t have 11 rounds.]
 - b. pg. 26 - 3 (b), 7
 - c. pg. 27 - c (1), c(2), c(3)

Motion by Steven Hamilton to accept, seconded by Roger McCullough. Passed unanimously.

2. page 28, strike B 7. We no longer have ABC State, and shuttle transportation isn’t going to happen.

Motion by Michael Christensen to accept, seconded by Sheila Haselhuhn. Passed unanimously.

3. Add the following as letter (a) below number 7 on page 6: “When an issue has been addressed with a coach, the individual expressing the concern will notify the individuals assigned to tab that event of the concern and the communication. Tabbers will place an asterisk (*) in the tabbing column for that round.”

Motion by Michael Christensen to accept, seconded by LuAnn Foley. Bonnie Ortner spoke to the motion. Michael Christensen suggested that the Tournament Director should be informed and involved because they make the ultimate decision. Discussion followed. Question: Will asterisk give enough information? Don’t rules handle that? Is it an ongoing issue? Need a history of instances. Trudi Downer moved to amend. Tim Leeds seconded the amendment so the rule book would read:

“In A or BC when an issue has been addressed with a coach, the individual expressing the concern will initial the tabbing column for that round. Amendment: both coaches initial.

Amended passed. Motion as amended failed.

11. For Rules Committee, from Kari Blaylock (SGCHS) and Bonnie Ortner (HP)

ADD the following stipulation to the appropriate section or sections the rules committee deems appropriate:

For judges’ clarification, tournament directors will present each judge with a list of code numbers who are double entered. The list is not section specific but a general “laundry list”, therefore drops would not be a problem Each list would contain a statement explaining double entry and informing judges that their ranking should not be influenced either negatively or positively.

This is a Class A Double entry issue. It is really a Judges’ Training issue. Class A will add Class AA wording to Judge’s Training manual.

12. For Rules Committee, from Michelle Anderson (Baker)

There should be a drop of the high score in both semi-finals and final rounds. This way, if one judge in one of those rounds places a competitor poorly, it won't affect their placing.

Class BC Interim Committee discussed the item and asked that it not be brought to the body. The proposer is not present at the MFEA meeting. The issue died due to lack of a motion from the committee.

Proposals From the Floor:

Rick Moss from Conrad proposed a modification of the judges' comment sheet. Libby Oliver will appoint an Ad Hoc committee to study this proposal. Representatives from all levels to meet at 3:00. Proposal was passed on to voluntary Ad Hoc committee.

Review Cover sheets: None

Review Handbook: None

Motion to adjourn by Michael Christensen. Seconded by Tim Leeds. Passed. Meeting adjourned in less than 1 hour.

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: Doug moved to pass as a package all of the motions to clean up the language. 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Doug moved to adopt the schematics for 18 or less entries at State class A. 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Doug moved to remove "tape debate". 2nd. This is redundant as we have this language for all events. Motion carried.

MOTION: Doug moved to (Interp NFL rule) 2nd. Motion carried

MOTION: Doug moved to .. Round Robin in debate. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Doug moved to change numbers to Roman numerals from Arabic numerals. 2nd. Motion carries

MOTION: Doug moved to delete 'shuttle transportation to be provided @ BC State meet' 2nd. Motion carried.

DRAMA COMMITTEE – Lorrie Tatsey, Browning

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order. Lorrie Tatsey accepted the chair position.

Members present: Kari Blaylock, Virginia Compton, Shelley Fisher, Tonia Fisher Clark, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Ortner.

A brief discussion was held regarding the 09-10 season. Numerous topics about increasing numbers and spicing up the categories were discussed. Virginia talked about the "fun" events she had at here tournament (SPOI, duo improv., duet musical, short film). NO props or costumes were allowed. Class B-C had a lack of serious duo this year.

Proposals:

Combine Hum Duo & Serious Duo. Most on the committee were opposed. We feel the serious would not be able to beat the humorous in the eyes of most judges.

