Notes from State Speaking Committee Meeting 2020:

·         **Electronic Rubrics:**

o    This year was very successful in using the electronic rubrics for the virtual contests.

o    The cost is the same level at district, area, state.  $1 per rubric.  This is essentially the same cost per paper scansheet, per student/judge.

·         **Official Dress:**

o    A recommendation will go to the Board to adopt the official dress language from LDE rules with an additional sentence saying, **“**The superintendent has final authority to make a decision in extenuating circumstances”.

·         **Manuscripts (Submission & APA Format)**

o    Area Coordinators will be asked to help contact advisors and contestants for missing submissions

o    Additional Contact information will be added (contestant email or phone number) – often cannot reach Ag Teacher

o    To help clarify APA issue, Tricia will modify rule language from “Required Documents” to Document Guidelines and add the following language administratively “Using APA will ensure running headers (including student name, title, chapter) are noted on all documents submitted. This will be helpful for national qualifiers sending their documents to the national level.

o    This is will not need be approved by board since it is not a rule change.

·         **Soil Stewardship:**

o    Molly Christensen will now be working with Soil Stewardship Speaking contest and asked for input on the SWCD outline packet.

o    Packet will be revised with objective for speech and will no longer contain the resources.

·         **Intro on Revision Cycle:**

o    Timeline will be sent with committee contact information to this committee and the following committee chairs.

§  Kelley Clements – General Rules

§  Mackenzie Allison – Sr. Prepared chair

§  Stephen Heinman – Jr. Prep

§  Jim Bob – Extemp

§  Ashley Wildman – Soil Stewardship

·         **Concerns/comments:**

·         In the event of another virtual event, area 10 would like the entire event to be live.

·         Question asked about speaking categories in Jr. Prepared.

o    Tricia:  That is something that the revision committees can look into

·         Recommendation concerning Speaking Rotations will go to the Board:  “Contestants advancing to the finals in extemporaneous, Jr. Prepared, and Soil Stewardship will be assigned times following the order of participation in the preliminaries, alternating between heat one and heat two.  Contestants advancing to the finals in Sr. Prepared will follow the posted rotation within these rules.”

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