

MFEA -2018- Bozeman, MT

March 8, 2018 - Thursday night- General Session

President Shannon O'Donnell opened the meeting & welcomed everyone.

Tentative meet schedule set up.

Jobs of interim committees: schedules, discuss any proposals for committee.

All members separated into interim committees to reconvene at 8:30

8:30- Shannon reconvened the Full session:

Shannon:

-Everyone **MUST** register with Kari Blaylock, Treasurer. If you haven't paid your dues you cannot vote on any issue. See Kari starting at 7:00 am in the lobby to register & square up with her.

-Last year there were times when we had amendments to amendments & it got so confusing. Doug McConnaha has agreed to be my wingman for this meeting, keeping us on track with the correct Robert's Rules of Order.

Doug: how we vote is based on the MFEA Constitution and I quote: "Any rules changes to the constitution must be approved by 2/3 majority of those who vote."

Abstentions are noted, but they do not count as votes for or against an issue. The count is based on the actual votes of those voting. And all those voting have to be paid members of MFEA.

Note: As parliamentarian we are setting time limits on speeches. If you go over, you will be stopped. You will not be given a 2nd.

It was moved & 2nd to adjourn to reconvene at 8:30 in the morning.

March 9, 2018 – Friday morning- General Session

Shannon opened session. Announcements:

- ~ Welcome back! This is a bittersweet time when the season is over but we still have the opportunity to get together and plan for the next season, share ideas
- ~ Thank you to Dee and Kari for the amazing work they do all season behind the scene.
- ~ I want to introduce Bonnie Ortner who is our Vice-President and will be stepping up next year as president.

Bonnie: If Kari has not seen you in person then you will not be able to vote.

- ~ Dee has requested that committee minutes from today be sent to her electronically. When you speak, please state your name & school
- ~ All committee members need to add and/or update their contact information
- ~ Any motion has to come before a committee before being presented to the body.
- ~ Rooms for committee are on this list.

- ~ Nominations committee: need to make sure that A & BC have representatives on that committee. We will need to nominate a VP for the coming term.
- ~ The reception is at 7:30 this evening.
- ~ At 3:30 there will be an NSDA meeting. We have to have 100% agreement in order to split the district in Montana. It will be in the Montana room or when Education is done.
- ~ Schedule updates made.

It was moved and 2nd to adjourn to committee meetings.

March 9, 2018 – Friday afternoon- General Session 4:00

- ~ Welcome back & Hope everyone had a great time. We will begin with the State reports

AA – in Great Falls – Keith Davy

State went pretty well

Sweeps Results

1. Bozeman
2. Glacier
3. Flathead

One protest was written up but handled at the tournament director level regarding judging in semifinal legislative debate.

Otherwise everything seemed to go well.

Motion to accept, 2nd . motion passed

Class A State report Doug McConnaha.

The Class A State tournament was held in Corvallis on January 26 and 27, 2018. 22 schools attended bringing 366 Students who comprised 337 entries.

We had 6 events that had less than 24 entries:

Policy Debate – 13 entries

Extemp – 18 entries

MPA – 19 entries

Classic Theatre – 19 entries

Dramatic Duo – 15 entries

Mime – 13 entries

The Rules Committee met officially one time to discuss how to best solve a tabbing error that sent the wrong student to semis – a problem that was not discovered until the semi round was over and finals had been paired. The issue has no precedence or reference in the rule book. We met with all parties involved and had the student

perform in front of one of the semi round judges; the result was tabbed as a normal semi round, but it did not change the final pairing.

Sweepstakes Results:

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| Speech Sweeps | Drama Sweeps |
| 1st Columbia Falls | 1st Corvallis |
| 2nd Whitefish | 2nd Park |
| 3rd Laurel | 3rd Laurel |

In summary, I want to thank all the coaches for their professionalism and hard work over the course of the tournament. I also want to officially state that Lee Stahl from Fergus has the coolest coaching kit in the state of Montana.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug McConnaha, Corvallis

Moved to Adopt report. 2nd Motion cleared.

BC state report – held at Huntley Project

Get report from her.

Move to accept report. 2nd. Motion carried.

Coach of the Year Nominees stood to be recognized.

New coaches recognized & introduced.

Interim committee reports:

AA Interim Report -Adam Thane:

Adam Thane was elected chairperson of the committee. Kerry Gruizenga was elected secretary of the committee.

Chloe said that all committee members are elected for two year terms based on the rules. She would like to have voting on all committee members, not just election by acclaim (which we have done for expedience). Chloe moves that we follow the constitution and hold open elections. There was no second. Nick moved that we suspend the rules to re-nominate every committee member who is in this room to stay on that committee.

Those nominated for the committees (and the action taken in the midst of the discussion):

Rules: Greg Adkins (Glacier), Kerry Gruizenga (Skyview), Roger McCullough (Butte), Chloe Smith (Capital), both Nick Malinak and Sean O'Donnell were nominated and declined the nomination. The three representatives elected to the rules committee were Greg, Roger, and Kerry. Derek pointed out that both Nick and Chloe should have be

Debate: Adam Thane (Bozeman), Josh Monroe (Glacier), Roy Antley (Flathead). Ben Norberg (Senior) was nominated. Sonia asked for each to be identified. The debate committee will be composed of Adam, Roy and Ben

Memorized: Shannon O'Donnell (Flathead), Seaghan Herron (Glacier), Jennifer Hermanson (Helena). The ballot was nominated and approved.

Interp: Kathy Johnson (Senior)7, Aly Norwald (Flathead)13, It was moved and seconded that Myra Nurre (West)13 is nominated. It was moved and seconded that Roger McCullough (Butte)6 was nominated. Sara Menssen declined a nomination. Once candidates were identified we re-voted. Kathy, Aly and Myra were elected.

SP: Sean O'Donnell (Flathead)8, Nick Malinak (Big Sky)9, Jennifer Hermanson (Helena High)9. It was moved and seconded that Greta Murray (Skyview)9 be nominated. Nick, Jennifer and Greta were elected.

Scholarship: Kyla is not at the meeting, Julie Easton (GFHS) 10, Chloe resigned from the committee, It was moved and seconded that Myra Nurre (West) 9 be nominated. It was moved and seconded that Cassidy Brooks (Sentinel) 10 be nominated. It was moved and nominated that Sonia Davis (Senior) be nominated. Julie, Myra and Cassidy were elected.

Hall of Fame: Greg Adkins (Glacier), Roger McCullough (Butte), Sean O'Donnell (Flathead), Tony Hofmann (Butte) refused the nomination; Rob was not at the meeting. These three were elected.

Education: Meredith Britt (Sentinel), Ivanna Fritz (Glacier), Steven Hurin (CMR) These three were elected.

History: Greg Adkins (Glacier), Roy Antley (Flathead)

Nick Malinak is stepping down from the short prep committee. Sean O'Donnell (9) has been nominated already. Chloe Smith (3) from Capital was nominated and seconded. Sean is elected to fill the opening.

The schedule is found in the google document. Helena is not going to host with Carroll. Conversation was held about concerns with Butte hosting NSDA having lost judges through layoffs in jobs. It takes 89 rooms. It was moved and seconded to table scheduling options for now. Approved.

State Report: Keith Davey or Steve Hurin will prepare a state tournament report.

It was moved and seconded to table the proposals until after the general meeting. Approved.

Comments and concerns from the past season:

Nick asked what the procedures are for rescheduling state for bad weather. Is there a precedent? MHSAA has a postponement procedure in place (but we might want to check it out).

Other: None

It was moved and seconded to recess until after the general session this evening. Approved.

We reconvened at 9:01 after confirming that 13 of the 14 schools were present.

Proposals sent in advance:

Motion from Oliver and Derek -- was moved and seconded. Derek Sturm (Capital) spoke in favor of the motion. He spoke about the politics involved in the motion and about classes interfering with each other. There were no speeches opposed. The vote was taken and it failed.

Motion from Jennifer about POI was moved and seconded. Jennifer Hermanson (Helena High) spoke in favor of the motion. She spoke about us continuing to try to add this event to speech and debate in Montana. The critical thinking skills taught are amazing. Based on pre-entries at NSDA, it was the most popular interpretation event. Seaghan clarified that he loves POI, but the NSDA rules specifically talks about screenplays are not allowed. The amount of material that needs to be brought

to the tournament is huge. Can we use a simple bibliography to cover it at our tournaments? Terri wrote to the NSDA and asked about that and got permission to use PDF format or it. Nick felt like he couldn't vote for it without making a decision about what event we remove from the options. He would like us to have more discussion about the implications. Greg clarified the process of getting a new event approved. Our proposals go to the ADs and then to the AA Principals. They wanted us to slow down last year, but we did a year of trial. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion from Greg Adkins to eliminate the current rotation and allow for bidding for the state and NSDA tournaments. It was moved and seconded. Greg talked about his rationale that we are trying to allow committees that are ready and able to host can do that. This takes election years, building maintenance/projects, and loss of jobs in a community. The motion with the "Central" in it was voted down.

Updated motion from Greg Adkins allows us just to rotate between West and East (rather than Central) and includes the NSDA. Derek spoke about problems that can be caused by all of us judging each other and our facilities. His suggestion was that we use a "recency" style to determine which town is hosting.

Amendment was made and seconded: Change the language to read, At the MFEA conference, each location willing to STATE or NSDA will affirm a bid to do so, but only if all head-coaches affiliated with that location (regardless of how unaffiliated head coaches feel) are in consensus.

STATE will be awarded to the bidding location that has hosted STATE least recently.

