



Fall Newsletter

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This and That...

Our State Tournament hosts — Rich Kawolics at Laurel and Jason Habig at Hathaway Brown — have things well underway for March. Keep an eye on the State Tournament page of our web site as we add information. Currently, coaches can download a list of hotel sites and maps of directions between the schools.

Hathaway will host the Thursday night registration and LD, PF, and Congress. John Carroll University will host Policy and the Opening and Awards ceremonies. Laurel will host IE. Students won't move between buildings to compete!

Buses must park at JCU during the tournament; students and judges will be shuttled to the other schools after the Opening on Friday.



Linda

What Does “Published” Mean?

Few people could deny that the world of publishing looks different than it did just a few years ago. As coaches search for material for their interpretation students, the OHSSL has faced the challenge of expanding our concepts from the traditional print-on-paper definition of “published.”

After getting feedback from coaches at the meetings in March and September, the Executive Committee approved the following document for inclusion in the Appendices to the Constitution:

“The Constitution requires the use of published material for competition in Dramatic, Humorous, and Duo Interpretation events. The purpose of this addition is to further define what will be accepted as “published material” in OHSSL district and state tournaments.

1. The intent of OHSSL is that all materials presented in interpretation events must be available to all members of the league.
2. All selections must be published or commercially available in print, audio, or video form. A student's original work, even if published, is not permitted. Material published in a school newspaper, literary magazine, or yearbook is prohibited.
3. At OHSSL tournaments, contestants must bring the published copies of their selection with an ISBN or ISSN in either print, audio or video form, with title page or audio/video credits included. If the original copy does not have an ISBN or ISSN, the coach or supervising adult must be able to show that the original was purchased or obtained commercially, e.g. a book from a literary agent or publisher, or that the original is publicly available by Internet URL and retrieval date.
4. The burden of proof is on the competitor and coach. Access to the original source must be provided to the district or state committee within fifteen minutes of the request. This includes access to Internet sources as well as audio/video materials. Computer/disk/flashdrive failure, network blocks or lack of equipment at the host school do not excuse this requirement.”

Coaches must be aware of the differences in interpretation rules — especially the definition of “published” — between the Ohio High School Speech League and the National Forensic League. Students in the interpretation categories should always make it a practice to carry their scripts with them.

Encourage Your School Board Members...

To visit the OHSSL booth at the Ohio School Board Association Trade Show on November 9 and 10. Vicki Balzer (Magnificat), Melissa Donahue (Mason), Trish Sanders (Notre Dame), Eric Simione (Boardman) and Linda Miller (Executive Director) will be talking with administrators about the benefits of a speech and debate program: helping Ohio's students develop their communicate skills through academic competition. We'll brag on our students and coaches!

2009-2010 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

September 12 Coaches' Meeting— Laurel School

October

- 16-17 John Carroll University PDQ
 24 Carrollton Todd Casper Memorial (CA) Novice AE
 Horizon (CL) Novice AE
 Springfield (Y) Novice IE/ LD/ PF/SC
 31 Edison (CL) AE
 Columbiana (Y) IE/LD/PF
 GlenOak (CA) Novice AE/Varsity & Novice SC

November

- 6-7 Perry (CA) PDQ/LD/PF
 7 Perry (CA) AE
 Vermilion (CL) AE
 Lima Central Catholic (TT) IE
 Niles McKinley (Y) IE/LD/PF/4 rounds?
 13 Barton Classic Princeton (GMV) PDQ/ LD/PF
 14 Barton Classic Princeton (GMV) AE
 Wadsworth (A) LD/PF/IE
 w/Storytelling/Readers Theatre
 Jackson (CA) IE/LD/PF
 Lincoln West (CL) AE
 Upper Arlington (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Austintown Fitch (Y) IE/LD/PF/ Power Rds.
 21 Copley (A) AE
 Mentor (CL) AE
 Maumee (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Liberty (Y) IE/LD/PF

