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Forms can be found on the PHSSL website (www.phssl.org), or obtained by calling or emailing the State Office at 570-372-4300 or nevil@susqu.edu.

STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTER by March 8, 2015, at www.joyoftournaments.com. The Joy of Tournament site will be available to accept registrations starting on February 13, 2015.**
- 2. NO PAPER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3. For each student in Informative and Persuasive speech events: you must send a copy of the speech, bibliography and cover sheet signed by the student and the coach declaring this to be an original speech to the State Office. See B7.6 and B8.6.**
- 4. FINANCES: Please calculate your registration fees from the Joy of Tournaments fee page and either mail or hand carry said fees to the State Office prior to the State Tournament.**
- 5. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to any tournament registrants that register after 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015.**
- 6. A nuisance fee of \$50.00 will be assessed per entry dropped after 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the State Tournament (March 17, 2015). No charge for name changes in Impromptu, Radio Announcing and Student Congress.**
- 7. BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS ON FILE AT THE STATE OFFICE.**
- 8. You must enter your Impromptu, Radio Announcing, and Student Congress: House student when you register on the *Joy of Tournaments* web site.
(You cannot enter a Student Congress: House student if you have not sent a bill/resolution to Ms. Alice Ursin at ursin@yahoo.com by January 21.)**

DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Here is the second PHSSL newsletter for 2014-2015. Most of the information in it deals with the District and State tournaments. **Do** pay attention to the established deadlines (all reported earlier in the first newsletter of this year--and again repeated in this edition of the newsletter). **See CALENDAR.**

All District Chairpersons should let me know how many pins and certificates are needed for their District Tournaments, and I'll see you get them. **Remember: Membership dues to the State Office are due no later than February 1. If dues are not in by the February 1 date you may NOT participate in Districts.** PHSSL will be supplying each District with a Sweepstakes award to be presented to the Most Outstanding School. Since District points are not considered in the tabulation of state awards, the creation of this District Sweepstakes Award was established. We are asking each District Chair to review the Checklist at the end of the District Bylaws section of the Binder. Also, the District Chairs are to announce the State Tournament qualifying students at their tournament so the students and schools know they are eligible to attend the State Tournament and can submit their registration form in a timely manner. **Remember: March 8 is the deadline for schools to register for the State Tournament.** No paper registrations will be accepted, **you must register through www.joyoftournaments.com.** **See CALENDAR.**

At this year's State Tournament on Friday evening, several events will be held at the Selinsgrove High School and Selinsgrove Elementary School (busing provided). There are a number of changes regarding the location of each event on Friday evening, and some changes on Saturday. We ask that you be sure to consult the schedule in your program to be sure you are reporting to the correct locations. The tentative schedule is included in this issue and subject to change.

Let me remind everyone that the Executive Board will be holding its semi-annual spring meeting at Susquehanna University on Thursday, March 19. If you have any matter to be brought to the Board's attention, please communicate with your Board representative or let me know about the matter so it can be placed on the meeting's agenda. This particular Board meeting mainly discusses State Tournament concerns, and other matters are postponed until the July meeting.

Remember: (1) All Cross-X debate teams must be registered not later than 12:00 noon--those who aren't will forfeit Round I; (2) school codes will be dropped for the tournament; and (3) food items will be for sale at the Selinsgrove Area High School and Selinsgrove Area Elementary School for those participating in the events scheduled there on Friday evening.

I hope that all the tournaments, local and District, held in the next number of weeks turn out to be excellent ones! Again, thank you for all the extra and time-consuming work you put into forensics. The students and schools do really appreciate it! Hope to see you at the State Tournament in the spring.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Policy Debate may ONLY enter two two-person teams from Districts to the State Tournament.**
- **Informative and Persuasive Speaking: "Prior to each PHSSL tournament the student must send a copy of the speech, a bibliography, and a cover sheet signed by the student and coach declaring the speech to be original." See B7.6 & B8.6.**
- **Register for State Tournament through www.joyoftournaments.com ONLY. No paper copy will be accepted by the State Office.**
- **The PHSSL Handbook has been updated. Please be sure to visit the PHSSL website (www.phssl.org) to locate new forms and the handbook for the newly created State Congress: Senate competition. The website is still under construction and there will be lots of new additions in the future, however the following pages have current information available as provided: Contacts, Documents/Forms, and Calendar/Events.**
- **A page has been added to the website so schools can check the status of their membership and insurance requirement to participate in PHSSL events. If you are advancing to the State Tournament, please be sure that your insurance liability certificate has been provided to the state office prior to the tournament date.**
- **Congress bills will be made available on the PHSSL website by March 1st. If you are participating in either the Senate or House events, please see the PHSSL website for Student Congress assignments and legislation pieces.**

Larry D. Augustine
Executive Director

Pennsylvania High School Speech League

2015

- January 30 & 31** **Pennsbury Falcon Invitational**
Pennsbury High School East & West, Fairless Hills
Varsity Debate, Speech, and Congress - Tournament is open to all high schools
Contact: Jeff Kahn (kahnjb@gmail.com)
- February 1** **PHSSL MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEES DEADLINE**
(Money must be received by the state office by this date for you to participate in the district and/or state tournaments)
- February 7** **District #4 Speech/Public Forum Qualifiers**
Trinity High School, Washington
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (ozsomebs@gmail.com) and Mary Ann Bertz (germar02@verizon.net)
- February 7** **District #6 and #7 Qualifiers**
Messiah College, Grantham
Contact: Christine Metcalfe (CMetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) and Nathan Lawver (phssldistrict7@gmail.com)
- February 11** **District #4 Lincoln-Douglas, Policy, and Parliamentary Qualifiers**
Greater Latrobe High School, Latrobe
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (ozsomebs@gmail.com) and Mary Ann Bertz (germar02@verizon.net)
- February 13** **District #5 Qualifiers**
Richland High School, Johnstown
Contact: Cassie Enos (cenos@windberschools.org)
- February 13 & 14** **Bethel Park Black Hawk Invitational**
Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park
Contact: Alice Ursin (ajursin@yahoo.com)
- February 18** **District #4 Student Congress: Senate Qualifiers**
Contact Lisa Bompiani-Smith or Mary Ann Bertz for location information.
Congress Bills are due to Brad Kwiatek at The Kiski School (brad.kwiatek@kiski.org)
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (ozsomebs@gmail.com) and Mary Ann Bertz (germar02@verizon.net)
- February 19** **Districts #10 and #15 Debate Qualifiers**
Harrington High School, Rosemont
Contact: Dr. Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com)
- February 21** **District #11 and #12 Qualifiers**
St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia
Contact: Bernie Miller (millbe@centennialsd.org)
- February 21** **Districts #10 and #15 Speech Qualifiers**
Harrington High School, Rosemont
Contact: Dr. Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com)

