

State Student Congress Coaches' Meeting
Nov. 30, 2008

AGENDA:

The meeting started with Sue Anderson asking for changes of rosters. Drops were announced.

Brian Bubach was ill and could not attend the meeting, but sent information that was shared by Jean Hoerer, Advisory Board Rep. for Student Congress.

State of the State report by Brian Bubach

- a. Parliamentary schedule - The parliamentary schedule was shared with the coaches.
- b. Comments to coaches - There was some concern that students used bad language at the invitational tournament. It would be wise to advise students to use appropriate language and behavior.

The vote for C-STAND coach of the year was taken. The re-vote if needed will take place during the tournament on Monday.

2. Scheduling

- a. Scheduling State Tournament
- b. Scheduling invitationals
- c. Dates for next year
 - 1) **West Congress: September 28, 2008** at the Seas hosted/ managed Kari Stromme, St. Mary's. There will be a workshop option on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 2008. – Gayle Hyde moved and Sarah Tuchscherer seconded - Motion carried unanimously
 - 2) **East Congress: Oct. 9-10 at the Doublewood** hosted/ managed by Clover Ellingson, Fargo North – Gayle Hyde said that South will help Clover in any way she needs. Motion carried unanimously
 - 3) **State Congress: Nov. 5,6 2008** – Affirmed unanimously by coaches

Sue Anderson moved that we set **permanent dates as the weekend after C STAND, the second weekend in October, and the State tournament the first weekend in November.** Sarah Tuchscherer seconded. **Motion carried unanimously**

3. Proposed changes

- a. **Base system** –Gayle Hyde moved that we implement the base system to tabulate all student congress tournaments held in North Dakota. Seconded by Yvonne Kalka. Much discussion ensued regarding fairness to students and differences between state and NFL. Some students feel that winners of the tournament reflect that students gave a quantity of speeches rather than speeches of quality. The incentive to give quality speeches is inherent in the base system. **The vote was 8-5-2 – Motion carries** NOTE: Gayle will provide information to the advisory board before the May meeting to explain how this system is tabulated.
- b. **Rubric evaluation-** Aaron Knodel moved that the Student Congress use adopt a rubric scoring system. Further, the Advisory Board is empowered to adapt the proposed rubric as necessary. Seconded by Jeff Bozovsky. Discussion included rubrics being helpful to level the playing field for evaluation. One benefit of a rubric is that you can highlight the rubric and give quality feedback quickly. It helps maintain consistency between judges. The coaches felt that feedback could be given to the advisory board rep for changes that could be made to the proposed format. **The rubric ballot provided at the coaches meeting was provided by Gayle Hyde. She will forward it to all of the congress coaches and the Advisory Board electronically. Feedback needs to be sent to Jean Hoerer at least one week before the Advisory Board meeting. Motion carries unanimously**

- c. **Content of resolution** – A suggestion from NDHSAA is that the administrators sign off on the resolutions like the system in speech. It is a blanket statement that is signed and carried to the tournament. Discussion included that a variety of schools have different mores. The topics are often questioned based on age of the chambers. The coaches felt that they need to be diligent about topics that are age appropriate for the less experienced /younger congress competitors.

Gayle Hyde moved that a coach signs the resolution being submitted by the student. Sarah Tuchscherer seconded. Some discussion included coaches perhaps being more aware of the content of the students' resolutions. Discussion also included issues of censorship. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Committee proposal** – Jeff Bozovsky moved that a four person independent community committee guide the process of selection of resolutions. Ryan Bleth seconded. This could be an issue if people need to do this for two days. If these people need to be paid we don't have the money to do it. How can these people be trained? Who is going to pick these individuals? Discussion also included that we could try it and see if it works. Coaches talked about that they liked or didn't like being on the committee guidance committee. We are educators and should be able to help students do this.

Motion Failed 4-5-3

- e. **Evaluation of reserve resolution** – The coaches' liked that the reserve resolution this year. Some discussion included passing speeches around. **Jeff Bozovsky moved to have a unique reserved resolution in every chamber from the recommended resolutions. The chamber in a committee of the whole selects the resolution from the recommended resolutions. Aaron Knodel seconded. Motion carries unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted
Gayle Hyde, acting secretary