Limit all duos to 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Change classical to traditional theater and then the serious could compete there. Doug McConnaha explained the history of Classical, and that the date stems from the end of the Classical Literature period and the beginning of the modern era.

Discussions:

Virginia trying to get kids excited about drama again

April Gilstrap-Simms - Classical Solo/Duo Mime failed due to a lack of rules/regulations.

Add cell phone instructions to the Read Me First section of the judges' handbook.

Ballot cover sheets need to reflect the suggested changes for time.

Meeting adjourned to plan rules for experimental events.

Reconvene at 6:00.

Moved after much heated discussion to introduce Duo Improv as a test event in 2010-11.

If the event goes well, it could replace classical or serious duo. Doug explained that MHSA would allow this as long as we are not adding an event. Kathy Johnson's rules were adopted for the event with a 2 minute prep allowed. Event would run like impromptu and be within the 10 minute time limit. Motion passed 6 – 1.

MOTION: Move to accept state report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: Lorrie Tatsey moves to change time for Duo drama events will be 10 minutes; make changes on p. 19. V.A.1 of rule book & p. 20.V.D.3..2nd. Discussion. Make changes on Ballots and cover sheets & on p. 8 of judges' handbook as per passed motion. This will make all events 10 minutes.

Question: were we going to include mime to 10 as well?

Shelley suggested a firing squad for that suggestion.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Lorrie Tatsey moved to test (experimental) category at invitational tournaments. See attachments and invitational letter from Virginia Compton-Beaverhead; ballot & instructions included. Duo Improv will be selected 'test' category- ballot & instructions will be posted on MHSA website for information, download and to try. 2nd. Discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lorrie Tatsey moved to put in handbook bold reminder ALL CELL PHONES TURNED OFF, please. (judges & competitors) friendly reminder.

DEBATE COMMITTEE – James Maxwell.

Most of the debate centered on using a bird or a plane icon on the ballots.

Called to order by James Maxwell at 12:33 pm

1st order of business...seated on committee

Chair—James Maxwell, Sam Trammell, Josh Munro, Maria Hansen, Jon Moore, Kimberly Leslie, Kevin Shellenberger, Trudi Downer for Mark Elison, April Gilstrap, Sandra Alessi

Sarah Jennings Loyola...public forum comment...general rule for judges more definitions

Election of chair person...nominated James Maxwell

Sam motioned and seconded by

James made chair

Motion sent in advance by Jennifer Kirby and Annie Glove--Helena

1. public forum –prohibit criterion
2. Read and explained by Jennifer Kirby
3. Trudi Downer moved and second Kevin Shellenberger...opened for discussion
4. Sam Trammell --- noted that the original purpose was to follow NFL...also to avoid the debate format
5. Sarah Jennings, Loyola...no time to explain a value criterion so competitors will probably lose the round
6. Losing criterion would make it more of a public debate
7. Further explained by Jennifer...this is not ethical/non-ethical...don't run as LD so that judge must use value criterion to decide the round---comments by Josh Munro use of criterion does not hinder event...NFL uses same rules
8. Sam T. what is a compromise...instead of no criterion just stay away from debate jargon...
9. James M....stick to NFL rules that are in place with no changes
10. Libby Oliver...consistency important...stick to what is in place instead of just changing for the sake of change
11. Sam Trammell....change judging instruction...Josh M. no can't do as then telling judges how to vote

12. Question called

13. Vote to end unanimous

Ruling---motion failed 3 no and 7 abstains

House Keeping issues:

1. Topics

A. Policy Debate III Big A number one b: to state the 2010-2011 policy debate topic read....

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, and Turkey.