- February 24** **District #6 and #7 Speech Qualifiers**
Messiah College, Grantham
Contact: Christine Metcalfe (CMetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) or Nathan Lawver
(phssldistrict7@gmail.com)
- February 28** **District #1 & #2 Speech and Debate Qualifiers**
Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia
Contact for District #1: Hugh P. Ringer (hpr@zoominternet.net) or Bob Hall
(fhsmonsieur@roadrunner.com)
Contact for District #2: Jeff Byko (jbyko@pinerichland.org)
- March 1** **DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DEADLINE**
All District Tournaments must be completed by March 1 in order for competitors to qualify for
the State Tournament.
- March 1** **BILLS & HOUSE ASSIGNMENTS FOR STUDENT CONGRESS EVENTS (FOR STATE TOURNAMENT)
ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PHSSL WEBSITE**
**If you have any questions regarding bills or assignments, please contact Codie at
nevil@susqu.edu.**
- March 8** **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT**
Coaches are to register all qualifiers/participants on the Joy of Tournaments website by March 8
(www.joyoftournaments.com)
Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
- March 14** **Gettysburg Pre-States Invitational Tournament**
Gettysburg Area High School, Gettysburg
Speech/Debate Tournament
Tournament is open to all schools
Contact: Lourdes Dandignac (ldandignac@gettysburg.k12.pa.us)
- March 20 & 21** **2015 State Tournament**
Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove
Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
- December 11 & 12** **PHSSL Drama Festival**
Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove
Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will meet on March 19, 2015. These individuals are YOUR elected representatives and want to present and address your ideas and needs in handling the business of PHSSL's programs, activities, and policies. Therefore, if you have any concern or business matter that the Executive Board needs to review, please let your board representative or the PHSSL State Office know.

TOPICS

February Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction.

January Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: United Nations peacekeepers should have the power to engage in offensive operations.

2014-2015 Policy Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth's oceans.

January-February 2015 L-D Topic

Resolved: Just governments ought to require that employers pay a living wage.

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2015-2016 National High School Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

DISTRICT LIST 2014-2015

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<p>District 1 Fairview High School Iroquois Jr. Sr. High School Jamestown Area High School McDowell High School Mercer Area Middle-High School Mercyhurst Preparatory School Slippery Rock High School</p>	<p>Hugh P. Ringer Mercer Area High School c/o 368 Sanbern Dr. Mercer, PA 16137</p> <p>Bob Hall Fairview High School 7460 McCay Rd. Fairview, PA 16415-2401</p>
<p>District 2 Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School Deer Lakes High School Fox Chapel Area High School Knoch High School Mars Area High School North Allegheny High School Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Pine-Richland High School Sewickley Academy Shady Side Academy Vincentian Academy</p>	<p>Jeff Byko Pine-Richland High 700 Warrendale Rd. Gibsonia, PA 15044</p>
<p>District 3 Bethel Park High School Bishop Canevin High School Central Catholic High School Keystone Oaks High School Lakeview Christian Academy Moon Area High School Oakland Catholic High School Peters Township High School Pittsburgh Allderdice High School Upper St. Clair High School West Allegheny High School</p>	<p>Alice Ursin Bethel Park High School 309 Church Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102</p> <p>Michael Shaffer West Allegheny High School 205 W. Allegheny Rd. Imperial, PA 15126</p>
<p>District 4 Belle Vernon Area High School Derry Area High School Greater Latrobe Senior High Greensburg Salem High School Hempfield Area High School Norwin High School The Kiski School Trinity Area High School Uniontown Area High School</p>	<p>Mary Ann Berty Trinity High School 231 Park Ave. Washington, PA 15301</p>

<p>District 5 Berlin Brothersvalley High School Bishop McCort Catholic High School Central Cambria High School Conemaugh Township Area High School Forest Hills High School North Star High School Richland High School Rockwood High School Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School Somerset Senior High School Westmont Hilltop High School Windber Area High School</p>	<p>Cassie Enos Windber High School 2301 Graham Ave. Windber PA, 15963</p>
<p>District 6 Boiling Springs High School Carlisle High School Cedar Cliff High School Cumberland Valley High School Lower Dauphin High School Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School Trinity High School West Perry High School West Shore Christian Academy</p>	<p>Christine Metcalfe Mechanicsburg Area High School 500 South Broad Street Mechanicsburg PA, 17055</p>
<p>District 7 Central York High School Dallastown Area High School Delone Catholic High School Gettysburg Area High School Logos Academy South Western High School Susquehannock High School</p>	<p>Nathan Ryan Lawver Delone Catholic High School 140 S Oxford Ave. McSherrystown, PA 17344</p>
<p>District 8 Abington Heights High School Bethlehem Catholic High School Crestwood High School E.L. Meyers High School Elk Lake Junior-Senior High School GAR Jr. Sr. High School Holy Redeemer High School Lake - Lehman Sr. High School Notre Dame High School Pocono Mountain West High School Scranton High School Scranton Preparatory School Southern Lehigh High School Towanda Area Jr. Sr. High School Wallenpaupack Area High School</p>	<p>Keith Brosious Elk Lake High School P.O. Box 100 Dimock, PA 18816</p> <p>David Long Southern Lehigh High School 5800 Main St. Center Valley, PA 18034</p>

