

GFCFA Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2011

Schools Represented at the Meeting

Alpharetta High School, Coach: David Gay & Adam Smiley
Chattahoochee High School, Coach: Garrett Abelkop
Fayette County High School, Coach: Brianne Henry
Griffin High School, Coach: Leslie Fagin & Amy Lawrence
Henry W. Grady High School, Coaches: Mario Herrera & Lisa Willoughby
Houston County High School, Coach: James Brock
Johns Creek High School, Coach: Jeremy Spiegel
Lanier High School, Coach: Will Nelson
Lassiter High School, Coach: Walter Cotter
Lee County High School, Coach: Bill Swafford
Marist School, Coach: Jeffrey Miller
Meadowcreek High School, Coach: Risha Johnson
Mcintosh County Academy, Coach: James Holt
North Hall High School, Coach: Steven Wang
Ridgeland High School, Coach: Eric Crisp
Sequoyah High School, Coach: Matt Bartula
Thomasville High School, Coach: Brian Bellamy & Vicki Bellamy
Trion High School, Coach: Tim Hearn
Warner Robins High School, Coach: John McClellan
Westminster Schools, Coach: Jenny Heidt

Sweepstakes Formula

We will use another year to continue testing the formula. We will reconvene in the Spring Meeting to discuss the mathematics behind the formula.

Alumni Hall of Fame Committee

We will form a committee to investigate the formation of an Alumni Hall of Fame. Committee will present findings to the membership in December 2011.

Members of Committee: Lisa Willoughby, Grady High School; Richard Bracknell, Carrollton High School; Brian Bellamy, Thomasville High School; Adam Smiley, Alpharetta High School.

Area Tournament

We will use another year to continue testing the formula. Area Coordinators and Vice President will regularly meet at tournaments to come up with resources and strategies to help grow Georgia speech & debate.

At Large Bids

Motion by Jeffrey Miller, Marist School. Seconded by Brian Bellamy, Thomasville High School.

Each member school will be allowed one (1) At Large Entry to the State Tournament. Member schools may either:

- 1) use At Large Entry as long as it is the sole entry for that school in that event at the State Tournament or
- 2) use At Large Entry to create an even number of qualifiers in team events.

The At Large Entry must have met the minimum number of required tournaments in that event.

Passed unanimously.

Area Tournament

Motion by Jeremy Spiegel, Johns Creek High School

If a school has an odd number of qualifiers in team events, the school may not send more eligible competitors so that their total number of qualifiers in that event exceeds the Entry Limits rule.

Passed

Amend 4.37a of the GFCB Bylaws – Elimination Round Rules

Motion by Adam Smiley, Alpharetta High School

In debate events, at least eight (8) entries will require advancing to a final round; 8-15 entries requires a quarterfinal round; 16-31 entries requires a quarterfinal round; Over 31 entries requires an octofinal round. This formula will only be utilized if it still allows the final round to reasonably be able to start by 10:00 pm on the Saturday night of the tournament. The ability to complete the tournament in 2 days shall take precedence over this formula.

Passed unanimously.

Host Schools for State Championships

Mario Herrera will develop Host School Bid Sheets for GFCB State Championships by September 8.

GFCB Recommendation to the Middle School

Motion by Jenny Heidt

The GFCB recommends the Middle School policy debate evidence packet should be a reflection of the High School novice policy debate packet beginning in 2012-2013.

Passed unanimously.

Novice Packet

Motion by Lisa Willoughby

The GFCB will create a committee regarding the addition of the Space Colonization Affirmative to the Novice Packet. The affirmative and case negative will be posted by September 6.

Members of Committee: Jenny Heidt, Westminster Schools; Lisa Willoughby, Grady High School; Adam Smiley, Alpharetta High School.

Student Congress Committee

The GFCB formed a committee researching the role of a Student Congress State Championship. It will be a separate date and more information will be sent to the membership in September or October.

Members: Lee Robinson, Lincoln County High School; Bill Swafford, Lee County High School; Steven Wang, North Hall High School.

NCFL Report by James Holt

NCFL Qualifier will be hosted by Marist School on February 10-11, 2011. Fees for NCFL are \$30 and due by December 10th, 2011.