B. Initial topic paper---go to NFHL and look for the topic paper--- web site submitted by Adam from Bozeman:

www.nfhs.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=2947

C. 2 d...public forum and legislative debate...strike last sentence...new The LD, Legislative, and public forum resolutions shall be changed November 15th and January 1st with three topics debated 2010-2011 season.

i. John Peterson Polson---depends on when tournament starts

ii. Amended the amendment...to state specific dates

iii. Adopt with consent

No new biz from the floor

Ballot Check

2. LD--Adding a section for flights on L/D ballot

3. Policy Ballot

A. Sam—Add point range categories to policy ballot, taken from L/D

B. Floor—Point scale potential to mislead judges “5 average” with range of 1-10

C. Sam—add box to indicate 7 as average

D. Floor—ranking 1-4 instead of number range

E. Adam Thane Boz—NFL both ranking and points, “total speaker points should equal rank” on ballot

F. Sam—Change 1-10 to 5-10→Kevin smaller scale force judges hand = more ties

G. Add LD box regarding Point Ranges to Policy ballot

4. Public Forum

A. Change Speaker 3 and 4 final focus times to 2 minutes per NFL

B. Housekeeping—change rule book to reflect the 2 minutes time change

5. Legi Ballot

A. No changes

6. Judge Handbook

A. No Changes

Motion to Adjourn—Second—Accepted With Consent

MOTION: move to accept report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: on p.7. III.A.1.b. James moved to adopt the NFL topic for policy resolution for 2010-11: Resolved: the U.S federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: James moved on p. III.A.2.d. to remove the second line & change working to first line: The LD, Legi, and Public Forum resolution shall be changed November 15th and January 1st with three topics debated per season. 2nd. Discussion.

Moss -Is it up to the discretion of the tournament director to change the topic if it going to change 14th v 15th?

James- The date is hard & fast. Don't want people showing up to a tournament & be surprised by a different topic

-suggest topics used on the invitation. Motion carried.

MEMORIZED COMMITTEE – Kathy Stone - CMR

Shortest meeting ever!

Attendance: Kandi Stone – AA CMR, Melinda Middleton – AA West, Libby Oliver – AA, Sentinel, Pat McLaughlin – A NW Whitefish, Jeff Lowe – A Southeast Hamilton, Tim Leads – A Central (Interim) Havre, Janie Morissette – A East Hardin, Bette Brown – BC North Cut Bank, Cara Pool – BC East Broadus.

Called at order 2:10

Kandi Stone elected Chair

Comments and concerns from 2009-2010 season – none

No proposals to discuss;

Discussion on singing – is it an unfair advantage to some? Consensus is not to change it
Costumes? Huge issue to open; we don't allow it. Can be used as prop, but not wearing it in.
Reviewed cover sheets for events. No changes.

Volunteer Melinda Middleton to bring common affirmation certification for memorized to the committee next year.

Judge handbook reviewed – no changes

Move to adjourn – Tim Leads, seconded Libby Oliver

Adjourned 2:22 – shortest meeting EVER!!!!!!

MOTION: move to accept report. 2nd motion carried

Libby Oliver: Scholarships- if anyone knows if they have a student that has applied for a scholarship & got it in on time, please let Theresa Stergios know.

SHORT PREP COMMITTEE – Alex Rosenleaf-CMR

Meeting called to order by current chair Dee Hallock

Contact information for committee members reviewed

Floor opened for nominations- Alex Rosenleaf-CMR nominated, 2nd. No other nominations

Alex elected new chair of Short Prep committee.

Concerns from last year discussed:

- collecting used topics is difficult
- suggest all committee members ask for used topics at meets they attend, though not all meet directors are willing to give them out.
- JoAnne Austin twice included the contact information to turn in the used prompts in the letter sent out to all coaches and it was posted on the website
- Communication as to who gets what is important.
- There were some difficulties getting the Extemp & Impromptu materials to some of the division chairs for a variety of reasons.
- Extemp questions: 100 were received, Tara had to write another 70
- Tara developed grid to help sort questions. Questions were group by general topics so some were similar, which is what AA does. Several Class A students were caught off guard by this.
- Recommend this practice continues, but inform coaches this is the plan.
- All questions submitted must be annotated with source to eliminate questions of validity

Tara nominated Kala Lougheed to be the Extemp coordinator. 2nd. No other nominations, Kala Accepted. Committee members will submit their questions to her based on the timeline stated in the rules book