NSDA will be awarded to the bidding location that has hosted NSDA least recently.

All coaches should consider the following:

- School District & Community support for judging pool and hosting the State Tournament
- Performance Space-Preference for the ability to host the tournament at one campus (if needed)

- Auditorium/Gymnasium Space available for Awards Assembly
- Adequate lodging space
- Likelihood of other sports and activities interfering with the above considerations.

Terri moved to amend the amendment to re-add the first bullet

- Whenever possible, the sites should rotate between West and East AA conferences.

This passed.

Josh moved to strike the word AA from the bullet. He withdrew this amendment.

Steve Hurin asked if we could talk about the three proposals in conjunction with one another. Adam reminded us that these are not rules, but are agreement between the AA member schools. Ivanna thinks that the bid process would still allow for us to have a bigger discussion about

The question was called and seconded. Approved.

Nick thinks we should have a schedule but use the bidding to fill slots as needed. Sara pointed out the athletics select their state location by a bid process, but not by coaches. Andrew said that the bid process accommodates for a rotation and recency allows for a schedule without a firm schedule. Roy suggested that the state rotation could stay but the bid process would be for NSDA. Roy moved to remove the sentence that says "STATE will be awarded to the bidding location that has hosted STATE least recently." It was seconded. Greg said he thinks that the bidding is still better. Nick asked if this was a rule. Jennifer Hermanson pointed out that we worked it out when Helena has legislature, but the rotation still worked. Kerry Gruizenga feels like this is a lot of paperwork. Josh spoke against the amendment. Myra talked about support systems that are in place to help first year coaches. Division was called The vote for the amendment was 11-2 and passed.

Nick spoke in affirmation of Derek's amendment to Greg's motion. Steven Hurin is concerned about the possible NSDA split and asked for clarification about why the bid process was eliminated. Bozeman and Missoula hosted NSDA every year

because Billings and Kalispell were both deemed too far away. Myra said that in the event that NSDA district was split this would make each district be able to make their own decision. Terri confirmed that this motion's purpose is a short term plan to have an immediate solution. The question was called and seconded. The motion was approved. The motion to amend Greg's motion is approved.

Adam moved that we change the existing state and NSDA rotations to include Belgrade. The motion was seconded. A motion to amend the motion to remove all NSDA references was made and seconded. Passed. Jennifer said that Helena will not be hosting a two day tournament any year that state or NSDA is hosted there. Shannon reiterated that her AD expressed that the ADs would like an east/west rotation. The question was called, seconded and passed. The motion as amended was passed.

The motion to to split the NSDA district into an east and west district was made and seconded. Adam talked about the advantage of getting more teams from both sides of the state involved with the split. We will need to get a waiver from NSDA to do this. He has a good deal of evidence to approach them with. Andrew asked what the split would be in terms of schools. The NSDA committee is directed by the AA interim committee to explore the split of the Montana District. Motion passed 12-1.

Nick moved to ask the Rules committee to address the differences in rules between the classes and attempt to come to a consensus. The question was called, seconded and approved. The motion was passed.

Nick moved to change the number of judges in semi-finals and finals. The motion was seconded. This adds a drop judge to both rounds. There was a clarification about the drop score in the case of a tie. David talked about wanting to run numbers for a whole season on a number of different methods in scoring this year and then make decisions next year. Andrew talked about the irony of adding a judge to simply allow a drop judge. The question was called and seconded. The question passed. The motion failed.

Nick moved to change the sweepstakes points to give more points to 4-12 than we do right now. Seconded. The sweepstakes points have always focused on the first four places. This change allows for less drastic change between 3rd place and 9-12th place. It splits out the top half of semi-finalists and the bottom. Andrew talked about the heavy weighting of Policy and the fact that a He moved to change the point value of Policy as an event to be equal to the other events. The vote for the proposal carries by 6-5.

Butte still needs help with NSDA.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Motion to Accept the AA minutes as corrected (Chloe voted against splitting the NSDA district) 2nd. Motion carried

Proposals to act on in general sessions:

Motion: proposal to add POI to AA competitive events. It was passed it last year & denied by principals. So we passed it again this year.

Move3d & 2nd . motion passed.

MOTION: Changing the way we do sweeps. Moved to Table motion till tomorrow. 2nd motion carried.

A interim report- Doug McConnaha

Class A Interim meeting – 3/8/2018 minutes

Opened by singing happy birthday to Tim Leeds

Committee members discussed & list updated

Tournament schedules discussed

Corvallis State A Report (See attached from Doug)

Proposals:

State A- prepair 1st 2 rounds at state.

Tara Norick-CFalls- The way we've done it at invitationals is to pre-pair the 1st 2 rounds. While students are in 2nd round, coaches have time to pair the 3rd round based on the results of the 1st round. Then 4th round is paired based on results from rounds 1 & 2. In this way the rounds are starting on time.

Tim Leeds-Havre: I saw it first time in Cfalls. It worked great & things went on time.

Tara: The only glitch is if judges are changed at the table, then the tabbers need to know.

~ It ended up not working in the smaller meets.

Tara: if the computer pairs it makes it different.

Oliver Norlund Billings Central: how does it make a difference? Because we pair it the same by hand or computer

Tara: It is not quite the same because when we hand tab, we winners bracket at A is 4-0 & 1-3

~ East & West do things differently. We have 3 rounds, a final & we're done.

Validity of this method is questionable. But it may work especially when we get to 5th rounds.

Tara proposed that the East try it at a few meets next season

~with the short tournaments it is hard to do. Maybe if we pre-pair the first round.

Doug: it's just a discussion.

Tim: We could do at state but do it differently at

~ I'm open to trying it at state

~There is a concern about judges waiting around.

Liz: I'm concerned about what is best for the kids. What is the most equitable to a students.

Tim: I move to accept the proposal presented & take to body. Sarah 2nd. 15 for 7 against.

Proposal: Splitting Montana into 2 NSDA districts.

Doug: The split would mean a minimum of 2 qualifiers in each event. The other argument is to cut down on the amount of travel therefore the cost.

Tim: it would also cut down on the number of judges needed because there would be fewer sections in each event.

Doug: Is anyone opposed?

Motion: Oliver Nordlund move to accept proposal Tim 2nd. Motion carried

Oliver's Proposal.

2/3 majority of the motion should be only of the affected division.

Oliver spoke to this. We as A should be able to have a say on any issue that affects us. It is

JW McClintic: I understand where you're coming from, but going to many AA meets it does affect us

Liz: I should be able to have an impact on the students, since we go to BC meets it does affect us.

Belgrade: we need to be clarify how we are affected

Oliver: Legi for example. Tired of being impacted by the BC & AA where our policy is concerned.

Doug: abstention are counted and noted but do not count in the 2/3 vote.

Oliver: we had some things happen at the meeting, things should have passed if we had 2/3 of majority or 2/3 of those who voted

Tara: are we looking to have more division or joined?

~East needs to go BC & West needs to go to AA- example don't care about binders.

~ It is in place that we have from the Robert's Rules of Order

Oliver: we need to make sure we double check how the vote is conducted

-They show up

Lee: it sounds that we would be pulled out of the AA & BC

Tim: question called for the question .2nd. Discussion ended.

Vote on proposal: to only vote in your class. 12 for & 17 against.

Shannon has asked Doug to remind people to follow the Robert's Rules of Order. He will be parliamentarian.

Liz- we need to see how the AA vote before we bring to the body

Kari- there are people in this room who are not paid members and should not be voting.

Kristin: We need to have more A school hosting meets, then we wouldn't have to go to BC & AA meets

Belgrade: We are trying to transition to AA so we are straddling the fence

Dan Johnson: Geography is tough, so it is tough because of the distances in the East

~If we want to change things for a meet it still requires permission from MHSA

Tim: for the record it was the BC who were upset when we 'rammed' down their throat about using the cell phone as a timer

Lee: went to only A meets & it was different in the different areas.

Richard Browning: we should not be voting on

Lee: we did this last year showing how we made the changes we left but they didn't understand what we were doing.

Kari: if people are members they have right to vote

Liz: we need to have a more positive attitude in how we work together to bring about change.

Reformatting of the Rules book:

Tara: reformatted how the rule book was arranged. No rules changed, nothing taken out & nothing put in. It has been organized with the table of contents. No changes in it.

Motion & 2nd to end meeting.

Moved to accept report. 2nd . Motion carried.

MOTION: to pre pair 1st 2 rounds of debate at State. 2nd. Discussion. None.
Motion carries.

BC Interim Report: Becky Nay, Chair

Becky Nay was elected as chairperson and Christina Cote was secretary.

We reviewed committees and made changes.

We filled in the meet schedule as much as possible.

Three Forks and Manhattan will co-host B/C State at Three Forks.

I let them know that I had prepared the State Report.

We had brief discussion on Adam Thane's proposal regarding NSDA districting, Denise Bakkum's proposal regarding duplicate performances, and Denise's proposal on Double Entry for BC and decided we would not advance those to they would be discussed in other committees.

Theres was one proposal from the floor from Lisa Carter regarding Classical that was sent to the Drama Committee.

The B/C Interim is bringing 3 proposals to the Body.

Denise Bakkum's proposal to clear up ethics violations. On page #7 Section G.
Ethics

Jon Moore's proposal to send 14 contestants to semi-finals at State.

Matt Stergios' proposal from the floor that B/C should adopt the Class A Ballot to allow speaker points for the tie-breaking procedures.

There was other discussion on a variety of topics but no additional proposals.

Concern from the season: Extemp.

Moved to accept report. 2nd. Discussion? Motion carried.