December

- 4-5 Boardman (Y) IE/LD/PF/ Semis/Power
 5 Louisville (CA) AE
 Olmsted Falls (CL) AE
 Fairmont Forensics Festival (GMV) IE/PF/LD
 Whitmer (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 11-12 GlenOak Adult Booster Club Debate (CA)
 All Debate
 12 Canton McKinley (CA) IE/SC Power Rds.
 Laurel/University School (CL) AE
 Gahanna Lincoln (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Poland (Y) IE/LD/PF/SC
 18 Stow-Munroe Falls (A) PDQ
 19 Stow-Munroe Falls (A) LD/PF/SC
 CVCA Holiday (A) IE
 Midpark (CL) AE
 Middletown Forensifest (GMV) IE/PF/LD
 Wauseon (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Howland (Y) IE/LD/PF/SC/4 rounds

January

- 8-9 Canton Central Catholic (CA) PDQ/LD
 9 Canton Central Catholic (CA) PF
 Timken (CA) IE
 Beachwood (CL) AE

- Liberty Benton (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Canfield (Y) IE/LD/PF/4 rounds or power
 15-16 Sylvania (TT) PDQ/AE
 16 Canton Central Catholic (CA) IE/LD/PF
 Berea (CL) AE
 Warren JFK (Y) IE/LD/PF
 22 Wooster (A) PDQ
 23 Wooster (A) AE
 Rocky River (CL) AE
 Notre Dame (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 29 Youngstown District Debate
 30 Solon (CL) AE
 Mason (GMV) IE/PF/LD
 Perrysburg (TT) IE/LD/PF/SC
 Youngstown District IE

OHSSL DISTRICTS

- Feb. 4: Akron District – Our Lady of the Elms
 Feb. 5 & 6: Canton District – Jackson
 Cleveland District – Vermilion
 Greater Miami Valley District – Centerville
 Feb. 6: Akron District – Wooster
 Tarhe Trails District – Bexley

NFL DISTRICTS

- Feb. 12 & 13: Northern Ohio District – Ursuline
 Feb. 18 : Eastern Ohio District – Registration & Coaches Meeting
 -- GlenOak
 Feb. 19 & 20: Eastern Ohio -- GlenOak
 North Coast District – Orange
 Western Ohio District – Princeton

STATE FINALS TOURNAMENT:

- Set-up Feb. 25, 26 & 27 – League Office
 March 4, 5, and 6 at JCU/Hathaway Brown/Laurel

STATE NOVICE TOURNAMENT:

- March 12 & 13: Poland Seminary

NFL NATIONAL TOURNAMENT:

- June 13-18 "Jazzin' It Up in KC" — Kansas City, MO

For Your Convenience: Check these dates!

ACT Test Dates:

September 12, 2009
 October 24, 2009
 December 12, 2009
 February 6, 2010
 April 10, 2010
 June 12, 2010

SAT Test Dates:

October 10, 2009
 November 7, 2009
 December 5, 2009
 January 23, 2010
 March 13, 2010
 May 1, 2010
 June 5, 2010

LEGEND

IE=Individual Events LD=Lincoln Douglas PF=Public Forum SC=Student Congress
 PDQ=Pre-District Qualifying Policy Debate AE=All Events
 (A) Akron (CA) Canton (CL) Cleveland (GMV) Greater Miami Valley (TT) Tarhe Trails (Y) Youngstown

Calendar Continued

Congress-only Tournaments:

February

- 13 Gilmour (CL) NFL Final Congress
Wauseon (IT)
- 27 Perrysburg (IT)

March

- 13 Whitmer (IT)
- 17 Stow-Munroe Falls (A)
- 20 Gahanna Lincoln (IT)
Eastern Ohio NFL at Our Lady of the Elms
- 27 Western Ohio NFL at the Statehouse in Columbus

Please check the web site for Calendar up-dates.

Executive Committee

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Meeting Dates:

Coaches' Meeting: September 12
 September 15
 January 12, 2010
 State Set-Up February 25, 26 & 27
 State Tournament March 4, 5 & 6
 May 3 (and May 2 if necessary)
 Summer: To be announced

The District Committee lists can be found on the web site (Executive Committee page).

Student Congress Evaluation Sheets

Some coaches and judges have expressed an interest in having some kind of judging/evaluation sheet for Congress.

On the next two pages, you will find two such sheets. The first (on page 4) was created by Lyle Linerode of Gahanna Lincoln HS; judges can use this sheet for each speech by a student.

