

# Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association

## Minutes

January 20, 2018

West Bend East Library

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Cekanor at 1:00 p.m. All coaches in attendance at the state tournament had been asked to be present at the meeting.

John Knetzger was recognized. He moved the passage of the constitutional changes that were introduced at the fall meeting:

### **Article III Section 1:**

Current:

The President shall preside at all general and special meetings and shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President shall have the authority to appoint committee chairs and shall become an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall conduct the fall workshop. After completing the term of office, the President shall become the Past-President.

Proposed:

The President shall preside at all general and special meetings and shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President shall have the authority to appoint committee chairs and shall become an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall chair the awards and nominations committee. After completing the term of office, the President shall become the Past-President.

Rationale: With the loss of the workshop a few years ago, the President has few duties during the season. This also leaves the Past-President as a member of the executive board.

### **Section III**

Current:

PAST-PRESIDENT The Past-President shall serve as the chairperson of the Awards and Nominations Committee and actively seek nominations for the WDCA Hall of Fame, WDCA Coach of the Year and the WDCA Scholarship. The Past-President shall appoint and oversee the webmaster for the WDCA website.

Proposed:

The Past-President shall serve in a capacity to be determined by the President.

Rationale: The Past-President remains as an advisor and holder of institutional memory without having defined responsibilities.

### **SECTION IV –**

Current

**SECRETARY** The Secretary shall record, transcribe, and distribute the minutes of all meetings and shall issue meeting announcements. Meeting announcements should be distributed three weeks prior to a given meeting. The Secretary shall maintain and publish a membership directory, revise and make available the Bylaws and Standing Rules, and aid the President with standard correspondence. The Secretary is the chair of the handbook committee.

Proposed:

**SECTION IV – SECRETARY** The Secretary shall record, transcribe, and distribute the minutes of all meetings and shall issue meeting announcements. Meeting announcements should be distributed three weeks prior to a given meeting. The Secretary shall maintain and publish a membership directory, revise and make available the Bylaws and Standing Rules, and aid the President with standard correspondence. The Secretary is the chair of the history committee.

Rationale: The Handbook Committee is moving to TPP and the Secretary will chair the history committee.

## **Article VI**

Current:

The WDCA shall have the following standing committees: Executive, Awards and Nominations, Handbook, History, Judging Standards and Ethics, Media Communications, Middle School, New Coaches, Novice Packet, and Tournament Practices and Procedures.

Proposed:

The WDCA shall have the following standing committees: Executive, Awards and Nominations, History, Judging Standards and Ethics, Media Communications, New Coaches/Novice Packet/Middle School, and Tournament Practices and Procedures/Handbook.

Rationale: Merging committees will streamline work and allow the association to fill all chairs more easily.

**SECTION II – AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS** The Awards and Nominations Committee shall be chaired by the Past-President and consist of at least two other WDCA members. The committee shall determine scholarship winners, Hall of Fame inductees, and Coach of the Year recipients through the process outlined in Standing Rules Article D.

Proposed:

**SECTION II – AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS** The Awards and Nominations Committee shall be chaired by the President and consist of at least two other WDCA members. The committee shall determine scholarship winners, Hall of Fame inductees, and Coach of the Year recipients through the process outlined in the Standing Rules.

Rationale: The President will chair this committee. Also, there is no Article D in the standing rules.

## **Section III**

Current:

The History Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and other members appointed by the chair. The committee shall keep a history of the WDCA, make available the history to members.

Proposed:

The History Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary, and members appointed by the chair. The committee shall keep a history of the WDCA, make available the history to members.

#### **SECTION IV – JUDGING STANDARDS AND ETHICS**

Current:

The Judging Standards and Ethics Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall research judging standards and debate ethics and be responsible for ongoing judge education. The committee shall administer the Ethics Grievance Procedure as outlined in Standing Rules Article B Section IV.

Proposed:

**SECTION IV – JUDGING STANDARDS AND ETHICS** The Judging Standards and Ethics Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall research judging standards and debate ethics and be responsible for ongoing judge education. The committee shall administer the Ethics Grievance Procedure as outlined in the Standing Rules

#### **SECTION V – MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS**

Current:

The Media Communications Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and other members appointed by the chair, including the webmaster. The committee shall publicize debate and the WDCA to the general public and may publish a newsletter for the association. The committee shall issue press releases and notify school administrators of significant team or coach accomplishments such as Wisconsin State Debate Tournament 1st-3rd place winners, officer elections, Hall of Fame winners, scholarship winners, and the Coach of the Year winner.

Proposed:

**SECTION V – MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS** The Media Communications Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and other members appointed by the chair, including the webmaster. The committee shall publicize debate and the WDCA to the general public and may publish a newsletter for the association. The committee shall issue press releases and notify school administrators of significant team or coach accomplishments such as Wisconsin State Debate Tournament 1st-3rd place winners, officer elections, Hall of Fame winners, scholarship winners, and the Coach of the Year winner. the Media Communications Committee will oversee the WDCA website and social media.

#### **Section VI, VII and IX**

Current:

**SECTION VI – MIDDLE SCHOOL** The Middle School Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and two members appointed by the chair. The committee shall provide support to middle school programs and coaches.

**SECTION VII – NEW COACHES** The New Coaches Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and two members appointed by the chair. The committee shall provide services and programs to encourage and support new coaches.

**SECTION IX – NOVICE PACKET** The Novice Packet Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and at least two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall research and produce the Novice Packet for use in policy debates.

Proposed:

Section VI New Coaches/Novice Packet/Middle School

The committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and at least two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall provide service and programs to encourage and support new coaches, research and produce the Novice Packet for use in novice policy debates, and provide support to middle school programs and coaches.

### **SECTION VIII – TOURNAMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

Current:

The Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, who serves as Tournament Director of the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament. The committee also consists of an Operations Director and another member appointed by the President. A fourth member of the committee might be the Tournament Host, as selected by the Executive Board. The committee shall research tournament practices and procedures and be responsible for providing support to members on tournament operations. The committee shall assist the state Tournament Director in the administration of the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament.

Proposed:

Section VII TOURNAMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES/HANDBOOK

**SECTION VIII – TOURNAMENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES** The Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, who serves as Tournament Director of the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament. The committee also consists of an Operations Director and another member appointed by the chair. A fourth member of the committee might be the Tournament Host, as selected by the Executive Board. The committee shall research tournament practices and procedures and be responsible for providing support to members on tournament operations. The committee shall assist the state Tournament Director in the administration of the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament. The committee shall also create and update a handbook for coaches and tournament directors.

The motion was seconded. The question was called, there being no objection to doing so. The changes passed by a unanimous show of hands.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Devine  
WDCA Secretary