-Alex nominated as Impromptu coordinator. Alex didn't see need for nominations since it is an executive decision. (It was noted that chair does not necessarily have to be the coordinator for Impromptu)

Tara Norick: Proposal: Add to p. 16: E.3.g.: Each member of the Short Prep committee shall submit a maximum of 3 quotes and 3 cartoons for consideration for the divisional and state tournaments. All topics submitted by the Short Prep committee members will be sent out to be voted on by all committee members. The topics selected by the majority vote will be used at divisionals and state. Moved to accept. 2nd. Discussion. Motion carried to bring to body.

Tara Norick: Proposal: Add underlined words to p 16: E.3.f: Topics for Divisionals and State tournaments will be provided at least 3 days prior to the Divisional tournaments to the MHSA speech, debate and drama liaison. Moved to accept. 2nd. Discussion. Motion carried to bring to body.

Tara Norick: Proposal: Replace p 16: F.2.b. with: The Short Prep committee will provide the Divisional and State questions with source annotations to the MHSA speech, debate and drama liaison at least three (3) days prior to the Divisional tournament. Twelve questions will be used in each round. No questions may be repeated in any other round. Moved to accept. 2nd.

Discussion. Motion carried to bring to body.

-No changes recommended in judging sheet or in judge's handbook

Alex moved to drop US News from list of sources since Extemp Dex doesn't carry it.

Tara-it's already in rules. MHSA puts the accepted list on the website for people to access.

Proposal withdrawn.

Meeting adjourned.

Send used topics to Alex. Committee members will be enforcers to collect topics.

Tara Norick: explained that at divisional & state the Extemp questions would be organized in general groups by round

MOTION: move to accept report. 2nd motion carried

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MOTION: Tara Norick move to Add underlined words to p 16: E.3.f: Topics for Divisionals and State tournaments will be provided at least 3 days prior to the Divisional tournaments to the MHSA speech, debate and drama liaison. Moved to accept. 2nd. Discussion. Rational: This year when short prep sent topics but got lost in spam folder, or went to wrong person, so tournament directors for divisionals & state can contact MHSA if they don't receive their topics.

Libby Oliver-If you're hosting, call 3 days *before* the tournament, not the day *of* the meet.

You need to have the correct contact info with MHSA so that information can get to you. Do not put down your AD info.

Tara Norick: 10 days prior to divisionals was changed last year to 3 days which is soon enough for divisionals yet 10 days prior to State. This will also allow questions to be more current for state tournament.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Replace p 16: F.2.b. with: The Short Prep committee will provide the Divisional and State Extemp questions with source annotations to the MHS A speech, debate and drama liaison at least three (3) days prior to the Divisional tournament. Twelve questions will be used in each round. No questions may be repeated in any other round. 2nd motion carried.

INTERP COMMITTEE- LouAnn Foley.

Discussed AA proposal for interp passed to go to body.

Called together at: 3:03

First order of Business – Elect new officers – LouAnn Foley re-elected chair

Comments and Concerns from 2009-2010 season: none

Business: Proposal to replace HI and DI at the AA only to align with NFL rules

1.) **Greg Adkins (Glacier)** – Proposal originated at state AA tournament (14-0 vote) - the proposal at AA tournaments only – using the NFL rules regarding movement and singing and being memorized for serious and humorous interp. In the rule book under Serious and Humorous – item 3 – would be left along – next sentences – include language to say that manuscripts are optional, use of a manuscript shall not be penalized and students may use hand gestures, not use a binder and move their feet within a four foot radius - memorization shall be mandatory

So many kids are already breaking the rules and we are tired of dealing with it. It is better for our kids to have rules across the season that are consistent - and this language allows students to still have the binder if they want it. For AA, we would like the option to allow students to ditch the binder.

LouAnn Foley (Billings Skyview) - Since the AA passed this it will come to the body but we wanted the Interp committee to be aware. Stressing yet again how many problems with ‘did students move’ ‘did they use it as a prop’ and the preparation for two sets of rules (State\NFL) we want to loose the binders. But to accommodate others we made the stipulation that student could use the binder.

