

**Minnesota Collegiate Forensics Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2017**

**1. Financial Situation**

Currently, the organization has a balance of \$127.61. Technically, we lost \$892.81 from the last state tournament, but due to some schools paying for hired judges, we only lost \$592.81. In order to make up the difference in the future, the following changes have been made:

- Individual Event fees will increase to \$8 per entry.
- Uncovered Individual Event slots will cost \$12 each.
- It was decided to set a budget of \$1500 for trophies this year. A proposal for trophies will be brought to the executive committee.

Also discussed with fees was the extra fee for Oratory. It was decided that MCFA would pay for both entries to Interstate Oratory in order to decrease the cost for both.

**2. Final Round “Break” Procedures**

During the 2017 MCFA tournament, the majority of the executive committee decided to advance an extra student in some events, even though there was a tie in ranks, but only a point off in rates. There were dissenting votes on the committee, but the majority were in favor of this.

There was some ambiguity in the reading of the by-laws when it read, “Where possible each event final shall consist of the top six contestants based on Prelim ranks and ratings.” In order to remove that ambiguity in the future, the following will be proposed as a by-law change at the 2018 tournament: “When an event has six or more competitors, the top six competitors will be advanced based on ranks and ratings unless there is a tie for the sixth advancing position. All students tied for the sixth advancing position will be included in the final round.” The wording may be clarified, but the executive committee will run the tournament in the spirit of the change and the actual change will be voted on by the membership at the tournament.

Jon Loging, Executive Secretary, takes full responsibility for the inconsistency of the tabulation at the 2017 tournament. He apologizes to all those affected and will ensure that it does not happen again.

### 3. Tournament Schedule

One big change from the past is we will not have a banquet for the tournament. While we still encourage socialization among different teams, the cost of the banquet was prohibitive and took too much time in the tournament schedule.

Here is the proposed schedule for the 2018 State Tournament. It will be finalized once the official invitation is released later this fall.

Friday, Feb. 16		Saturday, Feb. 17		Sunday, Feb. 18	
3 pm	Registration	7:30	Registration	8 am	EXT Draw
3:30	Parli 1	8 am	EXT draw	8:30	Rd 3A
4:45	Parli 2	8:30	Rd 1A	9:45	Rd 3C
6 pm	Parli 3	9:45	Parli 4	11 am	Rd 3B/Parli Semis
		11 am	Rd 1C	Noon	Lunch
		Noon	Lunch (Coaches Meeting)	1 pm	EXT draw
		1:30	EXT draw	1:30	Finals A
		2 pm	Rd 2A	2:45	Finals C
		3:15	Rd 1B	4 pm	Finals B/Parli finals
		4:30	Rd 2C	5:15	Senior Send-Off
		5:45	Rd 2B/Parli Quarters	6 pm	Awards

Again, changes can be made until the invitation is released, sometime in November.

### 4. All-State Recognition

An updated proposal will be presented later this fall and it will be sent to the membership and discussed.

### 5. Learning Goals

Learning goals for each event were once again discussed. Further discussion will take place on the MCFA email list and a decision will be made at the 2018 tournament.

### 6. Large and Small school division delineation

Currently, the by-laws explaining the Large and Small school divisions read, “Divisions in overall team sweepstakes shall be determined by natural break by the Executive Committee.” There have been some years where a natural break has not been clear. Therefor the following has been proposed as a way to clarify the decision: “The division between the Large and Small school division will be in the range of the mean of total entries, plus or minus 10% of total entries rounded up.”

For example, last year, the entries looked like this: 1, 4, 6, 11, 13, 15, 19, 23, 45, 47 for a total of 184 entries. The mean would be 18.4 with a range of 16.4-20.4. Therefore, the Executive Committee would have to decide if the division should be between the 15 and 19 or 19 and 23.

This is a practice the Executive Committee will try, but will not necessarily bring as a constitution change to the Spring meeting.