The second (on page 5) was created by Fred Snook of Kenston HS; it is designed for judges to write comments on multiple speeches given by the same student. Students may give up to five scored speeches at a Congress. So a judge could write comments for each speech by the same speaker.

At this time, Congress students do not receive critique sheets at most tournaments, only scores on the results sheets. These are two possibilities.



Ohio High School Speech League Congressional Debate Ballot



Rank each speech on a scale of 6 (excellent) to 1 (poor) . Contestants are ranked on a speech by speech basis so it is possible to rank several speeches equally, which means you are NOT ranking the contestants, rather each speech. Feedback is extremely helpful to both contestant and coaches.

Tournament: _____

Date: _____

Speaker: _____

Contestant Number: _____

Topic of Speech: _____

Type of Speech:	Authorship	Sponsorship					Affirmative	Negative
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1. Organization & Unity	6	5	4	3	2	1	
(Speech may be extemporaneous, but should show cohesiveness: logical, clear thesis, and review)							

Comments:

2. Originality of Thought	6	5	4	3	2	1	
(Does the speech add to the debate or merely rehash old points? The speaker should attempt to refute opposing arguments)							

Comments:

3. Evidence & Logic	6	5	4	3	2	1	
(Speaker cites sources, original analysis, logical appeal, and emotional appeal)							

Comments:

4. Delivery	6	5	4	3	2	1	
(Consider style, poise, projection, enunciation, tone, and volume)							

Comments:

5. Questioning	6	5	4	3	2	1	
(Student response to question(s) in a controlled and communicative manner)							

Comments:

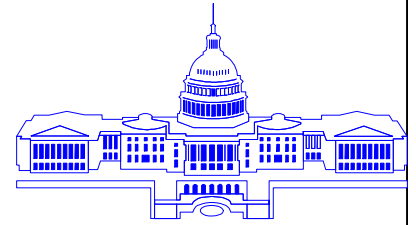
Overall Score 6 - 1 _____

JUDGE Signature _____

Affiliation: _____



Congress Ballot



Cleveland District OHSSL

Legislator's Name _____

Session AM PM

Speech #1	Speech was topical; caused clash	Yes	No	Delivery was fluid	Yes	No
	Speech was organized	Yes	No	Cross X handled well	Yes	No
	<u>Comments:</u>					
Time:						

Speech #2	Speech was topical; caused clash	Yes	No	Delivery was fluid	Yes	No
	Speech was organized	Yes	No	Cross X handled well	Yes	No
	<u>Comments:</u>					
Time:						

Speech #3	Speech was topical; caused clash	Yes	No	Delivery was fluid	Yes	No
	Speech was organized	Yes	No	Cross X handled well	Yes	No
	<u>Comments:</u>					
Time:						

Speech #4	Speech was topical; caused clash	Yes	No	Delivery was fluid	Yes	No
	Speech was organized	Yes	No	Cross X handled well	Yes	No
	<u>Comments:</u>					
Time:						

Speech #5	Speech was topical; caused clash	Yes	No	Delivery was fluid	Yes	No
	Speech was organized	Yes	No	Cross X handled well	Yes	No
	<u>Comments:</u>					
Time:						

Judge _____

Tournament date _____

School _____



Minutes of the Executive Committee – September 15, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Quality Inn, Bellville

Present: Trish Sanders, chairman; Vicki Balzer; Alan Bates; Nick Bollas; Melissa Donahue; Lyle Linerode; John Mercer; Paul Moffitt; Eric Simione; Fred Snook; Thom Williams; Linda Miller, Executive Director. Absent: Ned Lauver.

I. Call to Order at 9:38 a.m.

II. Summer meeting minutes approved

III. ED Report

- A. Waiver fees – John moved to waive membership fees for four schools (Barberton, Maple Heights, Montessori@University Circle, and Toledo School for the Arts) and future requests this year be considered by email. Lyle seconded the motion; it passed (RC #1).
- B. Report of money due from three schools (CCC, Timken and Ohio University)
- C. Calendar changes
- D. Money from Saturday's coaches' meeting
- E. Put t-shirt design contest on Facebook, too
- F. Hall of Fame letter on website, put reminder in newsletter and on web site; to Fred by October 15.