Melinda Middleton – (Billings West) If students use the binder than can they move their hands off the binder.

Greg Adkins – If a student wants to move their hand they should be able to

Michelle McConnaha (Corvallis) - moved to accept Greg’s proposal - 2nd

Discussion:

Tara Norick (Columbia Falls) – we appreciate that you considered the ABC and let us keep our events as they are.

Vote on Greg’s proposal – Motion passed

2.) **Proposal from Ryan Stavnes (Helena High) POI proposal – no discussion –motion dies**

3.) **Propsal – Linda Lep – language added to ABC ballot that clarifies that students cannot move their feet and there will be no hand or gesturing allowed – motioned and seconded**

Discussion

Linda Lep (Northstar) – It is confusing for judges – although coaches know the rules, judges can get confused.

Tara Norick - We need to clarify on the ballots for class ABC for judges that gestures and movement are not appropriate so to make sure all judges know the rules.

Michelle McConnaha – Should be able to train judges and I am against changing the language of the ballot

Liz Foley (Laurel) This is an issue that needs to be addressed with judges, not a language issue.

Tara Norick – Across the board judges are still not getting the information – so it needs to be on the ballot even through students and coaches are all aware. It is still an issue in class A even though coaches are telling their kids and judges are made aware at clinics.

Linda Lep – not all places have judging clinics and if a judge is reading their ballot 15 minutes before a round and if it is not on the ballot than a judge might think students who are breaking the rules are doing what is best and score other students down.

Pat McLaughlin (Whitefish) – I am for putting it on the ballot – it helps with clarification.

Motion passed to change language for judge clarification

4.) Motions from the floor – Virginia Cox - add spontaneous oral interp as an event and delete memorized public address (SPOI) Motioned – seconded – and opened for discussion

Bonnie Ortner (Huntley Project) - SPOI is an event that I've done for the last five years and it has been successful. *Sent around ballot and information to body to look at.* There is a solid interest - replacing MPA is not something I have put forward – it is a good event.

Melissa Canabe (Ronan) – I am against replacing MPA – in our division MPA is a full event – had to open extra sections

Bonnie Ortner - I do not want to replace MPA – but I would like to pursue a way to integrate it without getting rid of successful events.

Pat Rhea (Missoula Sentinel) – Adding new events is something MHSA is strongly resistant to and it will not pass. Adding new events in Montana is simply not an option.

Oliver Nordlund (Missoula Sentinel) – We should be able to add new events and change things because we are different than say track, etc. We need to avoid making our event stale.

JoAnne Sherwood (Helena Capital) – Whenever you add a new event you have to watch bus seats, money, balance points between speech and debate sides – Have to consider things that the AD's will consider.

Corey Schneider (Butte) – When we talk about adding new events we also have to talk about space, judges, etc. And MPA is a great event where kids thrive. I like SPOI on paper but I do

John Moore (Shepard) – Is SPOI something that could be tried by class levels

Tara Norick - Can we take a straw poll and allow people to try it if they want and then get more information before changing anything.

LouAnn Foley – I do think we should be able to add new events – and speech and debate is a little unbalanced. But I want my kids to work for each new event, and this event, though it might be a great event – I would be leery of adding or replacing it because students need to work.

Janette Pereto (Colstrip) – There is some work that students need to do – because they have to prepare to have read any material and creating a character as they read it – a lot of preparation is needed.

Linda Lep – I do not agree to replace it with MPA

***Discussion about how to get a new event added** – Joanne Austin explains the process she had to go through to get a new event – took two full years.

Bonnie Ortner – Part of the reason this came about was due to all the problems we had with HOI and SOI – I wonder if there is a way if it can be discussed without making an amendment – I don't think we need to add a new event but we need to look at the events that are struggling. Can we take this proposal to the body to amend it?