MOTION: Rule G9 ethic section: cut #7 cuz it is redundant. With #9. Change #14 (get proposal from BC person)

Separate into 3 cut #7 cuz covered in #9 . 2nd Motion carried

Second: penalties ... include #14 – cut all of those lines. 2nd. Discussion get rid of them individually and combine them

Derek Stern: would like to amend to exclude #14 in place. 2nd. Deiscussion?

Motion carried.

Change #14: to read any violations will result in . 2nd. Discussion

Kari May Motion: amendment any violations will result in a range of

Bonnie: not more warnings you are either last or whatever. Right?

Adam Thane: this section deos not just include the competitor but also audience members. There is another section that deals with this outside . should not support this amendment.

We need to have the ability to judge and not disqualify.

Denise Bakham: proposed - we do have 7 points in ethics violations. It was an attempt to consolidate . we want to

Doug: part of the problem is rules like coach watching a round, vs a kid bringing a gun to school. some have to do with coaches and some competitors.

Myra Narre: Ethics is a subject things, it does implies that there is interpretation.

Myra amendment: 2nd sentence from #11 is #14. The intent is to include

Bonnie: the language is already in place.

Tara N: what we are looking at. Is clarification is the have a reference to a range. It does identify a range that may

Denise: we don't want a set penalty? What we want.

KKK; we just eliminated all of the prior rules. The purpose of the amendment is to add back 'last in round.' That we is what

Ivanna: point of order. We are looking at may not need it

Rich R, Belgrade: concern is when peers left room to follow kid who had qualified penalizing a kid who did nothing wrong.

Reread: amendment: change May not will: question & 2nd. To close discussion.

Motion carries

Vote on amendment: motion carries.

Discussion on proposal

Derek: Move to amend #14 see language

Conrad: once again we are totally eliminated all warnings,.

Adam: we get rid of the penalty of the other participants. Having competitor doesn't make any sense.

Derek: at tournaments we can still punish parents & participants.

Move to previous question: 2nd . discussion ended.

Vote on amendment: motion fails.

Original amended motion: change rule #14 in ethics; Division called.

Point of clarification: this is the only rule that would include last in round because we eliminated all of the other mentions of this? Yes.

Yeah: 96 Nay: 6 Motion carried.

MOTION: John Moore – State BC finals rounds taking 14 to semis. 2nd.

Discussion.

Bonnie: it is just to change it AND publish it because it was not included last year.

Motion carries.

MOTION: Matt sturgios- adopt class A speech ballots

Kari Blalock: I think there is a another ballot.

We'll deal with this 1st. Motion carries.

Rules Committee: Doug McConnaha -Chair
Rules Committee Meeting Minutes – March 9th 2018

All Members present – All committee members were present. Contact information was updated.

Doug (Chairman) – Opened the meeting at 9:00am

Summary of the year for the rules committee was read by Doug – no changes or additions were made to the report.

#1 – Dan Johnson proposal for Page #27 Rule # (2) & (4) – Moved to discuss – Avoid pairing teams from the same school. Proposal states that competitors from the same schools will not meet until finals. This proposal aligns the divisional and state rules. This motion was put to a vote and passed.

#2 – Dan Johnson – this proposal referred to Page #28, 33 – Motion to move this to the Debate Committee. Motion passed the rules committee to move this to the Debate Committee.

#3 – B/C Interim – Referred to Page #7 Rule – G9 - This was sent back as it had not gone through the B/C Interim meeting.

#4 – Proposal from Denise Bakkum - Page #7 Rule H – It was moved to open this proposal for discussion. It failed to get a 2nd and failed.

#5 – Denise Bakkum – Proposal for BC to allow Double Entries – They will try it for one year if this motion passes. Linda Lett spoke against the motion. Greg questioned why is the Rules Committee discussing this. Rules committee will drop this as the BC schools have agreed to try this for one year. It will not be an issue for Rules Committee at this time.

#6 – Derek Sturm – Motion to stipulate writing utensils and scoring issues for Judges. Died for lack of a 2nd to open discussion.

#7 – Greg Adkins – Referring to Page #6 Rule F-7 – All MHSA rules must be followed to include the first step of talking with the coach of the competitor involved prior to proceeding through the steps for a referral to the Rules Committee. This motion was approved and passed by the Rules Committee.

#8 – Derek Sturm – A proposal to penalize a school if a student has a rules violation – motion died due to lack of a 2nd to open discussion.

#9 – Andrew Martinez – Referring to Page #7 Rule F 10 – f – Tracking penalties to enforce repeated violations (Bullying & Sexual Harassment issues)– This is after a formal protest and it is forwarded to the Rules Committee. This rule change would mandate the action that the Rules Committee must take. Amendment to strike item III from the proposal. Also to strike item II. This proposal would require the Rules Committee to be aware of all of these issues in making future decisions. Tara – commented that the tracking should be kept by the coaches bringing the protest prior to it going to the Rules Committee.

Doug moved to amend the proposal to deal with the issue of Sexual Harassment or Bullying. Disqualification must take place when it involves Sexual Harassment or Bullying. Several questions concerning how this would play out. **The motion was made to pass the proposal to make Sexual Harassment a disqualification. The motion was passed by the Rules Committee.**

Doug made another motion to get a definition from MHSA on what is Bullying and Sexual Harassment. This will be placed in the Rules Book to provide a starting point for issues/protests dealing with these issues.

A motion was made to add the Sexual Harassment Language to the Rules Book. The motion passed the Rules Committee. The official language will be clarified by MHSA.

Clarification (Doug) – Prior to reaching Rules Committee the issue must have been dealt with on the “local” tournament level and determined that it is indeed a violation. The Rules Committee would then have that as a basis for taking further action when it reached the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee does not track these issues.

Tara moved to amend that it be an ethics violation from Rule G.

Discussion ensued to indicate that the intent is to have a penalty for multiple violations that provides that this is where it ends.

Doug reminded everyone that the tournament director already has the option of disqualifying a repeat offender before it even goes to the Rules Committee.

Greg added that if this goes to the Rules Committee it means that they will have to act accordingly and disqualify for whatever the issue. The proposal states that the student “MUST” be disqualified.

Maria (Beaverhead) – do we keep a document with violations – Doug stated this would probably be tough to implement and work with.

*****After a lengthy discussion and proposed amendments, a vote was called!**
Doug – motion brought to a vote – this proposal failed to pass the Rules Committee.

Doug read the MHSA rules and regulations for Sexual Harassment Policy – Doug asked that the policies be forwarded to the Rules Committee. This would also be a Title 9 issue. **We will ask MHSA to provide us with a definition and guidelines to meet these policies.** More information is forthcoming.

#10 - Alysha Nordwall – Referring to page #20 – 21 Rule #H 1 b c d e

Proposal to follow the NSDA guidelines for Interp. Doug made a motion to move this to the Interp Committee – motion passed the Rules Committee it will go to Interp.

#11 – Lucy Frank – this proposal means to provide a penalty for those violations that do not list a penalty. Could this be last in a round? Tara asked for clarification on the intent of this. This was addressed in a previous motion.

Doug stated that the Tournament Director can make the penalty. It would go to Rules Committee anyhow if an official protest is filed and not resolved at the tournament level.

#12 – Lucy Frank – Referring to page #P23 - Tournament Procedures – No 2nd to move the proposal to a discussion by the Rules Committee. Motion fails.

****Again, item #13 was a lengthy discussion.**

#13 – Charlie Appleby – Referring to Page #23 - This provides a penalty after the 30 second grace period. The competitor would receive a 5 if they passed the 30 second grace period. This proposal created a lot of discussion.

Doug – amend the proposal to add – in the case of repeated timing violations, a competitor will place last in round. Moved and 2nd to go to further discussion.

Doug clarified that there is already a grace period. If this amendment passes, it means that a competitor that repeatedly goes into the grace period could be placed last in the round.

Again a lot of discussion for and against this issue.

Motion to amend the amendment to state that AA be removed from this motion. Failed to get a 2nd from the Rules Committee.

Tara called question – passed-

Amendment failed – Now moved to vote on the original proposal – Motion failed – No timing changes. Suggestion to again handle this as a coaching issue and repeat offenders dealt with at the tournament level.

#14 – David Airne – Referring to Page #23 Rule VI D 1 d – Proposal to give real rankings in semifinal and final rounds. This is actually a request to do research. This did not need committee action. Approval to conduct research is granted.

#15 – Raymond – Referring to Page 24 Rule D 1 d - Motion dies for lack of a 2nd motion.

Doug calls for any other action from the body – One additional motion from the floor.

#16 – Page #8 Rule II G-14 & Page #19 Rule IV F 2.5 – Ethics – Extemp – electronic retrieval rules – the proposal received a 2nd and moved to discussion. Refers to punishment for rules violations. Moved to a vote. Failed Rules Committee.

****NOTE:** Doug – advised coaches to review the updated rules book that has clarified the language and organization. No rule or policy changes were made. Please familiarize yourself with the rewrite.

Doug – Being that there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was called. Motion was made and voted on. Motion to adjourn was approved meeting closed at 10:48am.

Minutes recorded by Mitch Evans (Committee Member from Hardin)

Move to accept rules committee report. 2nd. Motion carried

MOTION: p 7 rule #2 & 4 pairing team. To align division & state rules. 2nd. Motion carried

MOTION: p. 6 should be talk to the coach. 2nd.