<p>District 9 Athens Area High School Bloomsburg Area High School Danville High School Midd West High School Sayre Area High School Selinsgrove Area High School Shikellamy High School South Williamsport Jr/Sr High School Southern Columbia Area High School Tri-Valley Junior-Senior High School</p>	<p>Ellen Boyer Shikellamy High School 600 Walnut St. Sunbury, PA 17801</p>
<p>District 10 Harriton High School Marple Newtown High School Penn Wood High School Sun Valley High School The Haverford School The Shipley School</p>	<p>Bonnie Perry Harriton High School c/o 130 Anton Rd. Wynnewood, PA 19096</p>
<p>District 11 Bishop McDevitt High School Gwynedd Mercy Academy La Salle College High School Science Leadership Academy St. Joseph's Preparatory School Upper Dublin High School</p>	<p>Ray Shay LaSalle College High School 8605 Cheltenham Ave. Wyndmoor PA 19038</p>
<p>District 12 Academy At Palumbo Bensalem High School Bodine High School Franklin Towne Charter High School Harry S. Truman High School Holy Ghost Preparatory Nazareth Academy High School Pennsbury High School William Tennent High School</p>	<p>Bernie Miller William Tennent High School 333 Centennial Rd. Warminster, PA 18974</p>
<p>District 14 Altoona Area High School Bellwood-Antis High School Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School Cambria Heights High School Chestnut Ridge High School Conemaugh Valley High School Northern Cambria High School Penn Cambria High School</p>	<p>Dick Bower Bellwood-Antis School District 400 Martin Street Bellwood, PA 16617</p> <p>Holly Smith Penn Cambria High School 401 Linden Ave. Cresson, PA 16630</p>

<p>District 15 Bayard Rustin High School Bishop Shanahan High School Garnet Valley High School Haverford High School Henderson High School Malvern Preparatory School The Hill School Unionville High School West Chester East High</p>	<p>Sue Hayes Unionville High School c/o 3 Hillspring Rd. Chadds Ford, PA 19317</p> <p>Marie Langevan Bishop Shanahan High School 220 Woodbine Rd. Downingtown, PA 19335</p>
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2014-2015 INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED:

To determine if your school has provided their insurance certificate, please go to www.phssl.org and click the icon on the homepage indicating to check your membership and insurance status "here". Schools that have provided insurance certificates will be listed with a date indicating the date of expiration in the Insurance column, located in the column to the right of the page.

STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the schools who won at the District and Regional Drama Festivals held during the first semester of this school year. Also, thanks to all those schools who offered keen competition making the winners possible.

The citations offered at the State Drama Festival held at Susquehanna University on December 5 & 6, 2014, were as follows:

First Place:	Towanda High School
Second Place:	Shikellamy High School
Third Place:	Athens High School
State Finalist:	Carlisle High School
State Finalist:	Shady Side Academy
State Finalist:	West Allegheny High School

ALL STATE CAST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>High School</u>
Daniel Reynolds	<i>Mirrors</i>	Athens High School
Noah Fenstermacher	<i>Families</i>	Shikellamy High School
Annie Herbster	<i>Families</i>	Shikellamy High School
Natalie Shoch	<i>Families</i>	Shikellamy High School
Noah Spencer	<i>Families</i>	Shikellamy High School
Caroline Vana	<i>The Amish Project</i>	Towanda High School
Blakely Watkins	<i>The Amish Project</i>	Towanda High School
Catherine Wheatley	<i>Elephant's Graveyard</i>	West Allegheny High School

PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2014 REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVALS

(In alphabetical order)

Athens High School
Bethel Park High School
Carlisle High School
Midd-West High School
Sayre High School

Shady Side Academy
Shikellamy High School
Towanda High School
Trinity High School (#4)
West Allegheny High School

PHSSL Offers Appreciation

The Pennsylvania High School Speech League wants to thank Susquehanna University and the Weber Chapel for the use of its facilities for the Annual State Drama Festival. A special thank you to PAUL A. SMITH, KATHRYN HANES and MIKE SWANK for their technical help and assistance in the backstage operations. PHSSL also wants to thank the S.U. students who contributed to the success of the Festival. Without their help, the Festival would not have operated as smoothly as it did.

Also, the League is indebted to the five judges who gave their time and talent to evaluate the plays and select the All State Cast:

JOYCE HENDRICKS

President, The Valley Player's Community Theater Organization

KEVIN HICKMAN

Board of Trustees for Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

KEN KOPF

Retired Professor of Communications/Information Systems

LAURIE McCANTS

Co-founder, Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

KENANN QUANDER

Current Visiting Artist of Costumes and professor at SU

ALL-STATE CASTS

(Last six years)

2013

Sydney Hill, Athens High School
Erica Buckley, Carlisle High School
William Hunter, Carlisle High School
Cameron Davis, North Allegheny High School
Christa Beveridge, Shikellamy High School
Shelby Snyder, Shikellamy High School
Caroline Vana, Towanda High School
Blakely Watkins, Towanda High School

2012

Zoe McNichols, Abington Heights High School
Zack Percy, Abington Heights High School
Abby Mapps, Abington Heights High School
Nick Kremp, Abington Heights High School
Christa Beveridge, Shikellamy High School
Shelby Snyder, Shikellamy High School
Rachel Dundorf, Carlisle High School

2011

Cory Schoonover, Towanda High School
Nicholas Spencer, Towanda High School
Diana Crowley, Abington Heights High School
Zoe McNichols, Abington Heights High School
Ben Shemory, Shikellamy High School
Daniel Snyder, Shikellamy High School

2010

Alicia Donahoe, Abington Heights High School
Annabeth Foucher, Westmont Hilltop High School
Ryan Glover, Westmont Hilltop High School
Andrew Kilpatrick, Westmont Hilltop High School
Marisha Lozada, West Scranton High School
Starletta Noll-Long, Shikellamy High School

2009

Olivia Berrigan, Trinity High School #6
Daniel Delgado, Shikellamy High School
Karl Dickey, Trinity High School #6
Marissa Henrie, Shikellamy High School
John McGovern, Peter's Township High School
Alexandra Swartz, Shikellamy High School

2008

Andrew Adamietz, Wyalusing Valley High School
Carla Bonilla, Shikellamy High School
Zack Evans, Westmont Hilltop High School
Victor Gowl, Shikellamy High School
Rakel Joyce, Abington Heights
Colleen Kane, Shikellamy High School

Past Drama Winners

2013	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1988	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2012	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1987	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
2011	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1986	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2010	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1985	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
2009	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1984	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2008	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1983	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
2007	Towanda High School, Towanda	1982	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2006	Towanda High School, Towanda	1981(F)	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2005	Scranton High School, Scranton	1981(S)	Boyertown High School, Boyertown
2004	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1980	Fox Chapel High School, Pittsburgh
2003	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1979	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2002	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley	1978	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2001	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley	1977	Council Rock High School, Newtown
2000	Scranton High School, Scranton	1976	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1999	Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs	1975	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
1998	Westmont-Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1974	William Tennent High School, Lancaster
1997	Scranton High School, Scranton	1973	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1996	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster	1972	Council Rock High School, Newtown
1995	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1971	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1994	Scranton High School, Scranton	1970	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1993	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster	1969	North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
1992	Milton S. Hershey School, Hershey	1968	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1991	Scranton Central High School, Scranton	1967	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1990	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown		
1989	Scranton Central High School, Scranton		

NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS

November 2014

Domestic

Easier Topics

1. Has President Obama's response to the Ebola crisis been adequate?
2. Are America's hospitals sufficiently prepared to handle a deadly epidemic?
3. How will the outcome of the midterm elections impact President Obama's agenda for his last two years?
4. Is the United States finally reaching a state of energy independence?
5. Should America count Mitt Romney out for 2016?
6. What do American voters care more about: Domestic affairs or foreign policy?
7. Should Congress take another look at campaign finance reform?
8. Is professional football facing unfair criticism over the off-field behavior of its players?
9. Is college football an asset or liability for higher education?
10. Should automakers resist building driverless cars?
11. Does Hillary Clinton have a fundraising edge going into the 2016 presidential race?
12. What explains the sudden streak of courts overturning same-sex marriage bans?
13. Is the Affordable Care Act in danger of being rolled-back?

More Difficult Topics

1. Based on voter behavior in the midterm elections, who would appear to have the edge going into the 2016 Presidential contest?
2. Are American college campuses becoming unsafe places to live?
3. Should the United States government change its policy on the private operation of aerial drones?
4. What does the Supreme Court's decision not to hear cases overturning same sex marriage bans say about their likely position on the issue?
5. Are breed-specific dog bans justified?
6. Will Apple's latest innovations help it maintain its market share in the mobile device market?
7. Should the Washington Redskins name be banned?
8. Is the Air Force's X-37B space plane a dangerous move toward the militarization of space?
9. Are voter identification laws racially discriminatory?
10. How will the outcome of the Grand Jury investigation into the killing of Michael Brown impact the fragile peace in St. Louis?
11. Should coaches and sponsors of sports and school activities be held responsible for hazing by their students?
12. Should the FBI have access to data on people's wireless devices?

International

Easier Topics

1. Is Baghdad in danger of falling to ISIS?
2. Will democracy protests in Hong Kong spill-over into mainland China?
3. Is North Korea on the verge of a leadership change?
4. Are U.S. airstrikes against ISIS helping or hurting the Assad regime?
5. Will the new ceasefire between Sunnis and Shia in Yemen hold?
6. Should Turkey increase its involvement in the fight against ISIS?
7. Was Malala Yousafzai a good choice for the Nobel Peace Prize?
8. Is the threat posed by Iranian nuclear development over-exaggerated?
9. Is the extended rule of Evo Morales good for the people of Bolivia?
10. Was the United States right to partially lift its arms embargo on Vietnam?
11. Is the Ukraine's ceasefire sustainable?
12. Has the Olympics become too expensive for countries to make bids to host?
13. Is Russia weathering the pressure of international sanctions?

More Difficult Topics

1. Does social media play a prominent role in modern warfare?
2. What steps can the world community take to help Gaza rebuild?
3. How can the world community best help West African countries in their fight against Ebola?
4. What steps can the Turkish government take to improve relations with its Kurdish minority population?
5. Is Israel benefiting from the Middle East's focus on the ISIS threat?
6. What are the prospects for success in the renewed talks between North and South Korea?
7. What can Japan's opposition party do to become competitive again?
8. Why is Mongolia's economic boon waning?
9. Is France over-reacting to the threat of Jihadists within its borders?
10. Is Belgium's Flemish separatist movement gaining momentum?
11. What are the Roman Catholic Church's most notable accomplishments at its recent synod?
12. How will Joko Widodo's presidency change Indonesia?

December 2014 Domestic

Easier Topics

1. With Republican control of Congress, can President Obama get anything done in his last two years of office?
2. Will President Obama's nominee for Attorney General be confirmed?
3. Will President Obama's decision to send more troops to Iraq be accepted by the American people?
4. Is the National Football League in danger of losing public support?
5. Does Mitch McConnell represent the views of the mainstream Republican Party?
6. Are the nuclear weapons of the United States safe and secure?
7. Should America's intelligence agencies have access to peoples' cellphone records?
8. Are women gaining increased influence in Congress?
9. Has President Obama exceeded his authority by overhauling America's immigration system without the involvement of Congress?
10. Are lower oil prices good for America?
11. Are the army's cuts in personnel misguided?
12. Should the United States send ground troops to Iraq and Syria?
13. Can President Obama succeed in his push for net neutrality?

More Difficult Topics

1. With control of Congress, what issues should be at the top of the Republican Party's agenda?
2. Have the midterm elections confirmed or rejected the significance of the Tea Party faction to the vitality of the Republican Party?
3. Given voter behavior in the midterm elections, what probable Republican candidate is best positioned to get the 2016 presidential nomination?
4. Did the poor performance of some Democratic candidates in the midterm elections reflect poorly on leading contenders for the 2016 presidential nomination?
5. With growing interest in marijuana legalization at the state level, is it time for the federal government to change its policies on the drug?
6. Should college athletes be able to sue their former universities for an inadequate education?
7. How will President Obama's planned immigration reforms impact America's economy?
8. What can be done to improve conditions at schools for Native Americans?
9. What legislation should lame duck Democrats aim to complete before they leave office?
10. Has the United States made satisfactory improvements in its interrogation of accused terrorists since 9-11?
11. Will the passage of Michigan's co-called "Rape Insurance" law trigger a backlash by angry voters?
12. With calls for tax reform from incoming congressional Republicans, what tax changes should Congress tackle first?

International

Easier Topics

1. Is North Korea attempting to warm its relations with the outside world?
2. Will Russia's deal to continue supplying natural gas to Ukraine last?
3. Are coalition airstrikes against ISIS succeeding?
4. Is Kim Jong Un more dangerous than his father, Kim Jong Il?
5. Can the Rosetta probe mission be called a success?
6. Was President Obama's recent visit to Burma good for democracy there?
7. Is Russia guilty of "bullying" smaller nations?
8. Are European nations doing enough to combat the recruitment of jihadists in their countries?
9. Is Liberia winning the fight against Ebola?
10. Can competing factions in South Sudan form a lasting peace?
11. Is the leadership of Myanmar guilty of persecuting its Muslim population?
12. Can tensions between Serbia and Albania be reduced?
13. Has Libya become a failed state?
14. Is Russia weathering the pressure of international sanctions?