LouAnne Foley – the problem lies in if you introduce a new event – have it at lots of meets next year – so you can come back and say we've tried it and we need to start trying to add it. You'd have to try it in all divisions, at least once and maybe twice.

Motion dies.

5.) Motion from Tara Norick – to align from NFL on our literature selections – Pg. 18 number 1 subsection E – all selections used must be published and copyrighted – would like to add from NFL manual about how those selections are chosen. Wanting to add language from NFL manual to be more consistent through the year.

Greg Adkins – What does the language have to say about screenplays – recoded material, CD's, DVD's etc. Screenplays are plays and are published.

John Moore – We need to stop changing rules back and forth – we changed it to open up more areas. May want to split up to a AA issue – I don't want to limit it that severely.

Tara Norick – What would you like to omit?

John Moore – I don't want anything on that list.

LouAnn Foley – we voted to allow things on the internet as published.

Tara Norick – what if something is published on the internet - but you can't get a paper copy.

Melina Helmer (Big Sky High School) – you have the printed copy for NFL

Teri Belke (Butte High School) – there are publishing houses that have only electronic copies – and do not have hardcopies anymore.

LouAnn Foley – that is accepted.

Alex Rosenleaf – Can you define literature?

Tara Norick – I do not define Stand up comedy as Literature – I want to get away from Stand up Comedy

Bonnie Ortner – I am a big reason for why this rule is the way it is. I had a student who did Brian Regan but the publisher told me I can publish it in the newspaper if that's what Montana needs. The ISBN number is made up - it is proof of nothing. An ISBN doesn't prove anything.

Tara Norick – can we make an amendment that would make it more pleasing – talking about creating a character rather than just joke, punch line?

LouAnn Foley – I don't think we can make an amendment until we have a motion.

Bonnie Ortner – could this be something that is separated by the AA and A and BC?

LouAnn Foley – The Rostrum article is talking about how plagiarism has to stop. Stand up comedy done exactly as it was seen is still plagiarism.

Terry Belke – I think you just came up with the answer.

LouAnn Foley – we just made this as a gentlemen's agreement.

Doug McConaha - We have to be careful of saying that only Humorous or Serious interp have to create characters.

Oliver Nordlund – how did we get to plagiarisms from no stand up comedy and publish issues.

LouAnn Foley – if a student does a skit exactly as someone else did it is that not plagiarisms.

Oliver Nordlund – Then even reading or writing anything someone did is plagiarisms

Tara Norick – Oral interpretation is a cutting of a larger work

Oliver Nordlund – what about kids books that don't need to be cut?

Liz Foley – Tara's original proposal dealt with students performing things which are not copyrighted.

Oliver Nordlund – Then what is copyright? Is it always in paper format? Stand up comedians copyright their work all the time.

Bonnie Ortner – Copyright is anything someone puts out there – e-mails are copyrighted.

Greg Adkins – There are two issues here – the first issue is about copyright – you have to be able to prove your stuff comes from a credible stuff. Plagiarism is an ethical issue. All art is copied, there is very little that is not copied. So coaches need to teach our kids what plagiarism is and to not do it.

Tara Norick – read proposal again

LouAnn Foley – This is exactly what we voted against three years ago.

Tara's motion voted on – failed

Motion to adjourn – seconded – carried

Talk about replacing MPA. Or adding an event. But must go through ADs, etc.

Add spontaneous oral interp. Motion failed because of red tape. Maybe if you all tried it in your invitationals to see if it works.

Motion to align with NFL documentations knew that when we opened up to the internet we would open up a can of worms. Motion failed in committee.

MOTION: move to accept report. 2nd motion carried

MOTION: move to have language added to ABC ballot that clarifies that students cannot move their feet and there will be no hand or gesturing allowed – 2nd

Bonnie: concerned. If we are passionate, then we have

Tara: we are looking to get away from using the binder being used as a prop like Darth Vader,

Move to friendly amendment: using the binder as a prop will not be allowed. For BC & A.