Derek Stern: I dislike the A calling it a housekeeping rule. & does not allow for an independent observer to catch the kids. If we tell the coach they'll tell the kid to cool

Adam Thane-Bozeman: point of clarification: we did send an observer who did not see any bullying or sexual harassment. They were given the last in the round because of distracting behavior.

Motion actually says: rule F7 the sequence of the how rules violations are dealt with.

Vote: division called: Yeas: 93 Nays: 12 Motion carried.

Point of order: we expect courtesy of our students, so I would expect the same of us. Please don't talk while someone is addressing the body so I can hear what is going on.

DRAMA Committee Christy Pierce

Drama Committee Meeting minutes

Committee members present: Christy, Stacy, Kari, Mitch, Lisa, JW, Edith

Call meeting to order: Edith

Call for election of committee chair: Edith nominated Christy; 2nd by JW - nomination passed

Call for election of committee secretary: Christy nominated Edith; 2nd by JW - nominated passed

2017-18 Season Concerns:

Lisa- Concern about the numbers of participants in Pantomime, Classical Duo, and Dramatic Duo. Participation at the B/C state level was low. There were 12 teams at A state. For the duos, there were on average 8-12 teams at meets. East B/C had 8 Dramatic Duos at divisionals. B/C takes 6 team to state.

Proposal: Drama - submitted by Lisa Carter- West Yellowstone

Current Language: 1) Any published literature that is 75 years or older. 2) Classic Duo

Proposed change: 1) Any published literature that is 50 years or older. 2) Classic Theater- may include up to 6 performers in scene.

- Duo points would continue to be the scoring system.

Rationale: 1) We need a bigger pool of literature to choose from. 2) Time to shake things up in classic event. 2-6 actors allow for NFL participants to still use a duo.

This would also allow for double entry.

Discussion/Debate:

JW- changing to within 50 years will increase the number of selections available to choose from.

Christy- need to spend time looking for pieces, lots on the internet.

MedLake- radio classics on Sirius XM- lots of materials available

Stacy- just need to coach students how to select pieces.

Paul- most classic scripts are humorous. Not a lot of serious pieces out there.

Kari- classic is mostly serious, but teams want to do funny. The serious pieces stick out when amongst the funny.

Edith- would there be an issue with awards, especially at divisionals/state?

Phil- concerns with judging as well. It would be hard for judges to judge 6 performers.

JW- space needs to be considered as well. Humorous pieces get a huge draw, and if there are up to 6 performers, space becomes tight.

Denise- a lot of changes. We should try Lisa's proposal for a year and see how it goes. But should limit classical to 2-4 performers.

Rachel- then limit it to 1-3 performers.

Paul- can't have a soloist in a duo event.

Lisa- 6 is an arbitrary number. Let's try this for one year.

Julie- great idea.

Stacy- the rationale is to get more students involved in classical. We don't have a lot to begin with.

JW- change the number of competitors.

JW- motion- split the proposal. 2nd Lisa.

Motion- 1) change to "published material 50 years or older"

Kari- move to discuss. 2nd JW

Doug- awesome!

Paul- against!

Joanne- keep it at 75 years

Theresa- it doesn't matter.

Ashley- 50 years? Anything older than 20 years is "old" to teenagers.

Jenna- The whole idea is to expose students to the "classics".

Stacy- whole idea is to expose students to works that are 75 years or older. We haven't used this long enough.

Wayne- what's the difference? The amount of competitors

Call to vote: Motion does not pass

2nd part of original proposal: change classic duo to classic theater, amend to "2-4 competitors" not 6; Timing stays the same along with the sweeps points.

Moved to make changes- Kari, 2nd JW

Discussion/Debate-

Ashley- what about the 3 teams? Is this an issue of space?

JW- changes to the number of entries to state from divisionals?

Lisa- amend to "May include 2-4 performers with a maximum of three entries per school".

Motion by JW, 2nd by Kari

Vote carried

Doug- whatever we do to make classic fun, do it!

Paul- opens up a whole lot of Shakespeare.

Amend motion to say “schools have a maximum of three entries” in this event.

Motion- Kari, JW 2nd.

Discussion/Debate-

Denise- concern that up to 4 actors, this makes 12 per school with (potentially) up to 96 in a room.

Doug- you do or you don't

Lucy- space is a worry. We should limit to 6

JW- most participants will be double entered. Where is B/C on that?

Denise- space- rooms are an issue, along with space

Doug- the only effect is at divisional/state tournaments due to the number of entries.

Lucy- the concern is space

Theresa- possible 36 kids in one event. Have we EVER had this issue?

Denise- big change. We can add up to 12 kids.

Kari- revisit earlier concern- will MHSA foot the bill on more awards?

Doug- no. If we can't fill the events normally, why should we have more kids in an event we can't fill?

Lucy- baby steps first. It will get us further.

Theresa- why not have 8 and enter a quadro team?

Danielle- if you don't bring 3 entries, you hurt yourself.

JW- not changing the number of entries, just the number of participants.

Kari- keep is simple. No change, just internally- we want to change the title from classic duo to classic theater. The 2nd change is to change the number of participants to “2-4”. Keep the number of entries to 3 events per school

Maria- do we change the medal?

Christy- We can bring three classical theater teams with up to 4 performers. (12 total)

Blake- Some duos have issues with partners.

Ashley- extras will be able to take up slack if one partner is out.

Doug- it's a vote for the ADs and MHSA.

Lucy- when you increase changes. Increased changes would change people's budgets.

Lisa- if B/C tries double entries, space will be squished.

Julie- space isn't an issue.

Marie- B/C

Motion to end debate- Edith, 2nd JW. Motion carries.

New to committee

Motion on ballot- Christy (introduces a new ballot for drama only), 2nd Kari

Discussion/Debate-

Doug- if we do the changes on the ballot for drama, then other committees can also change theirs.

Lisette- judges are smart people. They can figure out the ballots.

Christy- had a middle school principal judge and was confused by the ballot. Felt the need to reorganize the ballot for speaker/performer points.

Kari- B/C interim decided to go to the A ballot.

Lisa- students like the line down the middle to separate the positive and negative comments.

Denise- make this consistent

Kari- make it performance points instead of speaker points

JW- the new rubric make less “feel bad moments”.

Doug- ballot is only for A, B/C

Michelle- ballots are specific to the event and judges love it.

Motion- Kari- to adopt new ballot with changes recommended, 2nd JW

Vote- motion passed.

Motion to adjourn- Kari, 2nd JW

Hall of Fame- Greg Adkins

This is the best committee because we just honor people in this.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE 2018 minutes

Old Business

2018-Shelia Haselhuhn, Chuck Carroll & Doc Elison

2019-James Maxwell (Bozeman) was selected last year.

Simpler Updated Nomination Form was never updated on MHSA Site. We will fix.

Doug is working on moving MFEA Coaches Hall of Fame on a Display Board at the School of Education in University of Montana (moving existing from Great Falls).

New Business

Selected Theresa Stergios (Loyola) and JoAnn Austin (MHSA) to be inducted into the MFEA Hall of Fame 2019 (with James Maxwell)

Discussed 2019 MFEA Dates and Sites: Recommended that we have this meeting on March 7-9 in Butte or Bozeman. If those dates don't work, we would

recommend that the meeting be held a week earlier, the weekend of March 1-2 in Butte or Bozeman.

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| 2019 James Maxwell (Bozeman) | 2005 Sue Bach (Billings West) |
| 2019 Theresa Stergios (Loyola) | 2005 Jack Upshaw (Great Falls) |
| 2019 Joanne Austin (MHSA) | 2005 Harvey Livix (Great Falls Central) |
| 2018 Shelia Haselhuhn (Forsyth) | 2004 Bruce Cusker (Great Falls) |
| 2018 Chuck Carroll (Billings Central) | 2004 Sue Brown (Flathead) |
| 2018 Mark "Doc" Elison (Billings Central) | 2003 Chris Wortman (C.M. Russell+) |
| 2017 Laurel Walker (Blue Sky+) | 2003 Ron Conrad (Glendive) |
| 2017 Linda Hassinger (Denton) | 2002 John Musgrove (Havre) |
| 2017 Shelley Fisher (Libby) | 2002 Ric Floren (Malta) |
| 2016 Doug McConnaha (Corvallis) | 2001 Lorraine Bronson (C.M. Russell) |
| 2016 Michelle McConnaha (Corvallis) | 2001 Ron Fisher (Billings West) |
| 2016 Greg Adkins (Glacier, Flathead) | 2000 Claudette Morton (Glasgow) |
| 2015 LouAnne Foley (Skyview, West, Libby) | 1999 George Sendon (Missoula Big Sky, Sentinel) |
| 2015 Fritzi Walker (Columbus) | 1998 David Hashley (Flathead, Big Sandy) |
| 2014 Michael Christensen (Columbia Falls+) | 1997 Steve Reardon (Butte) |
| 2014 Virginia Cook (Dillon) | 1995 Harold Tusler (Columbia Falls) |
| 2013 Trudi Downer (Laurel+) | 1993 Virgil Cork (Missoula Hellgate) |
| 2012 Matt Stergios (Loyola) | 1992 Connie Wagner (Flathead) |
| 2011 Mac Swan (Polson) | 1992 Bob Adams (Bozeman) |
| 2010 Bernie Quilico (Skyview+) | 1991 Margaret Johnson (Missoula Sentinel) |
| 2009 Axel Schmang (Havre) | 1990 David Andrew SR (Missoula Sentinel) |
| 2009 Tom Richardson (Flathead) | 1989 Jim Barsoti (Big Sandy) |
| 2009 David Belfield (St. Leos) | 1989 Curt Baker (Bozeman) |
| 2009 Vince Kunda (Big Timber) | 1988 Tom O'Brien (Bozeman+) |
| 2009 Louise Nickey (Broadwater+) | 1988 Ivan Hunt (Great Falls) |
| 2008 Lyn Riley (Gardiner+) | 1987 Mary Elaine Seelinger (Havre) |
| 2007 Anne Sullivan (Bozeman, | |

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| Havre, St. Leos) 2006 Jim Haugen (MHSA) 2006 Jim Therriault (Townsend) 2006 Ted Clearman (Helena) | |
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Criteria: Candidates must meet all three major areas of criteria listed to be considered for the MFEA/MHSA HALL OF FAME.