More Difficult Topics

1. Should the Kurdish people of the Middle East have their own nation?
2. 25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, is Germany truly a unified nation?
3. Should industrialized nations do more to encourage immigration from lesser-developed nations?
4. Can the Nigerian government be trusted to resolve the conflict with Boko Haram without foreign intervention?
5. Can Ukraine build an army strong enough to stop Russian incursions?
6. Is the recent agreement between the United States and China on climate changing emissions a significant breakthrough in the fight against global warming?
7. How will Russia's decision to curtail its nuclear security cooperation with the United States impact the safety of Russia's arsenal?
8. Which of the leaders among EU nations is the most important to the success of the organization?
9. Are Israel and the Palestinian authority any closer to a final status agreement today than they were a year ago?
10. Has the Ebola crisis changed how world leaders think about regulating international travel?
11. Is Turkey turning its back on NATO alliance commitments?
12. Did the G-20 Summit achieve anything significant?

January 2015

January's topics are not able to be published at this time, per NFHS request. They will be available starting February 1, 2015, and can be located on the NFHS website.

DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENT TOPICS

TOPIC AREAS

Topic areas in **Commentary** for use at District and State competitions are:

Topic areas in **Extemporaneous Speaking** for use at District and State competitions are:

Commentary Topics

1. Pop Culture
2. International Hotspots
3. Amendments of the US Constitution
4. Technology & Society
5. The “Isms”
6. Women In Politics

Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

1. Immigration
2. US Healthcare
3. Islamic World
4. South Asia
5. Future of US Political Parties
6. International Environmental Issues

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – Prepared Rounds for 2014-2015 District and State Competition

This house believes that illegal immigrants in the United States merit a pathway to citizenship.

(Please do not use this topic at other tournaments)

Impromptu round topic areas for **Parliamentary Debate:**

- must be used at Districts if there are more than two rounds of Parliamentary Debate
- will be used at States
- Please ENCOURAGE other tournaments to use these as their **Impromptu** topics.

1. Marriage Equality
2. PA Energy Industries
3. International Political Uprisings
4. Community Service
5. Veterans Affairs
6. Church & State

PLAIN TALK ABOUT STUDENT CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(Prepared by Peggy Madden and Alice Ursin)

In order to participate in the Student Congress held during the State Tournament, a school (not a student) must submit a bill or resolution by the date listed on the PHSSL Calendar.

Bills and resolutions submitted to PHSSL should be original to your school and not something you found at another student congress.

It is important that bills and resolutions follow the proper format. Hybrids (half bill/half resolution) are not acceptable.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions answer two simple questions:

1. Why do we want to do something?
2. What is it we want to do?

The WHY is expressed through whereas clauses which begin the resolution. If you were to substitute the word "because" in place of "whereas" at the beginning of each clause it would read smoothly, but the language of Parliamentary Procedure requires you use the word "Whereas."

The resolution ends with a statement that begins with "Therefore, be it resolved by this PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." and simply explains what it is you wish to do. A resolution may consist of just this statement and not explain why.

Resolutions may suggest change (but you need not indicate how) or may be written to support the status quo, to praise a person or event, to chastise, or to offer a proclamation.

BILLS

Bills answer many questions:

1. What is it we want to do?
2. How will we do it?
3. Who will administer it?
4. When will we start to do it?
5. How will it be financed?
6. How will it be enforced?
 - A. By whom?
 - B. Do we need penalties if people don't comply?
 - C. What will these penalties be?

Bills do not explain why, and so they begin immediately with the clause "Be it enacted by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." Sections that follow answer the necessary questions listed above. It is not always necessary to answer all of the questions listed nor in the order listed.

Bills do not suggest; they mandate change, and if enacted (passed), have the power of law.

The CONGRESS WORKSHEET on the following three pages should help you in preparing a good bill or resolution for the PHSSL State Student Congress.

**WORKSHEET FOR PREPARING
CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

So.....you want to write a bill. **DECIDE**, is it something that you want to be definite and have the force of law OR are you merely stating a conviction and saying "Wouldn't it be nice if....?"

HOW TO BEGIN:

LOOK AROUND YOU, READ AND WATCH THE NEWS. Is something troubling you about our society, our foreign policy, our morals, etc. **THEN:**

I. **STATE THE PROBLEM:** _____

II. **WHY IS THERE A PROBLEM? ARE THERE ANY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

III. **WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT? ARE THERE PENALTIES IF THE LAW IS VIOLATED? IF FINANCING IS NEEDED, HOW WILL IT BE DONE? WHEN WILL THE LAW TAKE EFFECT?**

NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN

First write a resolution. Begin with WHEREAS clauses. Whereas clauses are where you build your rationale. Use Parts I and II to help you. Conclude with BE IT RESOLVED...using Part III.
What can be done?

1. WHEREAS: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. WHEREAS: _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. WHEREAS: _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. WHEREAS: _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. WHEREAS: _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

17. _____

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____

Perhaps you feel more strongly about the issue. You feel that "THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW!" – O.K. Write one! Use Part III to write your ENACTMENT sections. Penalties, financing, and when the bill goes into effect will be in the last section. What you want the law to be are in the first sections.

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Section 1: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Section 2: _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. Section 3: _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. Section 4: _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. Section 5: _____

14. _____

15. _____

16. Section 6: _____

17. _____

18. _____

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Susquehanna University
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

March 20 & 21, 2015

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS PHONE

FRIDAY (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

Campus Dial: 2811 Off Campus Dial: 372-2811

SATURDAY (7:45 AM to 5:00 PM)

On Campus Dial: 2812 Off Campus Dial: 372-2812

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, March 19, 2015

1:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting, Meeting Room #2, followed by a work session.
DEGENSTEIN CAMPUS CENTER

FRIDAY, March 20, 2015

9:00 – 12 NOON Registration. All **Cross-X Debate** teams must be registered by
12:00 Noon. Otherwise Round I will be forfeited.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

9:00 - 2:00 p.m. Registration. All non-Cross-X Debate competitors.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

1:00 p.m. Meeting for all Cross-X debaters, coaches and judges.
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

Cross-X Debate Tab Room opened. Apfelbaum Hall 306

1:45 p.m. Cross-X Debate Round I

2:00 p.m. **ALL SCHOOLS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION**
EVEN THOUGH FEES HAVE BEEN PAID!