IV. Treasurer's Report – John

- A. Fred moved and Nick seconded to accept the fourth quarter report. Motion passed (RC #2).
- B. John presented the proposed budget for 2009-2010. He explained the problem we have with late payment fees to the State of Ohio and the federal government.
- C. Nick moved and Alan seconded to accept the proposed budget. (RC #3)

V. Committee Reports

- A. Technology – Thom reported on the progress, or lack thereof, of web site updates.
- B. Constitution – Nick will finish the appendices this weekend and email to Linda. Fred will send Nick and Linda updated critique sheets or Master ballots.
- C. Endowment Fund—is increasing in money.
- D. Hall of Fame – Fred reported the letter and nomination form are on the web site; send reminders to coaches.
- E. Communications/Outreach – Vicki and Melissa said they gave out the coach's checklist to new coaches. They discussed the Facebook concern of some coaches about allowing our site to be open to students, rather than just to coaches, judges, and alum. Cyber etiquette is pretty good on Facebook. John moved we keep Facebook as is with the Communications Committee exploring our options of Fan vs Group; the Communications Committee will monitor the site and have the authority to shut it down if problems in posted content arise." Fred seconded. Motion passed unanimously. One further note: several committee members said that although OEA has not taken an official position concerning teachers on social networking sites like Facebook, it does discourage teachers and advises caution.
- F. Publicity – Alan and Eric reported that district meeting conversation involved OHSSL focusing attention on teacher education programs at the college level not doing enough to encourage our forensic students to go into teaching and coaching forensics. There is no longer speech certification in Ohio; it is part of the Integrated Language Arts certification. Perhaps we need to do some workshops on OEA day in October in the different OEA districts. Alumni outreach is perhaps a more effective way to find our grads who are willing to coach. Perhaps we need to get involved again in the Ohio Communications Association (which used to be Speech Communication Association of Ohio). Vicki, Eric, Melissa, Trish and Linda will be at the OSBA Trade Show on Nov. 9 and 10.
- G. Funding – Paul reported on his work writing a grant this summer; he has focused on the money to be used in a membership drive for three years to help new schools get started with forensic teams and to maintain them as members. Coaches could even apply for reimbursement of traveling and hotel expenses for State Tournament. He suggested that we also try to find corporate sponsors to help with membership fees and to have tiered memberships, which would include professional and alum individual memberships.
- H. PDQ – Alan reported that the list of coaches who can represent the OHSSL in the TAB rooms at PDQ tournaments is the same as last year.

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VI. Old business

A. Coaches' Meeting

1. Coaches want more time at the general meeting; we need to survey coaches about what they want at next year's fall coaches' meeting. Go on Facebook and ask.
 2. In the District meeting, coaches discussed Oratorical Interpretation, specifically whether to continue to allow students to use student-written orations (such as previous winners in the Original Oratory category) because some judges will consider these to be of a lower quality than "classic" speeches. No change was requested of the Executive Committee. Tournament hosts need to stress in judges' instructions that there is nothing inherently better with a student using a "classic" speech over a student-written speech.
 3. Funding options were discussed for teams.
 4. The concept of changing definitions of "publication" was discussed, both in the general meeting and district meetings. As a result of the feedback we received, Vicki moved to adopt the new document labeled "Appendix DD – Definition of Publication." Nick seconded the motion; motion passed (roll call vote #4).
- B. John moved to discontinue the process of cross examination in the final rounds of both extemporaneous speaking categories at State Tournament. Thom seconded the motion; the motion passed (roll call vote #5). NFL has dropped the practice at NFL District Tournaments.
- C. Thom moved that "OHSSL no longer sponsor the State Novice Tournament." Lyle seconded the motion; motion passed (roll call vote #6). This year Jodi West at Poland Seminary will host the State Novice Tournament on March 12 and 13 but without financial support from OHSSL and without returning part of the proceeds to OHSSL.