Bonnie: we already have a rule for using a binder as a prop. It is a redundant

Linda Lep: North Star: we just needed to add it to the judges' instruction

Doug: really don't want our judges to enforce rules. If we ask them to pay attention to rules then they are not paying attention to the performance.

Lorrie Tatsey: we try to train our judges but not all of them fill out the comments.

Tara: know that it is in there, but wanted to clarify. Maybe we should move to include it in the handbook.

We need to have the judge at least be aware of it

Bonnie: Our BCers have received comments about 'you should have gestured more'. It is not to have them judge this but at least inform them

Irene Crest: we have to judge a lot. We don't have time to look at everything.

Libby: couple of things going on. Motion to change the rule book but the discussion was on the hand book.

MOTION: section G 3 & section H 3 it will now read: (Libby read: add to the rule book that binders may not be used as a prop. INADDITION those changes will be put on the ballot.

- The original Proposal was to add instructions on the ballot that he/she must not use the binder as a prop on the ballot.

Libby- we need to put it into the rule book, then transfer it to the ballot.

James: stuff about changes with interp we'll have to add for AA as well.

Motion carried.

HALL OF FAME - Greg Adkins

Did not meet this year because we did the work of 2 years last time. Mac Swan was nominated to Hall of fame from Polson. Next year we will relook at criteria for nomination.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Many of the coaches not members of MEA & so are not taking advantage of the workshops offered at MEA days. Considered having workshops for coaches at the next spring meeting.

MOTION: move to accept report. 2nd motion carried

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – Teresa Stergios.

No scholarship applications were received by the committee at the spring coach's meeting. The committee was unable to locate any applications but four coaches reported they had students that applied. We are working to obtain the names of all of the students who applied. The committee will work via e-mail to decide on the awards for 2010.

The committee would like to have the attached scholarship application placed on the MFEA web

site in an access able & easy to find location.

A new process for awarding scholarships was agreed upon; to award the scholarship and a check to the coach at the spring coaches meeting. If the coach is not present at the meeting the award would be sent to the student and coach

There were some issues this year for

Old process some kids did not get their

They need to contact in writing to Kari as to why they did not meet the deadline. We did not get the applications for this year. If there are any that did make the deadline, it needs to be sent to Kari.

Decision at the spring coaches meetings so wouldn't have to wait to get the award with start up of college.

Reminder related to scholarships:

Will ask Joanne Austin to include reminders about scholarships to be included in the letters/notices sent to coaches.

MOTION: Theresa Stergios moved to make the following changes:

1. Up date MFEA web site with new scholarship application & cover sheet
2. New process for giving out scholarship Award: money to be given with congratulation letter to the coach at the Spring meeting or mailed to the coach/student at school
3. New process for obtaining applications & applications will be sent to the Treasurer.
4. Letters of Awards & regrets written & agreed upon by the committee.

2nd. Discussion. Motion carried.

AD HOCK COMMITTEE BALLOT- Doug McConnaha

Thanked the people who put a lot of thought & work that went into coming up with the suggestions for the comment sheets. There were a number of people interested in improving the comment sheet. It was recommended that coaches try some ideas as an addition to the comment sheet that is currently used.

Would meet again next year to discuss comment sheets.

NOMINATIONS.

Greg Adkins was nominated from Class AA for vice chair of MFEA. 2nd

Elected unanimously.

Kari Blalock was nominated as Treasurer. 2nd. Elected unanimously.

REVISIT MEET SCHEDULE.

Be sure to send the confirmation to MHSA ASAP. A lot of planning is done, like transportation hotel reservation based on this schedule.

This schedule will be sent to JoAnne as soon as this meeting is over.

Matt wanted me to speak to this: BC doesn't have a site for State. Please look into hosting.

Because of the changes that will be coming please look at the schedule frequently

Kari: thanked Libby for a fabulous convention. (Standing ovation)

Trudy on behalf of MFEA expressed condolences to Tonia for her loss

Libby thanked everyone for being supportive, not just today but at other times with anyone who has needed the support.

Move to adjourn @ 10:53. Tonia wins.