2:15 p.m. Tab Room Tournament Committee Meeting
Weber Chapel – Right hallway

2:45 p.m. General meeting for all Student Congress, L-D Debate, Parliamentary Debate,
individual events, contestants, coaches, judges and **HIRED JUDGES.**
Hall of Fame Presentation. WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

3:15 p.m. Cross -X Debate Round II

- 3:30-ON p.m. Early dinner/snack break. Benny's Bistro will be open during these hours. There will be food available for purchase at Selinsgrove High School (SHS) and the Selinsgrove Elementary School (SES).
- 3:30 p.m. Contestants and judges for Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO GO TO SHS.
- Contestants for Public Forum, Informative Speaking and Persuasive Speaking board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO TRAVEL TO SES. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PRIVATE CARS OR BUSES TO THE ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO USE THE SHUTTLE SERVICE.
- 3:45 p.m. Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose contestants report to the SHS CAFETERIA. Public Forum, Informative Speaking and Persuasive Speaking contestants report to the SES LIBRARY.
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting for all Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose judges at SHS CAFETERIA
Meeting for all Public Forum, Informative Speaking and Persuasive Speaking judges at SES
- Meeting for Radio Announcing contestants and judges. WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Student Congress: HOUSE Opening Session and Committee Meetings.
Commonwealth House — SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM.
State House — SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108
Keystone House – Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Rm
- 4:15 p.m. Extemp. Speaking. FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Prep.
Commentary. FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Prep.
Impromptu Speaking. SHS AUDITORIUM Prep.
- Parliamentary Debate Round 1
- 4:30 p.m. Public Forum Debate Round I
Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319) Session I

4:45 p.m.	Radio Announcing - All Sections L-D Debate Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation	Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I Round I
5:15 p.m.	<i>Announce pairing and judges for</i> Cross X Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Round III
5:30 p.m.	Cross-X Debate Public Forum Debate	Round III Round II
5:30-9:00 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. Session I Commonwealth House — SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House — SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House – Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Rm	
5:45 p.m.	L-D Debate	Round II
6:00 p.m.	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking SHS AUDITORIUM	Prep. Prep. Prep.
6:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking Informative Speaking Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Duo Interpretation Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking	Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II Round II
7:00 p.m.	Public Forum Debate	Round III
7:15 p.m.	L-D Debate	Round III

7:30 p.m.	Radio Announcing – All Sections	Round II
8:00 p.m.	Cross-X Debate	Round IV
	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Impromptu Speaking SHS AUDITORIUM	<u>Prep.</u>
8:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking	Round III
	Duo Interpretation	Round III
	Dramatic Interpretation	Round III
	Humorous Interpretation	Round III
	Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Round III
	Oral Interpretation of Prose	Round III
	Extemporaneous Speaking	Round III
	Commentary	Round III
	Impromptu Speaking	Round III
	Informative Speaking	Round III
	L-D Debate	Round IV
	Parliamentary Debate	Round IV
	Public Forum Debate	Round IV
	Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319)	Session II
9:30-11:45 p.m.	Buffet. EVERT DINING HALL, CAMPUS CENTER. When available, pairings for Saturday morning will be posted on MULTI MEDIA . There will be postings in the lobby of Weber Chapel Auditorium and on the Internet.	

SATURDAY, March 21, 2015

7:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY	Quarter finals
8:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319)	Quarter finals Session II cont.
8:15 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> LD Debate Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i>	Quarter finals Quarter finals Quarter finals

8:15 a.m.	<p><i>Posting of contestants and judges for</i> Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Duo Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Humorous Interpretation Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i></p>	Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals
	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102	<u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u>
8:30 a.m.	Radio Announcing – All Sections L-D Debate Parliamentary Debate Public Forum Debate Impromptu Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Duo Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Humorous Interpretation Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking	Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals
8:45 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary	Semi-finals Semi-finals
8:00-11:00 a.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE, Session II. Commonwealth House - SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House - SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House – Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Room	
9:45 a.m.	<p><i>Announce pairings and judges for</i> Cross-X Debate <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i></p>	Semi-finals
10:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate	Semi-finals

10:15 a.m.	<p><i>Announce pairings and judges for</i></p> <p>L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Humorous Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation Persuasive Speaking <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i></p> <p>Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102</p>	<p>Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round</p> <p><u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u> <u>Prep</u></p>
10:30 a.m.	<p>L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Impromptu Speaking Informative Speaking Humorous Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Prose Oral Interpretation of Poetry Duo Interpretation Persuasive Speaking</p>	<p>Semi-finals Semi-finals Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round Final round</p>
10:45 a.m.	<p>Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary</p>	<p>Final round Final round</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Radio Announcing</p>	<p>Semi-finals</p>
11:15 a.m.	<p><i>Announce pairings and judges for:</i></p> <p>L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i></p>	<p>Final round Final round Final round</p>
11:30 a.m.	<p>L-D Debate Public Forum Debate Parliamentary Debate</p>	<p>Final round Final round Final round</p>

11:45 a.m.	<i>Announce pairings and judges for:</i> Cross-X Debate <i>Weber Chapel Auditorium</i>	Final round
12:00 NOON	Cross-X Debate Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319)	Final round Super Session
12:30 p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM	Super session
1:00 p.m.	Radio Announcing	Final round
3:00 PM	AWARDS ASSEMBLY WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM All contestants and coaches are expected to attend and remain for the entire program. Appropriate dress is requested.	