VII. New Business

- A. The committee discussed the needs for workers in the Tab Rooms at State Tournament.
- B. We need to encourage coaches to go to the NFL web site and fill out the survey.
- C. Devon Snook presented a proposal for Congress, which involved students both qualifying and being invited to State Tournament. Fred moved to accept the proposal. Motion died for lack of a second. Trish said, "We appreciate the spirit of compromise in Devon's proposal."
- D. Reacting to specific requests/questions presented during the general coaches' meeting, the committee made the following decisions:
1. At this time we don't want to put in the Constitution that a school must attend a specific number of tournaments (suggested by Susan Haseley, Liberty Benton). Instead, coaches are encouraged to take the tournament calendar to the principal and show the number of tournaments held in the specific OHSSL District.
 2. The OHSSL will not affiliate with the OHSAA (athletic association) at this time.
 3. Coaches may tell their students not to shake hands with other students because of health concerns due to the spread of flu germs, etc; however, the OHSSL is not going to make an issue of it at this time. The committee stressed that this should be an individual choice and that students should be discouraged from shaking hands.
 4. NFL is considering changing the Final Focus to two minutes; coaches should contact the NFL office with their objections (or support). The OHSSL may need to revise some decisions based on what NFL does at its October meeting.
 5. The Constitution does say that cell phones may be used as timing devices, but coaches and judges should make sure the phones are not being used in any other way during a round of competition.
 6. Jodi West was given permission to hold a State Novice Tournament in March, but without the support of OHSSL.
- E. Vicki said that Cleveland was writing by-laws to govern tournaments in Cleveland and asked if the OHSSL should have more power over local practice tournaments. The Executive Committee stressed that tournament hosts should make sure that all coaches know to follow the rules for category competition as stipulated in the OHSSL Constitution.
- F. NFL may eliminate the use of "base" in Congress. If so, precedence and recency will be mandated and will be used at District and State Tournaments. Lyle presented a sample Congressional Debate Ballot that could be used at practice tournaments.

Paul moved to adjourn; Vicki seconded. Motion passed.

(Table of Roll Call Votes is on the next page)

Motions	Vicki	Alan	Nick	Melissa	Lyle	John	Paul	Trish	Eric	Fred	Thom	Total	Results
1. Waivers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11-0	Pass
2. Quarter Report	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11-0	Pass
3.2009-10 Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11-0	Pass
4. Publication	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	9-2	Pass
5. Drop Cross-X	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	9-2	Pass
6. Drop OHSSL Sponsor	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6-3	Pass



Minutes of the Executive Committee – July 28 & 29, 2009

Present: Trish Sanders, chairman; Vicki Balzer; Melissa Donahue; Ned Lauver; Lyle Linerode, secretary; John Mercer, financial secretary; Paul Moffitt; Eric Simione; Fred Snook; Thom Williams; Linda Miller, Executive Director. Absent: Nick Bollas and Alan Bates.

July 27 & 28, 2009 at Thom's house in Youngstown

State Tournament Session:

- Traffic signage is a must to help direct coaches between the buildings.
- Laurel has only 180 parking spaces.
- If we didn't have cross ex at Extemp finals, we could save at least a half hour. No one else does it now – not even extemp at NFL Districts. Why are we?

Outstanding PO award at State needs to be a gavel, not a big plaque. Dinn Brothers (dinntrophy.com) has nice gavels – a 10" gavel is \$11.50 if you buy six at a time.

Website/Facebook Session:

Web site (www.ohssl.org) redesign – animate logo; Our Mission; About Us; areas for coaches only, areas for students; Resources include cover pages, ballots, critique sheets; Constitution; Alumni page; links to other sites; Latest Updates; Calendar.

Facebook.com – a more social networking site to engage our alumni

Twitter – also social, text heavy; reminder about deadlines; progress of tournaments.

RSS feed – updates to our web site get sent to RSS feed

State Tournament Awards: Try to begin awards at 7:30 p.m. John Revezzo will look over the tentative time schedule.

Publications Appendix: (NFL rules may change in October).

- The spirit is that everyone has equal access to the material.
- A student's original work is not permitted. Social networking, email and self-publication sites are not acceptable.
- Contestants must bring published transcripts plus the original sources to District and State Tournaments. Access to the original source must be provided within 30 minutes of the request. The host school is not responsible for providing equipment or Internet access to retrieve this source.

Discuss this at September coaches' meeting.

Re-Districting: There are no obvious districting issues at this time.

Grant:

1. If we could get corporate funding, we could pass the savings on to the schools in the form of lower membership dues.
2. Have tiered memberships: individual, middle schools, high schools, alumni, college/university (allow recruiting), patron, and maybe parents?
3. Could give links on the page to college web sites or sell web links.
4. Maybe connect with the OSU business school to work with an intern whose job it is to find sponsors.