Criteria I. Overall Contribution to the Field of Forensics Through the Years in Montana.

This criteria may include:

1. General maintenance of excellent program(s).
2. Leadership and committee work in all phases of Forensics in Montana (MFEA).
3. COACH OF THE YEAR Award during tenure of coaching forensics or drama.
4. General contribution to all phases of education in Montana.
5. Honoree must be retired from coaching for at least five consecutive competitive coaching seasons. This criteria is waived for all current coaches who have coached for more than twenty years.

Criteria II. Professionalism in Forensics.

This criteria must include:

1. Overall competency as a director.
2. Desire to aid and assist others in the field.
3. Sportsmanship.
4. Overall leadership.
5. Work and efforts on behalf of Montana Forensic Educators Association.

Criteria III. Results Achieved in Competition.

This criteria must include:

1. Has the school Forensic program improved under his/her direction?
2. Does the program have broad base with competitors in all areas?
3. How well do his/her students perform? Preference should be given to outstanding achievements (i.e. state championships) at the STATE TOURNAMENTS.
4. Do his/her students conduct themselves with courtesy and sportsmanship while in competition?

Tonight we will be honoring 3 colleagues.

We made a simpler form to be updated on the site. Please look at the hall of fame criteria.

Move to accept report. 2nd motion carried.

MOTION: move that we induct Teresa Sturgios & Joanne Austin. That they be inducted in 2019. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: we have this conference in Butte this week-end or the previous. 2nd. Adam: since we are induction James Maxwell. We could look into Grand tree. Can I with draw the motion &

Adam: vote to reconsider the dates for induction 3.

Bonnie: I think tha James is workthy and the 2 women are also as worthy. It is Joanne's last year.

Greg: we just added the 2 as well James Maxwell.

Nominations committee: Michelle McConnaha

The committee makes the following nomination: Liz Schwartz from Laurel (Class A) to be the next VP. 2nd. Liz has accepted the nomination. Motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP - Oliver Nordlund.

Chose 4: 2 will receive \$500 each & 2 will receive \$250 each.

Recipients are as follows:

\$500 – Kyle Stone from Three Forks High School; Coach-Greg Overman

\$500 – Rebecca Vance from Flathead High School; Coach-Shannon O'Donnell

\$250 – Kristin Saturday from Corvallis High School; Coach Doug & Michelle McConnaha

\$250 – Emmie Belleisle from Three Forks High School; Coach-Greg Overman

Move to accept scholarship committee report. 2nd. Motion carried.

Education Committee: Ivanna Fritz

Minutes

- Ivanna (Glacier) is elected chair
 - Steve H. (CMR) is elected secretary

- Comments and Concerns from the Season
 - Ivanna reports on MEA
 - Ivanna, Greg, Doug presented.
 - Mostly coaches attended
 - Is it worth presenting at MEA?
 - Theresa F (Miles City) asks about generalizing workshops.
 - Ivanna provides history, reports that they are mostly about public speaking, and speaks to MEA moving to half day workshops.

- Denise (Townsend) speaks to a lack of turn out due to communication issues. There is discussion on improving communication.
- Ivanna- Apply through MEA, and mentions MHSA website.
- Anna (Malta)- Facebook group idea is presented.
- Steve- MEA half day ideas
- Teresa- discusses mock meets
- Ivanna- discusses opportunities within districts
- Steve- work through curriculum cooperatives
- Meredith- speaks to a lack of communication, and people need to know about opportunities.
- Sarah shares about what A West already does.
- Ivanna shares about Kalispell's summer camp/recruiting
- Ivanna
 - Re MEA: will organize and do participation agreements
 - We should continue to offer PIR for spring meeting sessions
 - Get the word out through social media and posting on MHSA website
- Sarah- will start facebook page
 - Link to facebook page:
 - https://www.facebook.com/groups/2078639855748608/?notif_id=1520633143334801¬if_t=group_r2j_approved&ref=notif
- **Ray Z- made a motion to start facebook page | Seconded | Passed**
- Ivanna
 - Spring meeting: 4 and 5 sessions were better.
 - 6 worst for people
 - Consider Saturday during break before Hall of Fame
 - OPI is easy to work with ; Ivanna knows the system
 - Also, adding OPI is a good sell for districts in terms of attending this Spring meeting.
- Theresa- there are a TON of new coaches
- Anna
 - New coaches in the South
 - Divisions normally meet in the fall
 - August
 - We need someone to step up and run a training
- Ivanna suggests half day PIR at this meeting
- Anna- we don't necessary want to force the school hosting divisions to do this

- Theresa
 - Divisional host also hosts a new coach clinic
 - It could be something else based on need, such as going through new rules

Sarah: Motion to still do MEA | Seconded | Passed

Ivanna: Will need someone closer to Billings to go to scheduling meeting.

Theresa: will go to scheduling meeting

Meredith: Motion to provide OPI units at spring conference | Seconded | Passed

We plan to do 2 sessions on Friday and 1 on Saturday

Move to accept report. 2nd Motion carried

MOTION: We are still part of MEA and we are still open to doing workshops there. Move to do so. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Move to continue the workshops at this meeting. 2nd. Motion carried.

Sarah Piper created a very unofficial facebook closed face book page. We do wonderful activities around the state. If we could share a template for others to use that would help each other and new coaches. It is a positive thing we can do to share.

NSDA meeting- Kerry Gruizenga .

In our meeting we discussed splitting our Montana district into 2. There are some reservations about this. we would like to continue to talk about it. We would like to get feedback from schools that perhaps would join if we are in 2 districts. You wouldn't have to travel as far for the qualifier meet. It would mean more students from Montana qualifying for Nationals because of the minimums. There are great resources available on line for coaches of member schools.

Kari: Move to recess till tomorrow morning. 2nd motion carried.

Friday Night reception to honor COY & Hall of fame inductees.

Class C Speech Coach of the Year: Jerry Gustafson - Culbertson

Class C Drama Coach of the Year: Blake Bolke - Plentywood

Class B Speech Coach of the Year: Jon Moore – Shepherd

Class B Drama Coach of the Year: Becky Nay – Huntley Project

Class A Speech Coach of the Year: Danielle Tate – Billings Central

Class A Drama Coach of the Year: Lee Stahl - Fergus

Class AA Steve Reardon Award Speech Coach of the Year: Karen Downes – Bozeman

Class AA Anne Sullivan Award Debate Coach of the Year: Keith Davey – Great Falls

Hall of Fame Inductees: Sheila Hasselhahn; Chuck Carroll; Mark ‘Doc’ Eliason

March 10, 2018 – Saturday - General Session 8:30 am

We are starting with Interp.:

Interp committee- Allie Nordwall, Flathead, Chair.

(see minutes) sent email requesting copy of minutes.

Motion: move to accept report. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: sources of materials 2nd. Discussion.

DereK; if you have a movie script?? Yes

?-for print source does copyright still to be provided? Digital source has different language it is list

Myra Neelli: we work really hard to align the wording from AA but open many sources. All this provided was more options for material sources.

?-didn't restrict anything for BC and allows more for AA.

Nick Melanak-BigSky: by the end of it we were on the same page. It was a good compromise

Chloe Smith-Capital: do you have to have NDSA membership to get in? NO

Motion carries

MOTION: from Val Smeltser- Manuscripts: unpenalized use. To align the whole state. This would allow those who want to continue using the binder may. 2nd.

Discussion

Conrad: we can say it is an unpunished aspect, but judges will note those who use the binder.

Bonnie: question about moving with binder. The intent is not to use space. Are we talking appendages or stroll across the room?

Allie: it is allowing movement, not just appendages.

BC: I realize we are playing by AA rules. It is a hindrance if we used binders & judges come back & say would have placed you higher had you not used the binder.

Tara: point of clarification: we have taken kids to AA who have placed with a binder. It doesn't take away from their performances. It helps the A classes who are stuck between the 2 worlds.

Question called. 2nd. Discussion closed.

Division called. Yeas: 83 Nays: 17. Motion carries

MOTION: from Bonnie Ortner- SPOI timing procedure. Housekeeping. 2nd. No discussion motion carries.

MOTION from Danielle Tate: materials may be read... cutting out the word extemporized. Moved & 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: from Nick- affect Duo Interp. To align with accidental infraction of the rule. Moved & 2nd . discussion:

Nick: it was just to get out ahead of accidents. This would keep kids from breaking rules without dropping to last place. Aligns with penalties of timing error.

Motion carries.

MOTION: Joanna Kerns- ballot adjustment makes sure the ballot aligns with rule book.

Moved & 2nd. Motion carries.

Charlie Appleby: if we work as a body then we can let our ADs know we work together. Even though we compete at different meets & in different divisions.

Debate: Adam Thane chair.

Started 30 minutes late & ended 20 minutes early.