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - FRIDAY, March 20, 2015

SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Impromptu Prep.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM
Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 148
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, Room 109
Student Snack Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, DINING ROOM

SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, C106
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room..... SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, C104
Student Snack Room..... SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CAFETERIA

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Opening Assembly.....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM
Extemp. Speaking Prep.....FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Commentary PrepFISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 318 & ROOM 322
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 217
Student Lounge.....CAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE
L-D/Cross X Debate Postings.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY
IE Posting Area.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY

MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - SATURDAY, March 21, 2015

SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Extemporaneous Speaking PrepFISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Commentary Prep FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL
Impromptu Speaking PrepBOGAR HALL, ROOM 102
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 318 & ROOM 322
Coaches/Judges Hospitality RoomWEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, LOBBY
Student LoungeCAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE
Debate PostingsWEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, LOBBY
IE Posting Area..... WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, LOBBY
Awards Ceremonies..... WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

assignments may be subject to change

RADIO ANNOUNCING

The schedule and format changes for Radio are as follows:

1. In preliminary rounds, rounds will continue to be double-flighted. The same judges will judge each flight.
2. Judges will pick up and return ballots at the same place as all other judges and report to their rooms.
3. Students in each flight will sit together in the room as in other speech rounds and will hear each other's presentation.
4. Judges will fill in students' information or have students fill in their own information.
5. Tabulation will be done in the same location as other speech events.
6. Time schedule:

Friday:

- 3:30 pm Radio Announcing assembly immediately following opening General Assembly
Followed by early dinner/snack break.
- 4:45 pm Round I, flight 1 (same judges for both flights)
- 5:30 pm Round I, flight 2
- 6:30 pm Round II, flight 1 (same judges for both flights)
- 7:15 pm Round II, flight 2

Saturday:

- 8:30 am Quarter-final Round (4 rooms needed)
- 10:30 am Semi-finalists announced and report for Prep
- 11:00 am Semi-final Round (2 rooms needed for competition, 1 room for Prep)
- 12:30 pm Finalists announced and report for Prep
- 1:00 pm Final Round (1 room needed for competition, 1 room for Prep)

D. Radio Announcing and Impromptu Re-ranking: After discussion, it was determined a semi-final re-rank will be used for tie-breaking as provided for in our rules. A quarter-final re-rank will not be used.

The PHSSL Board has amended the Technology Policy. Below is the amended statement on technology:

Being able to collect and organize current data is an important skill in today's digital environment. We believe that having the opportunity to use digital resources and synthesize information taken from them to make the best speeches and arguments possible will provide practice in a valuable skill that cannot be matched in any other academic situation.

The use of electronic retrieval devices is permitted in all PHSSL events. This ruling is not meant to imply that any student must use electronic devices, merely that it is now permitted.

- This includes the retrieval -- in preparation rooms and during rounds -- of stored data and, if possible, the online retrieval of current information.
- This includes using digital resources to flow debates and to prepare speeches.
- This includes using digital resources to time debates and speeches.

No guarantee of power or of Internet connectivity should be presumed. There should be no expectation placed on host schools to provide either of these resources. Students wishing to use digital devices must be responsible for providing these resources and for having an alternative plan if the digital devices fail.

Digital communication between speakers and persons outside of the competition event or room is not permitted. PHSSL's intent is similar to its rules under Cross-Exam Debate and under the Preparation Room Procedures for Extemporaneous Speaking and Commentary: consulting with a coach or anyone outside the competition room once the competition has begun will result in disqualification from the competition.

LODGING

Selinsgrove Area of Central Pennsylvania (distance from SU in parenthesis)

SELINGSGROVE

Selinsgrove Inn

214 N. Market St.
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
570.374.4100
866.375.1700
(0.9 miles)

Golden Arrow Motel

2681 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.1611
(4.4 miles)

Days Inn University

409 N. Derr Drive
Rte. 15
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.523.1171
(14.7 miles)

Hampton Inn

3 Stettler Ave.
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.2223
(4.3 miles)

Phillips Motel

2943 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.3100
(4.6 miles)

LEWISBURG

Best Western Country

Cupboard Inn
Rte. 15 North
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.524.5500
800.528.1234
(16.2 miles)

Econo Lodge

3249 N. Susquehanna Trail
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876
570.743.1111
(4.9 miles)

Comfort Inn

613 N. Susquehanna Trail
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
570.374.8880
(2.8 miles)

Comfort Suites

4775 West Branch Highway
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.524.8000
(13.2 miles)

Rodeway Inn

4687 Westbranch Hwy.
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570.523.1106
(13.1 miles)

NEW COLUMBIA

Comfort Inn

I-80 & Rte. 15
330 Commerce Park
New Columbia, PA 17856
570.568.8000
(21 miles)

Holiday Inn Express

I-80 & Rte. 15
160 Commerce Park
New Columbia, PA 17856
570.568.1100
1-800-HOLIDAY
(20.9 miles)

DANVILLE

Pine Barn Inn & Motel

1 Pine Barn Place
Danville, PA 17821
570.275-2071
(20.1 miles)

Days Inn

50 Sheraton Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275.5510
800.329.7466
(22.4 miles)

Hampton Inn

97 Old Valley School Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.271.2500
(21.8 miles)

Red Roof Inn

I-80 & Rte. 54
300 Red Roof Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275-5100
(21.3 miles)

