

**MSDL Board Meeting Agenda**  
November 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by the president, Greg Cunningham

Board Members in attendance

Joyce Albert, Joe Bowden, Scott Caron, Josh Cohen, Greg Cunningham, Sue Hennessey, Lisa Honeyman, Jim Honeyman, Sheryl Kaczmarek, Tammie Ruda, Chris Sheldon and PJ Wexler.

1. MSDL Schedule for Feb-April (including states) (Joyce/Josh/PJ)

*All on-line*

February 6 - NCFL Quals

February 13 - Harvard/UPenn + MSDL Speech & Congress

February 27 - MSDL Tournament

March 5 & 6 - NSDA Districts

March 13 - (SATs) - MSDL Tournament

April 10-11 - MSDL States - all debate and speech events

Approved

2. Internet use in Student Congress (Greg/Joyce)

Vote to extend rules from 2019-2020 with the deletion of the words "inside or" through the 2020-2021 season. (Note: these rules only apply to Congressional Debate).

Electronic device use in Congressional Debate, including use of the internet, will be allowed with the following stipulations: 1. Host schools are in no way responsible for providing internet access for individuals. 2. No adaptation will be made for individuals who have issues accessing the internet. 3. While a chamber is in session, competitors may not communicate with anyone ~~inside or~~ outside the chamber via electronic means, even if they leave the chamber. Competitors who violate this rule are subject to disqualification. 4. Host schools are not required to provide power for electronic devices. This rule may not be changed by a motion to suspend the rules.

Moved: Honeyman

2nd: Cohen

Passed without objection

3. Adding a distinction to sanctioning form called "Bid Eligible," which would mean students can receive bids toward states, but the league (Greg)

How to define "sanctioning"?

After lengthy discussion, we determined that we don't need to change wording about tournaments which are not specifically hosted by the MSDL. If the MSDL sends out the invitation, then the MSDL is responsible for all aspects of the tournament. If it's an individual school, then that school is responsible for all aspects of that tournament. "State Bid Sanctioned Tournaments" is a suggested replacement for "Bid Eligible" tournaments. We should be clear on our website about which tournaments are which, which are "bid eligible", etc.

4. How students earn state bids (Greg)

Will remain as normal for now. May be reviewed before states.

5. Hidden notes being used in memorized events (Jim)

No changes - we can't enforce.

6. BQ NSDA option (PJ)

Dec. 5 yes - we will be offering BQ

Dec 19 - not offering

Adopting NSDA requirements for running BQ at local tournaments - adopted unanimously .

7. Radio Copy for tournaments (Joyce)

Scott & Joe are going to generate radio copy for December tournaments.

Joe takes Dec. 5th

Scott takes Dec. 19th

8. Showcase rounds at Dec Tournaments (Greg)

The MSDL will purchase 2 more low level webinars in order to run a total of three showcase rounds on December 5th: 2 speech (Joyce to decide which events) and 1 PF.

Next meeting is December 14th

Motion to adjourn: Sheldon

2nd: Cohen

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

--Lisa Honeyman

clerk/secretary