Debate Committee Minutes

Adam Thane chosen as Chair; Roy Antley for minutes

No comments about last season

Proposals in advance:

1. LD & Legi Topics--changes approved
2. PF Topic--changes approved
3. Policy Topic--changes approved with amendment to remove the duplicative "resolved"
4. P. 9, deleting language about not using electronic retrieval devices--approved
5. P. 13 III.C.3--clarification on novice status--approved
6. P. 27 a(2)(4)--advanced by Rules committee
7. P. 28 and 33: VIIj and VIII 2 f&g--striking language "including semi-final rounds" from the indicated section.

Tara--ranking should include all data points

Dan--how we place 5th thru 8th does not match how we do 3rd and 4th. We should reward the more consistent/superior performance from preliminary rounds over the speaker points from the 3 ballots in the QF round. We should disregard their speaker points from quarterfinals.

Adam--essentially this would make the A,B and C practices the way AA computer tab does

Tara--under Dan's plan the results would be based on the order that they went into the bracket?

Adam--Correct ... there is no need to tab speaker points after prelims

Doni D--under current A,B,C practice, the outround speaker points are counted?

Tara--East and West were not consistent ... we need to clarify and make it uniform

Rich Robinson--We need to be consistent between quarters and sems

Dan--this is addressed in the next rules proposal. This is a better/cleaner way to do it.

Tara--at our state tourney, we have fewer schools in the bracket; to avoid hitting same school, we have to move them ... would have to track the original seeding for placement purposes?

Adam--yes

Dan--that's what my proposal does

Christine--unintended consequences if students know speaker points don't matter?

Adam--we've never seen that in AA. With 3 judges

Motion carries unanimously

8. P 28/33--VIIj and VIII 2 f&g--basically a housekeeping measure in case 7. above does not carry through the body. Motion carries.

9. P. 12 &13, IIIB6 f&g; IIID3--providing copy of case and provision of evidence as set out in IIID4. Moved & seconded.

Dan--does this apply only to the initial case?

David--applies to whatever you read initially.

Adam--our current rule is straight from the NSDA rulebook

Tim--why is the policy and LD different than the PF?

Adam--it corrected a discrepancy between electronic and other evidence

Dan--I don't think written analysis included in case should be required to be shared in writing. Listening is part of the skill set. Extended out this could even cover the flow being given to your opponent.

David--the way the word "case" is utilized in debate may be confusing ... the goal is simply to improve debate and clarity.

Adam--evidence must be provided, and the case is often shared on request, but there is no penalty for not doing and no current requirement to do so.

Tara--paraphrasing is widely used in PF and we addressed this in the evidence sharing rule ... the evidence must be shared but the argumentation not necessarily required.

Adrian--what about students speaking from a prepared outline and extemporizing the speech ... would the outline be required to be shared?

Adam--if the speech is extemporized from the outline it seems there would be no way to comply with this rule.

Tim--outline could be provided?

Adam--This could be problematic since you aren't providing your "case"
Motion fails.

New motions from the floor? None

Any need to review ballots for errors/corrections? None

Doni D--on the bullying point for debate ... in C-X, we need to think about how that rules amendment would potentially impact C-X and crossfire.

Adam--this is why we need to have a good and clear definition of bullying and sexual harassment. Aggressive C-X needs to be protected but we need a standard.

David--there is a "best practices" document we should examine

Ivana--I found a brochure on sexual harassment and hazing ... 2 pages; Joann will be sending this out to all coaches.

Andrew M--Montana Coach's Association has some information on this too ... have forwarded to Joann and will send to Adam too.

Dee Hallock--I had a parent comment about debaters being condescending to lay judges ... the attitude is unprofessional in directing judges how to decide the round.

Adam--good point and coaches need to be mindful and work with their kids on this.

Tim--debaters should not talk down to the judge. Condescending and insulting behavior is counterproductive.

Moved and seconded to adjourn ... 20 minutes early after starting 30 late!! (We rock!!)

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned.

Move to accept the report. 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: topics page 8 when we switch topics. It fits the schedule we have. 2nd.
Motion carried.

MOTION: to change PF topic. Nov. through nov. 24. It fits new schedule. 2nd.
Motion carries.

MOTION: policy topic resolution: us fed govt reduce immigration. 2nd motion carries.

MOTION: housekeeping. P. 9 strike any electronic retrieval devices. 2nd Motion carries.

MOTION: p.13 3c3 novice debate definition: novice is a moved & 2nd. Motion carried

MOTION: from Dan Johnson. To strike: including semi finals rounds, speaker points from semi final rounds. : this allows to use the brackets the way it is designed. Also aligns.

Tara: explain what this is doing: you have a bracket as in the book. Their placing in the brackets determines how they place. Without looking back at records & speaker points. It is how AA does it. it is aligning.

Dan: I think it is important that we are getting rid of tie breaking methods. It only gets rid of speaker points after prelims.

Tara: hate to say it is a bad data round. We should be using the data points that we are asking from judges.

Nick: I know that we have multiple judges.

Liz Schwarts: we do use speaker points in semis but only as a tie breaker. Motion carries.

MOTION: moved to withdraw next motion. 2nd . Motion carried.

Short Prep report- Sean O'Donell

Short Prep Committee Minutes:

Comments/Concern

Nick Malinak Big Sky - When setting up TRIPEC at AA, set Impromptu as ZZZ so that they are doing that event AFTER extemp. Can also do ZIMP - Extemp first, Duo last, otherwise alphabetically

Dee Hallock Hamilton - NSDA topics worked well for divisionals and state, except they send enough topics for 6 students in a round not 8 (need to write the extras to send to tournament hosts)

Doug McConnaha

Proposal: No protection for extemp draw time.

Doug: Competitors gaming the system to talk later in the round. Double-entries are a logistic question/coaching question. Price you pay for being double-entered.

Val Seltzer: Question - if they were second draw, and aren't there, you still draw on time and speak on time, just lose time? (ANSWER Yes)

Jen Hermanson: AA bumps speaker order. Is that currently happening in ABC? (Yes)

Tara Norick: Trying to fix an ethical problem with a rule. If they are in extemp, they have to stay in the draw room (just like any round). On page 7 Rule 9a. Requirement is already to go to draw room at start of round.

Sarah Piper: concerned about students who are delayed from their earlier round running long

Gail Steffanson: Coaches arriving later than 730 isn't kids fault if coach didn't plan on arriving at tournament in a timely fashion.

Jen Hermanson: Proposal from the floor is coming up. Move to table. Lee Stahl second. **PASS**

Jen Hermanson

Proposal from the floor: One bump in draw time for courtesy, after that requires approval from tournament director or else it will be last in round (assessed in tab room). Allows for extenuating circumstances, while also requiring students to be present and draw on time unless it is unusual event.

Abby Connolly: Would tournament director have to rule on every time someone bumps more than once? Draw room often far away from tab - does this happen before draw happens?

Sarah: Amend to "or designated proxy"

Nick Malinak: Shawn OD has been draw room supervisor, works well. Consider penalty is lost draw time, rather than last in round? How to assess it in timely fashion.

Gail Steffanson: One person in draw room, trust them. Why designate?

Tara Norick: Concern with shortened time - how to notify judge? Being handled in tab room is a better solution rather than putting pressure on draw room.

Doug McConnaha: Likes Jen's proposal. Point is to keep extemp running on time. Compromise - bumped once, after that draw time starts.

Jen Hermanson: Once in a blue moon could be realistic, every round....? Probably not a real reason.

Val Smeltzer: Coaching discussion about consequence of messing around instead of getting to draw on time.

Doug McConnaha: Puts kids on notice. No more games.

Question called on amendment Sarah Piper, second Tara Norick -- **PASS**

Matt Stergios: What do we do, if this passes? JH: Bump one freely. After that, tell competitor to draw, they get 30 minutes, but at end of round let tab room know anyone who got bumped more than one slot - then tab room will have to decide to assess penalty.

Question called Jen Hermason, second Tara Norick -- **PASS**

Doug **withdraws** earlier proposal

Sean O'Donnell: Within each round, questions will have a consistent degree of difficulty (page 18 Rule 1b). Early questions are easier and more commonly understandable than those that are left behind for later competitors to choose from.
Second Lee Stahl

Lee Stahl: What constitutes obscure? What are the guidelines?

Tara Norick: Puts coaches on notice to be fair as they put together their tournaments. No way to address consequence for this.

Val Smeltzer: Or, increase number of questions available so that there are say, 6 left instead of 3.

Nick Malinak: Earlier kids may well be benefiting. "Broad and debatable in nature" guideline isn't happening currently. NSDA has same issue - some questions get skipped over by everyone, which says something about that question

Doug McConaha: NDSA purchased questions are written for that tournament. I use NFHS questions that are sent out.

Shannon O'Donnell: Dee mentioned that it was hard to write the extra questions, because NSDA questions were so recent and topical.

Abby Connelly: In semis at state, all questions were about the same thing except for one - which makes it awkward for scoring by judges

Paul Stergios: Likes adding three extras, so probabilities change to favor more choice

Val Smeltzer: Move to amend

Tara Norick: p18 1d2: 12 questions used every round. This is a separate proposal.

Val: withdraws

Gail Steffanson: Smaller tournaments don't need 15 questions in the east. Tara: 6 more than the number in the round.

PASS

Tara Norick

Proposal from the floor: page 18 F1 d2: Strike first sentence. A total of at least five questions greater than the number of competitors in the largest section will be provided. Strike “for Divisional and State” from F1d.

Gail Steffanson: Will this confuse coaches?

Tara Norick: Not with new structuring of rulebook to move Div/State rules to a separate section. Note to self to check those get moved.