Quality Inn & Suites

15 Valley West Rd.
Danville, PA 17821
570.275.5100
866.899.9054
(22.4 miles)

PHSSL HALL OF FAME

2014	KATHRYN GINGERICH Red Land High School, Lewisberry	1996	JOHN BUETTLER Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2014	STEVE MEDOFF Pennsbury High School, Fairless Fields	1996	JANET DICENZO Kennedy-Kenrick High School, Norristown
2013	CHRISTINE METCALFE Mechanicsburg High School, Mechanicsburg	1996	ANTHONY FIGLIOLA Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2013	JOHN V. ROCHE Nazareth Academy High School, Philadelphia	1995	MARY ANN YOSKEY BERTY Trinity High School, Washington
2012	TIM WAXENFELTER Quigley Catholic High School, Baden	1995	W. MICHAEL NAILOR Danville High School, Danville
2011	KEITH BROSIOS Elk Lake High School, Dimock	1995	BETH YOUNG North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
2010	DAVID LONG Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley	1994	RALPH KARN Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh
2010	LARRY AUGUSTINE Susquehanna University, Executive Director	1994	JANET ROBB McKeesport Area High School, McKeesport
2010	SANDY SAXMAN Susquehanna University, Secretary	1993	MARGARET EMELSON Uniontown High School, Uniontown
2009	SHARON VOLPE North Allegheny High School, Wexford	1992	GLORIA WASILEWSKI Riverside High School, Ellwood City
2008	ROBERTA RINGER Mercer Area High School, Mercer	1992	CARL GRECCO Truman High School, Levittown
2007	VICKY TRIMMER Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg	1992	GLENN CAVENAUGH Derry Area High School, Derry
2007	MARSHA K. WILLIAMS Greensburg-Salem High School, Greensburg	1991	THOMAS FARR Shikellamy & Danville High School(s)
2006	ELLEN BOYER Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1990	MARILYN ENGLEHART Central Cambria High School
2005	MARY FURLONG Delone Catholic High School, McSherrystown	1990	FATHER TOM MEULEMANS Archmere Academy
2004	ROBERT CASEY Trinity High School, Camp Hill	1989	EDWIN KELLY Pennsbury High School
2003	CARL W. ASKEW Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1989	CALLISTUS W. MILAN Saint Vincent College
2002	KATHLEEN O'HALLORAN Norwin High School, North Huntingdon	1988	PEGGY ANN MADDEN North Hills High School
2002	REV. RAYMOND HAHN Cathedral Preparatory, Erie	1988	HOWARD FEDRICK Bishop Oreilly High School
2001	ALICE URSIN Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park	1987	ELEANOR LANGAN Scranton Central High School
2001	MARIA CARUSI Gwynedd Mercy Academy (Posthumously)	1987	THELMA CARUSO Charleroi Area High School
2000	SALLY FINLEY Belle Vernon High School, Belle Vernon	1986	JEANNE M. LUTZ Director, PA High School Speech League
1999	<i>No Award Given</i>	1986	ROBERT E. DUNHAM The PA State University
1998	WILLIAM MURRAY Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg	1986	BROTHER RENE STERNER Calvert Hall College
1998	ANTHONY STOKES The Kiski School, Saltsburg	1986	BERYL MacLEAN Moon Area High School
1997	ROYCE RICE North Hills High School, Pittsburgh	1986	SISTER ST. IRMINUS Lancaster Catholic & Cardinal Brennan High School(s)
1997	HUGH P. RINGER Mercer Area High School, Mercer		

PHSSL ANNUAL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Rules and Regulations for contest:

1. The PHSSL logo must appear somewhere in the design.
2. Only 2 colors may be used in addition to the color of the T-shirt.
3. The design should be created for the front of the shirt.
4. Use of copyrighted cartoon characters, emblems, expressions, etc., is prohibited; however, creativity is encouraged.
5. Good taste and the fine reputation of PHSSL are of primary concern.
6. Double entendres are prohibited.
7. Designs may be submitted by students, coaches, and judges of PHSSL contests.
8. All designs submitted become the property of PHSSL and may be adjusted to meet the needs of the league and the T-shirt company.
9. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all designs.
10. Designs must be submitted in camera-ready copy form and should not exceed 11" wide by 13" long.
11. The winning designer will receive a free T-shirt and recognition in the State Tournament Program.
12. Please send all designs to:
Mrs. Alice Ursin
1035 Clifton Road
Bethel Park, PA 15101-3147

Public Forum Judge Guidelines

During the Tournament

- Check the schedule
 - Public Forum rounds run on a slightly different schedule than the rest of the tournament.
- Check the judge list
 - All of the judges we will be using for rounds 3 and 4 are listed on the schematic.
 - We cannot tell you which rooms you will be judging in until after we pair the debates for that round.
 - However, if your name is listed, you will be judging that round and will need to pick up ballots at the appropriate times.
- Elimination Rounds (States Only)
 - Judges will be posted with the general speech pools for early and later elimination rounds.
 - Check the schedule and make sure you check the postings to see if you are judging an elimination round.
 - Do NOT leave the judge lounge.
 - Early judging pool assignment may mean either Quarter-Finals or Semi-Finals.
 - Later judging pool assignment may mean Finals.

Before the Debate Begins

- Verify that the two teams that are supposed to debate are actually in your room.
- Make sure the correct number of judges are present {States only}
 - Two judges should be present for preliminary rounds.
 - Three judges should be present for Quarters and Semis.
 - Five judges should be present for Finals.
- Have the teams do the coin flip and choose sides and order of speaking only after both judges are present (States only).
- Write the names of the debaters for each team on the correct side, Pro and Con, of the ballot.
 - If it helps to have the Pro team on the left side of the room and the Con team on the right side, in order to match the ballot positions, you may ask the teams to arrange themselves that way.
 - **Make sure** you know which team is going **first** and which team is going second.
- Decide which judge is keeping time in the round.
 - Debaters may have their own timers; however, at least one judge in the round **MUST** keep official time for each of the speeches or crossfires in the round.
 - Determine how time signals are going to be given – This is an absolute must.
- Determine how prep time is going to be signaled and who is going to keep track of it.
 - Verbally telling when each 30 seconds has passed is the normal way to do this.
 - Keep track of how much each TEAM uses throughout the debate.
 - They get a maximum of 2 minutes throughout the entire debate.
 - They do not have to use it.

During the Debate

- Be a tabula rosa, blank slate, during the debate.
 - Do not bring any personal arguments or personal opinions in to the debate.
 - Only decide on issues based on what is presented in the debate and how it is presented.
- Give time signals when necessary.

First Pro Speaker	4 minutes
First Con Speaker	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes
Second Pro Speaker	4 minutes
Second Con Speaker	4 minutes

Crossfire	3 minutes
Summary – First Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Summary – First Con Speaker	2 minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes
Final Focus – Second Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Final Focus – Second Con Speaker	2 minutes

Each team will have a total of 2 minutes of preparation time throughout the debate.

- Students must stand during all speeches and crossfires.
- Write the ballot as the round progresses.
 - The debates move quickly and you will most likely forget comments you wanted to put down if you wait until the end of the round to write it down.
 - This saves down time at the end of the round.
 - You should only have to write your reason for decision at the end of the round.
 - Write in ballpoint pen because it needs to transfer through two sheets of paper.
- Write down major arguments as the round progresses.
 - This may help you make your decision at the end of the round.
 - This may help you follow the organization of each debate team.

At the End of the Debate

- Thank the participants for debating.
- Write a clear reason for your decision.
 - You are allowed to vote on any aspect(s) of the debate round that you want.
- Do not converse with the other judge(s) in the room. (States and Tie Breaking rounds at Districts)
- Fill in all of the boxes with the letters.
- Sign the ballot.
- Flight A judges need to vacate the room ASAP so that Flight B can start on time. (States only)
- Return the ballot to the tab room immediately after the round.
 - It should take no more than five minutes after the round for you to finish writing the ballot.