

MFL Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 pm by the president, Chris Palmer.

Present: Patrice Jean-Baptiste, Paul Wexler, Susan Marianelli, Sarah Donnelly, Dan Sapir, Lisa Honeyman, & Jonathan Peele.

Chris announced that Wendy O'Neil has resigned from the MFL board. She is moving to Pennsylvania in October. The novice tournament will be her last official event with us.

Proposal to Establish a 'Double-Entry' award at the MFL State Tournaments – by Wexler

Overview: For the Massachusetts Forensics League to recognize the top six double-entered students at the state tournament who compete in two distinct event categories.

Rationale: Motivate students to expand their skill-set by rewarding those who endeavor to do so. A great many, if not all, students who excel at the state tournament are performing at a level where increased solo concentration on any one event will result in a decreasing return. These student's critical thinking and public speaking skills would be better served by reaching a level where they can excel at a second (or third!) event rather than improving slightly in their first one.

To increase skills, events entered should come from distinct categories (not Prose/Play Reading, or extemp/impromptu for example). The following categories are proposed:

- Category #1- Memorized Interp events (DI, HI, DUO)
- Category #2- Reading Interp Events (KL, PR, PO, PL)
- Category #3- Public Address events (OO, Dec)
- Category #4- Limited Prep events (extemp, Imp)
- Category #5- Debate events (LD, PF, CX)
- Category #6- Group Speaking events (Congress, Group)

Multiple will not count towards the double-entry award.

There would be no implications for sweepstakes purposes. This is an additional honor.

Passed with no objections.

NEW BUSINESS

Silver Lake cannot host the tournament they've been approved for in March. Sacred Heart may take the date. If not, we will explore other possibilities.

Motion to adjourn – Donnelly.
2nd by Marianelli.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Honeyman VP/Secretary