Suggestion: Professional - \$25; attendance at meetings and State Tournament/CEU's
 Colleges - \$50; ads/ \$50 for table at tournament/ \$50 for web link
 Alumni/Patron level

6. How easy is it to put links with a company's banner on our page.
7. Maybe find corporate sponsors for awards

Director's Report included OSBA information (Melissa, Vick, Eric and Trish will work the booth with Linda); will try the T-shirt contest again this year; Shane Stahl's offer to write letters; maybe try different deadlines for ads for the Tournament Booklet this year and count out books at State for coaches.

Job Descriptions for Committee Sub-Chairs need to be written and put in the Constitution (See finished sheet).

State Novice Tournament: Thom moved to discontinue the State Novice tournament; Vicki seconded the motion. Motion was withdrawn after discussion with the intent to discuss this with coaches' at the meeting.

Several coaches asked for the **debate decision cards** to be returned to the schools. Jason Habig offered to scan them and put them on the web. The committee did not move to do so.

State Tournament TAB Rooms: How many workers are needed for the TAB rooms for 2010 State Tournament? Bring suggestions of specific coaches to the September meeting.

Communications: Melissa and Vicki discussed ways they could contact member schools and communicate with non-member schools.

Planned Coaches' Meeting:

General Session: OI changes, Publication definition, trends at Nationals

Breakout Sessions: Website/Facebook – John, Lyle, Paul; Congress – Vicki, Fred, Gay Janis; New Coaches – Trish, Melissa, Linda; Building Community Relationships – Ned, Paul; Prose & Original Tips – Thom and Elaine Fippin; Debate for new coaches – Nick and Alan.

Evaluation of Executive Director:

Trish read a statement composed by the committee members crediting Linda's work for the League and suggesting ways to delegate the work load. Vicki moved that the director's compensation for 2009-2010 be \$10,000; Thom seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously (roll call vote #1).

Vicki moved and Lyle seconded that the May minutes reflect this motion. Motion passed.

Paul moved and Thom seconded that the meeting adjourn at 12:35 p.m.

Roll Call Votes:

Note: Alan Bates and Nick Bollas were absent.

Motions	Vicki	Melissa	Ned	Lyle	John	Paul	Trish	Eric	Fred	Thom	Vote	Results
Ex. Director's Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0	PASS

OHSSL Financial Report: May - August 2009

<i>Code</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Budget</i>
		<i>Period</i>	<i>Date</i>		
Expenses					
1	Committee Expenses	3543.34	8682.96	-682.96	8000.00
2	Miscellaneous	123.10	612.49	1387.51	2000.00
3	Director's Expenses	3735.63	10520.87	-1020.87	9500.00
4	Printing	53.00	1401.00	-201.00	1200.00
5	Office Expenses	2154.01	2811.34	988.66	3800.00
6	Postage	237.36	764.26	685.74	1450.00
7	Telephone	390.22	961.35	-461.35	500.00
8	Technology Services	0.00	3903.11	96.89	4000.00
9	Technology	1268.83	1268.83	-1018.83	250.00
10	State Tournaments	732.53	9970.76	-470.76	9500.00
11	Workshops & Seminars	0.00	689.00	61.00	750.00
13	Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Publicity	0.00	1595.04	-495.04	1100.00
TOTAL		\$12,238.02	\$43,181.01	(\$1,131.01)	\$42,050.00

Receipts					
101	Sales	398.55	8855.38	-2855.38	6000.00
102	Registration	0.00	13226.00	-226.00	13000.00
103	Fines	25.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
104	Workshops & Seminars	20.00	660.00	790.00	1450.00
105	Dues	175.00	17745.00	-245.00	17500.00
106	Interest	0.00	3.14	16.86	20.00
107	PDQ's	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
108	Carryover	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
109	Miscellaneous	0.00	400.00	1400.00	1800.00
TOTAL		\$618.55	\$41,439.52	(\$1,119.52)	\$40,320.00

Balances

Checking - \$8,753.31 (as of 8/14/09)

Endowment - \$38,486.11 (as of 8/29/09)

