



INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

December 2011 NEWSLETTER

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Executive Board of Directors Winter Meeting

The Executive Board holds its January meeting on the first Saturday after January 1st, traditionally at Ben Davis High School. The Executive Board make annual appointments, such as the Advisor to the IHSFA Board, IHSFA-Treasurer, and Webmaster. The Executive Board also considers agenda issues that have been previously tabled or requested by executive board members and coaches of the IHSFA. The directors also make adjustments in assigning schools to sectionals. Coaches are welcome to attend the meeting as well.

If you have any business items you wish the Board to consider, please send your request to my email address (IHSFA.Executive.Director@gmail.com).

DEBATE

Last month I sent out a request to head debate coaches to cast their school's vote between the two topic areas for next year's policy topic: Infrastructure or Immigration. If your school has not voted yet, you have until this Friday to send in your ballot. The results are due to the NFHS on January 4th.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS RESOLUTION (For January-February)

Resolved: *It is morally permissible for victims to use deadly force as a deliberate response to repeated domestic violence.*

POLICY DEBATE RESOLUTION

Resolved: *The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth's mesosphere.*

PUBLIC FORUM RESOLUTION (For January)

Resolved: *The costs of a college education outweigh the benefits.*

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

As of December 16, we have 102 schools registered. There are still 17 schools that were registered last year that have not registered this year. Executive Council members and Sectional Chairs will be receiving the updated list of schools this week. At this point, these are the number of schools in each sectional:

Section 1: 16, Section 2: 14, Section 3: 11, Section 3: 15, Section 4: 15, Section 5: 14, Section 6 : 19, Section 7: 13

If you are not sure that your school has paid, please email me.

The fee for certification forms received after December 1st will increase to \$100.00. The fee for certification forms received after January 9th will be \$125.

If you are sure you have not yet registered your school, go to IHSFA.org or click on this link: <http://www.ihsfa.org/2011%20IHSFA%20Information/IHSFA%20%20School%20Certification%202011.pdf> to download the Certification form.

BALLOTS: The order form for ballots is on the IHSFA website. Speech ballots are sold in packets of 25 (\$1.00 per packet). Debate carbon-less ballots are 15¢ each. If you would like your own printable copies of IHSFA speech and debate, email the executive director at: ihsfa.executive.director@gmail.com. Speech ballots are in Excel format and Debate ballots are in MS Word format.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MATERIAL: Coaches should check any questionable material they are giving students before it becomes an issue in your school or at tournaments. It is to your benefit to assure your material is appropriate. Contact the Executive Director and the Executive Board of Directors for a ruling.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DEADLINES

DECEMBER 23rd: State Debate congress legislation submissions and presiding officers.

LEGISLATION: All certified IHSFA schools may submit no more than three pieces of student-written legislation for State Debate. The IHSFA Executive Board of Directors will select a mix of student written bills and legislation from the IHSFA 2011-12 docket of legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Schools attending the State Debate tournament may nominate a student for one of the five Presiding Officers at state debate. The Executive Board will select the nominees from the list at their January meeting at the Ben Davis tournament.

NFL AND IHSFA TOURNAMENTS

NFL DISTRICT DEBATE TOURNAMENTS

NW & NE District Debate at Penn January 27-28

HH & HC Debate @West Lafayette January 27-28

NFL DISTRICT CONGRESSES

Northwest Indiana on January 14 at Plymouth.

Northeast Indiana on February 18 at Carroll.

Hoosier Heartland & Hoosier Crossroads on February 25th. Location TBA

IHSFA STATE DEBATE: February 10-11 at Ben Davis. More information will be available in the next Newsletter.

IHSFA SPEECH SECTIONALS: March 3rd at 7 sites.

NFL DISTRICT SPEECH: March 10th

Northwest and Northeast @ Plymouth.

Hoosier Heartland and Hoosier Crossroads @ TBA.

IHSFA STATE SPEECH: March 24th @ Fishers

COACH OF THE MONTH and COACH OF THE YEAR

Once again, coaches may be nominated for the Coach of the Month Recognition Award. Any IHSFA coach may nominate an IHSFA coach for recognition. The nomination may be for many reasons such as:

1. The coach's exemplary positive behavior at tournaments.
2. The coach's successful coaching skills as indicated by the success of his or her competitors, and/or exemplary behavior.
3. The coach's contribution to the advancement of forensics in the state of Indiana by hosting and administering tournaments, and or mentoring new coaches and programs.
4. A newer coach's success in significantly increasing the size and success of his or her teams.

Coaches will be nominated for each month that tournaments are held for speech and debate. The Executive Board of Directors has approved a proposal to establish a new IHSFA annual award: Coach of the Year.

The Coach of the Year will be selected from entire season's Coach of the Month Award winners. A plaque will be created for the annual Coach of the Year Award, and will be displayed at Clinic and the state tournaments.

A copy of the nomination form is attached to this email and posted on the IHSFA Website.