Pass

Discussion

Sean O’Donnell: Are we as a committee comfortable with chair examining topics and sending oddities to other committee members to review?

Tara Norick: When extra questions are needed, multiple coaches involved? Rep from each class?

Doug McConaha: Comment sheet change from Drama Gail: adds the word “or” between ratings, clears up logical flow

Sean O’Donnell:

Proposal (no rule change needed) Chair will contact one member from each division to go over topics and write any additional questions that are necessary for div & state

PASS

Move to adjourn, second

PASS

Moved to accept report. 2nd . Motion carried.

MOTION: Jen Hermanson & Sean- adds a g to rule F open page 18- extemp draw will bump to keep draw on time..... 2nd. Discussion:
Motion carried.

MOTION: from Sean O’Donnell: to keep topics balanced: add: consistent degree of difficulty

Kari Blaylock: how do I know what is more difficult to one than another?

Sean: There were times when they had an included topic on climate change when the other questions were generally on economics.

Motion carries:

MOTION: Tara Norick- addition to the number of questions. Would add at least 5 questions than the highest number of kids in a round.

Oliver: why 5 more than 4 more? Why are we going.

Tara: in the committee there were no directions for how many questions to draw from. When the committee decided that the last kid had the 'dregs' and fewer questions to choose from.

Lucy Frank: if there are 5 in a round then we just add 5 questions. It is not a requirement to have more?

Dan: does it really matter that they are rejects from other kids? I fail to see that it really matter.

Val Smeltzer: some of the kids are always going last if double entered.

Question call: 2nd. Discussion ended.

Motion carried.

MOTION: proposed to review the questions from each class to add questions. 2nd.

No discussion.

Matt: logistically it helps that there is a timely manner.

Motion carries.

Memorized committee: Liz Foley

Meeting Minutes:

Called to order 2:09pm.

- I. Kerri Blaylock brought in as interim member in place of Lee Stahl.
- II. Liz Schwartz, Laurel: elected chair
- III. Questions and concerns from the past season
 - a. Emily Keegan, White Sulpher: went to NSDA tournament and their informative student was attempted to be disqualified.
 - i. Shannon O'Donnell, Flathead: NSDA rules dictate that informative does not allow for anything electronic or with a power source. That's NSDA rules, which differ from MHSA
 - b. Strugis, Loyola: concerns about slam poetry pieces in MPA
 - i. Shannon O'Donnell, Flathead: I agree. Slam poetry is a performance piece, not an address. There are other options. Find an actual address by your favorite spoken word person that isn't performance (like a graduation address)
 - ii. Liz Schwartz: comes up every single year. Its open to interpretation. This is a coaching decision as to whether spoken word or slam poetry is an address.

- iii. Shannon O'Donnell: we need to really decide at some point what constitutes an address and whether it has true national or international significance.
- iv. Seaghan Herron, Glacier: what truly constitutes an address, is a performance if you pay to go? If the slam poetry was done at a rally – does it become an address?
- v. Sara Menson, Glacier: when MPA was created, we didn't have the same breadth and access to speeches/addresses that we now do. So we have to move with the times and decide how the event rules should change in order to work with
- vi. Ashley, Conrad: what we do on this committee doesn't happen in a vacuum. All speech is performance.
- vii. Oliver Nordlund: Poetry is an actual event in other states. Address is a speech, not a poem. If you want poetry, bring poetry as an event to Montana.
- viii. Seaghan Herron, Glacier: if one of our orators makes the stylistic choice to write a speech in the form of spoken word, is that still an oratory?
- ix. Ashley Bushwell, Conrad: the definition of address is a spoken address to a group of people.
- x. Craig West, Plentywood: There is no good way to make language more strict.
- xi. Greg Overman, Three Forks: does spoken word or slam poetry actually cause problems in MPA? Is there a competitive advantage? Not really.

IV. Proposals submitted ahead of time:

- a. Sarah Piper, Stevensville, proposal regarding mandatory memorization and consequences for not being memorized.
 - i. Sarah Piper, Stevensville: if memorization is mandatory then there should be punishments for not being memorized. Judges are frustrated by this, should they prioritize memorization or speech quality? The new sample ballot adds a checkbox for judges to indicate if notes were held during the speech.
- b. Kari Blaylock moved, Seaghan Herron second
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Clarification that this is just MPA and OO.

- ii. Would we remove the rule listed on comment sheet about memorization?
 - 1. Sarah Piper, Stevi: Leave the language and let judges decide whether to mark them down, checks to make sure students are penalization for not being memorized in events that require it.
- iii. Shannon, Bigfork: would we have an entire room of sixes if nobody in a section is memorized? YES
- iv. Dan Johnson, Laurel: Don't necessarily disagree with this rule at the end of the season but definitely should be penalty at end of season. If a student's unmemorized OO or MPA is performed better than a memorized one, performance should take precedence.
- v. Maria Hanson, Beaverhead: Could we put a date on this? Give a month-long grace period?
 - 1. Sarah Piper, Stevi: date is arbitrary and kids join at different times.
- vi. Craig West, Plentywood: two MPAs in the whole tournament and both are on notecards – do they not get awards?
 - 1. Sarah Piper, Stevensville: there can be a first place and second place but they would still be scored down.
- vii. Sarah Menson, Glacier: were there instances at divisional or state with notecards?
 - 1. Shannon, Flathead: Yes, still some on notecards, even at State.
- viii. Liz Schwartz, Laurel: We need to go to Tournament director and file a challenge. This event shouldn't be about penalizing kids, it should be about learning. We don't need this rule. Tournament Director and Rules Committee can rule and enforce penalty.
 - 1. Sarah Piper, Stevi: We as coaches need to commit to doing it. Play hardball and stop cutting kids as much slack.
 - 2. Shannon O'Donnell, Flathead: we are nice people but we need it in the rulebook so it takes pressure off protesting.
 - 3. Dan Johnson, Laurel: We need to grow up and file a protest. Don't take it personally, but we can force competitors to follow the rules.

- ix. Sarah Miller, Whitefish: we are taking a rule that already exists (memorization is mandatory) and giving us a way to enforce it. This gives the tab room a way to penalize students. This encourages students to rise to a better performance.
- x. Maria Hanson, Beaverhead: this penalizes students that join late. Can we amend to make this a divisional and state only rule?
 - 1. Sarah Piper, Stevi: not opposed to that but students shouldn't expect to do well when they're not memorized. Shouldn't stop them from showing up.
 - 2. Liz Schwartz, Laurel: students will be motivated to do a speech extemporaneous and a worse performance but they don't use notes.
 - a. Sarah Piper, Stevi: Ethical issue that coaches should deal with.
 - b. Ashley Bushwell, Conrad: this happens already at BC early tournaments.
- xi. Question called.
- xii. In favor 4, against 5, Motion Fails

V. Proposals from Floor

- a. None

VI. Comment Sheet review:

- a. Drama committee proposed a new rubric with numbers in it, it also changes the speaker points ratings so instead of a “-“, we will have an “or”. Also a Line down the center for ballots for positive and negative comments.
 - i. This could be amended to affect Speech as well, including AA.

Adjourn: 2:45pm

Moved to accept report. 2nd Motion carried.

MOTION: Move that we adopt the drama ballot format for Speech. 2nd.

Discussion.

Sarah Piper-Stevensville: would like to remove the numbers because they don't add up to the totals at the bottom.

Liz Foley: Would we do this for the Drama ballot as well?

JW-Stevi: It is to make it easier for the judges that we just talked about.

?: So that when we add up the numbers it adds up for the same at the bottom. It will help judges.

Kerry: This will work for some of the ballots, but some ballots have more than 5 categories, so it won't add up.

Dan Johnson, Laurel: All of my paperwork looks different. It baffles me as to what we are doing.

?: We are trying to get objective points so that we are consistent rather than all over the place.

Val Smeltser: Leave them the same. Can we try it for a year so get feedback from judges?

Point of Clarification: if we do this can we go back?

Sarah: Here's the OO ballot for example: If you add up the performance points, whether it's full or half points, it won't add up to the numbers at the bottom. It's a lot of math as well.

Lucy: This way is a compromise. It makes sense which is what swayed me.

John-Shepherd: We can do this for Speech/Drama, but speaker points will not solve that problem. As a debate coach we continue to have variations in speaker points depending on the judge.

Question called: motion to end discussion carried.

Amendment: remove the performance points from speech ballot. 2nd. Motion carried

Original motion for adopting ballot format for speech with amendment: no further discussion. Motion carried.

Housekeeping from rules committee:

MOTION: Move to adopt the redesigned format for the handbook. 2nd. Look at the new outline of the redesigned handbook. Tara Norick spent time organizing the rules so that it flowed & made sense instead of having to look in several places for rules. Discussion:

Derek: did the legi rules make it to the new handbook. YES

Motion carried.

MOTION: Bonnie Ortner move to reopen the issue of the drama ballot. Must have a 2/3 majority of the voting body.

Yes 78 no: 19. Motion to reopen issue passed.

MOTION: I move to remove the points line from the bottom of the drama ballot. 2nd. Discussion:

?:Can we use it in drama this year & see which one works?

Tara: what happens when they circle all excellent & then circles a 21? The points don't make a difference at the bottom.

Motion carries.

Adam Thane: we missed one of the motions of the motion from the AA interim committee

MOTION: from Nick Melanick prior to the MFEA (get it from Adam) So moved. 2nd.

Nick: this is to have rules committee see where we are different so that we know where the differences the committee can make recommendations to the MFEA body. To help with aligning the 3 divisions. It should mean the same thing for anyone in MT. This is coming from different divisions. No single division has a bigger voice. Just looking for these differences in a google docs.