OHSSL Endowment Fund Report: May to August 2009

<i>Code</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>Budget</i>
		<i>Period</i>	<i>Date</i>		
Expenses					
A 01	Schools Dues/Fee Waivers	0.00	0.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
A 02	Miscellaneous	0.00	1,500.00	-1,300.00	200.00
A 03	Director's Expenses	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,400.00
Receipts					
B 001	Tournament Ads	1,675.00	1,770.00	1,650.00	1,650.00
B 002	Donations	50.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
B 003	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,725.00	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 2,400.00

OHSSL PROPOSED BUDGET 2009 - 2010

<i>Category</i>	<i>2008-2009 Actuals</i>	<i>Proposed Budget</i>
Committee Expenses	8,682.96	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	612.49	1,500.00
Director's Expenses	10,520.00	12,000.00
Printing	1,401.00	1,200.00
Office Expenses	2,811.34	3,000.00
Postage	764.26	775.00
Telephone	961.35	1,000.00
Technology Services	3,903.11	3,000.00
Technology Services	1,268.83	1,000.00
State Tournaments	9,970.76	11,000.00
Workshops & Seminars	689.00	750.00
Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00
Publicity	1,595.04	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 43,180.14	\$ 44,725.00
Sales	8,855.38	9,000.00
Registration	13,226.00	13,000.00
Fines	300.00	300.00
Workshops & Seminars	660.00	900.00
Dues	17,745.00	17,500.00
Interest	3.14	20.00
PDQ's	250.00	250.00
Carryover	0.00	3,255.00
Miscellaneous	400.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 41,439.52	\$ 44,725.00

Coaches Took a Road Trip

Some of the 100+ coaches from 69 schools who came to the meeting on September 12 took a bus tour, led by Jason Habig, of the traveling route between the three State Tournament sites. Others went to break out sessions for new coaches, use of the SpeechWire and Facebook web sites, tips on coaching Original and Prose Poetry, new debate coaches and teaching students to write legislation for Congress.

At the General Meeting, coaches brought up the following points:

1. Can cell phones be used as stopwatches? Answer: yes, as long as the phone isn't used for any other purpose.
2. Should the OHSSL stipulate that schools must attend a minimum number of tournaments each year? Answer: not at this time, but coaches who are having "issues" with their administration could take a copy of the calendar and point out all the tournaments being held in the district, as well as District and State Tournaments.
3. Could we discourage debaters from the traditional shaking of hands with their competitors because of the current flu crisis? Answer: that's at the discretion of individual coaches and teams, but students should not be discouraged from shaking hands with judges — flu or not.
4. The Executive Committee has decided to not financially sponsor the State Novice tournament because it wasn't attended by coaches state-wide. However, Jodi West at Poland Seminary will host a Novice Tournament the second weekend in March. Please contact her soon to let her know you are interested in competing at that tournament.

Design a T-Shirt: Win a T-Shirt and Money

For the last few years, the OHSSL has run a contest for students to design a T-shirt for the State Tournament. Last year the shirt was designed by coach and students at Howland HS. We're asking once again for students to put their creativity to use in designing the 2010 State Tournament shirt. Check out the web site page (Tournament T-Shirts) for details. Prize: \$50 and a T-shirt. Deadline for entry is November 29.

League Office Offers the Following Materials:

Coaches can purchase the following items by contacting Linda at the League Office:

1. Winning Orations for 2004-2009 on individual year's CDs for \$10, plus postage; Winning Orations for 2003 to 1970 in hard copy for \$5 or \$3 (depending on year), plus postage.
2. Debate ballots: Policy, LD, and PF ballots for 20 cents each, plus postage.
3. Stopwatches w/OHSSL logo (like those sold at State Tournament, but with a larger logo) for \$5 each, plus postage (including insurance).

Just contact Linda through email with the order.

The web masters are working on a new design for our web site; part of that new design will be a sales function so that coaches can purchase material directly through the web site.

HALL OF FAME DEADLINE APPROACHING

Hall of Fame nomination forms are due by October 15 to Fred Snook. Download the form from the web site. The induction will take place in March at the Opening Assembly of the State Tournament.

RESULTS OF OHIO'S DEBATE TOPIC BALLOTING:

First choice: China; second: Latin America, followed by Russia, the United Nations, and Military Deployment. The NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) will send out another ballot in November with the two top choices nationwide.



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