Oliver. I'm against because it is from the rules committee rather than outside of the rules. An ad-hoc committee should be formed to look at this. Propose this be an ad hoc committee not from rules committee. 2nd. Motion carried.

Motion as amended: this just looking for stuff then bringing it to the body.

Question called. 2nd. End discussion

Motion carried. Ad Hoc Committee members: nomination:

Oliver Nordlund-Billings Central, Ray Zintz- Browning. Terry Belky- Butte High. Nick Melinak, Sentinel. Abby Connely- Glacier. Denise Bakkun- Townsend. Val Smeltzer- Power/Brady/Dutton

Nominations are accepted.

-Suggest nominations include Tara Norick

Motion to accept Tara. 2nd approved.

Nominations accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Kary Blaylock

~ We have money but we are not sustainable. Currently the meeting is \$600 per day, + 18% gratuity. We want to continue with scholarships and hall of fame honorees.

~ Expenses \$6,000 & collect \$4000. Can't continue spending and reaching into savings

Dan Johnson- Laurel: do we increase the dues?

Kari: we need to increase the fee for reception.

Is there is any math to increase?

Kari: I could propose an increase in dues & reception

Mitch: I would just throw out there that the coaches' dues in other areas is \$35. I would look at changing dues.

Bonnie: whether we increase or not we still don't have enough to cover costs.

MOTION: I move to raise dues to \$30 prior to 12/1 & \$35 after 12/1

Dan Johnson: it seems arbitrary if we don't know what the increase costs will be for next year.

Val: I don't think we are trying to meet the deficit but mitigate the losses. At least we will slow the bleeding down.

Nick: point of information: I don't know if this is going to carry over to next convention. We are a team who will black list the Grantree Inn. Don't like them, they did not treat us well when we stayed there before.

Dan Johnson: my point is to not set an arbitrary amount. Can we empower Kari to charge an amount to cover our cost? Rather than to continue bleeding?

Alysha: can we just increase our dues and then next year charge whatever we need to pay for the reception?

Greg: we have a conference fee, a reception & dues. We have a large number of people who didn't go to the reception.

Bonnie: several years ago we had a banquet fee, when we went to reception fee it increased the participation significantly.

Dan Jonson: move to amend keep the increase of the dues as is, add conference of \$10, reception to be determined. 2nd. Passed.

Vote on motion. Question 2nd. Discussion ended.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Kari Blaylock

Kari : let's talk about dues. Now that we have increased the dues can you pay them? I'm tired of being the bad guy.

We have to have a consequence for not being paid. You have to enforce it at your tournament

Oliver: my question is this is MFEA is not MHSA can we can force people to pay dues?

Christine: can we pay for this year? If we are here we can pay for next year?

Dan Johnson: it is not akin to a union. Our rules already state that you have to be a member to tab if you are a paid member.

Doug: Kari sent out list of unpaid coaches.

Denise: don't know what the list was. I didn't understand all of this since I was new didn't know MFEA. We need to be encouraging new coaches. Connection between ADs & coaches.

~It is MHSA who sends out MFEA information to all coaches. As long as you communicate with me I can communicate with you. However you want to deal with it, if you want to enforce it

Mitch: There is a fee with the Education conference. When you register you pay your dues.

Ivanna: said that we could catch some dues at MEA days.

Bonnie: how many are not paying dues?

Kari: there are probably 10 school not paid.

Mile City: How do I know who is not paid so that I can enforce this rule?

Chloe: doesn't it say 'or' you can't keep them out. It is not an enforceable rule

Gail: can you do it by credit card? It would be easier.

Kari: don't know the process, I could check into it.

Myra Neery- West: MHSA are helpful as a resource. Pursue.

Teresa Foley, Miles City: I suggest coaches join our closed groups. We are working on the link to MHSA

Lisa Carter: don't use credit card: they take 3% of each transaction.

Dan Johnson- Laurel: you do this on our behalf do you need help?

Kari: are you volunteering? I just don't want to be the bad guy.

Kari: I wasn't able to go to nominations committee. I would like to see a nomination for new treasurer. It is ok if there is someone who wants to do it. I'm ok with this. Anyone interested in it?

MFEA TREASURER REPORT

March 3, 2017 to March 8, 2018

Checking Balance: March 3, 2017 \$ 10532.44
(Opportunity Bank)

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| Deposits: Banquet and Dues etc. 2017 | \$ 2320.00 |
| MFEA Coaches Dues 2017-2018 | \$ 1785.00 |
| <i>Bank Adjustment</i> | \$ 144.50 |
| Total Deposits: | <u>\$ 4249.50</u> |
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| | Subtotal: <u>\$14781.94</u> |

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| Expenses: Scholarships {3 @ \$500.00} | \$ 1500.00 |
| Holiday Inn | \$ 4284.17 |
| Secretary Salary (cash) | \$ 200.00 |

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| Treasurer Salary (\$400 – dues) | \$ 380.00 |
| Coach of the Year (Elaine’s Engraving) | \$ 376.70 |
| Hall of Fame (Shannon O’Donnell) | \$ 74.97 |
| Banking Fee | \$ 4.00 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ <u>6819.84</u> |

Balance as of March 3, 2017 **\$7962.10**

Anticipated Deposits:

Reception (collected at registration) \$ 1425.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Reimbursement Hamilton Extemp Topics \$ 154.50

Salaries: \$ 600.00

Secretary (2018 meeting) ~ \$200.00

Treasurer (2017-2018) ~ \$400.00

Scholarships \$ 1000.00

Coach of the Year Awards \$ 350.00

Hall of Fame \$ 45.00

Spring meeting expenses (estimate) \$ 4300.00

{Banquet, meeting rooms, miscellaneous}

Submitted by: Kari Blaylock, Treasurer

Date: March 8, 2018

Move to accept treasure’s report: 2nd. Motion carried.

Kari gave out checks to coaches for scholarship money. (See scholarship report)

Huge round of applause for Kari

Old business: Doug McConnaha

Sexual harassment procedure: read rule ‘student must always be disqualified when involves sexual harassment & bullying’. 2nd. Discuss

: do we have a definition?

Not yet we are working on it.

Greg Adkins- Glacier: yesterday in Hall in Fame we talked about Butte being the site for next year’s conference.

There are 3 candidates who going into the hall of fame next year: Joann Austin, Teresa Sturgios, and James Maxwell. It is under 2 hours for all 3 of them to get to Butte: go ahead with recommendation for 1st option in Butte. 2nd

Dan laurel: last year cost prohibitive. Never mind (since here won't be here next year)

Kari: would like a decision on this by end of April

Maria: we need to take a look at MHSA because Butte hosts a lot of conferences/tournaments

Question: 2nd end discussion.

The 7th of March: AA basketball is in Butte. There is nothing the previous week-end

Motion carried. But we now know that it will be Feb.28 – March 2 in Butte, America. Assuming we get into the Copper King.

New Business:

Doug McConnaha-Corvallis : Proposal to talk about coaches in tab room for unpaid coaches. Need 2/3 majority to bring to floor.

Yes: 96 No: 1

MOTION: p5 d15 – end

Derik Stern: this is a rule to at invitation: this is illegal & racketeering by third party.

Dan Johnson: nothing stops coaches from being at a tournament, administration is not racketeering. Closes tab room are a thing in many other states.

Josh: in sports you are hired by a school, you can't stop someone from doing their job.

Oliver: it would be hard to enforce it when a new coach to be barred from the tab room

Tara: coaching is not tabbing: there are tournaments where the tab room is closed

Chloe smith: it will be opened to a host of issues. What with ... what if there are

Kari: I just don't want to hassle people about paying dues if it is not important to you.

Christina: we need more people to host. Adding one more thing to be in charge of would be prohibitive.

Point of information:

Ray: my contract is says I coach student not tabbing.

Marny: how difficult is it for the school to pay the dues?

Questions: end discussion 2nd

Motion fails.

Jennifer Hermanson: move to AA adopt the layout of A/BC ballot with AA text.
Need majority to bring to floor.

Yes: 105 No: 0

Johnson: clarify. AA uses the same format but with their established rules? yes

JW-Stevensville: does that mean. Ok never mind.

Question: discussion ended. Motion carried.

Anyone who wants to receive information from President Bonnie. Use that information in info line. Gave her email address: ortnerb@chinookschools.org

Roy: I make a suggestion that we set up a Google group. It takes the burden off the administrators.

Chloe: has Billings been confirmed. Butte have you confirmed yet?

What if it doesn't work is there a backup plan.

Adam: we have the shared scheduling option we can explore other options on this document if it doesn't work.

~Anything else?

Kerry: the split: because NSDA is not part of MFEA we need to get more information.

She will get in touch with you about it.

Next I want to officially acknowledge the COY of the year winners. (See list from Friday night Reception)

MOTION: Motion to reconsider the motion of dues: motion division called. Yea: 30 Nay: 81 motion to reconsider fails.

Recognize coaches who are moving on:

Nick Melinak-Big Sky: it is time to move on to a new adventure. It has been quite an experience.

Maria Hansen: on behalf of Matt Larson. He is going Bahrain.

Kerry: Gage took a new job in Salt Lake

Christina Sauer: she has a job in NASA.

Cindy & Scott:

Alyssa Millatelo: is retiring. English position open at Columbia Falls

April Williams from Flathead: is leaving as interp coach

Tara: reminder if you are on the alignment committee see Tara to give emails.

Adjourned at 11:09