

State LDE Committee Meeting
July 24, 2024
9:45 AM

Call to order at 9:45 AM

Dates for State LDE: December 6th and 7th, 2024 at SHSU

-Jennifer Jackson spoke about how SHSU will now be taking more of an active role in running/planning/organizing the State LDE contests.

-Introductions from each Area and their representatives

-Recommendations for revisions presented to the committee:

- Increase cost by \$5 per contest- PASSED to charge \$65 per team at State Contest
- Qualified Judges
 - Suggestion: 3rd place team sends judge
 - Depending on the judge's rotation, the third-place team will be responsible (not required) for providing qualified judges for the state contest. All judges should be approved by the area coordinator, who will share the judge's name and contact information with the state office.
 - It was suggested to keep this decision at the Area-level and not have anything in writing at the state level regarding exactly who need to judge at the state level
 - Jennifer Jackson stated the State Office has a letter that teachers can request if your school district is not allowing you to travel to judge state
- Rules:
 - Suggestion: Teams should arrive at designated areas no less than 30 minutes ahead of your scheduled competition time. An expectation to this rule would be the creed speaking contests, please refer to the individual rules for clarification on report times. -no action taken
 - ADD General Rule 22- A violation of any rule will result in disqualification. -reword to say "A violation of any general rule may result in disqualification."-PASSED
 - No live animals- No action taken
- Online rubrics: Positive Feedback was given as well as negative feedback per contest specific areas
 - Recommended to use E-Rubrics for all contests; still allow paper copies of rubrics (if the judges chooses to use them) to help provide additional feedback, but will utilize the online system for math and checks and balance purposes. -Approved
 - Students can access the e-rubrics in their AET if teachers give them access.

- Facilitation
 - Friday events: Chapter Conducting, issues, skills, and Job interview have start time of 10AM, all other contests start at 1:30PM - Awards will be moved up to 6PM-Passed
 - Two judges meetings; 8AM in pirkle, 12PM in Student Center
 - Saturday events: 7am Judes meeting, Contests starts at 8:00AM, Awards at 5:00 PM-Passed

-Concerns by Area:

- 1- Not a fan of Gibbs ranch because of time; job interview rules contradictory of what was allowed in the contest regarding materials in follow up correspondence; Saturday-can the top 10 quiz teams be posted before awards so they know if they need to stay or not. -State FFA will clarify the rules regarding follow up correspondence materials.
- 2- State level Radio contest-one group of judges tried starting the time for sound check as soon as the student touched the microphone, instead of first word; in chapter conducting, some teams were docked points for not using the secretary when the vice president had to step away from the chair; the PR prop room the props fell over in the contest and that specific team did better than others.
- 3- Quiz contest- state contest on GH quiz there were 9 questions that had to be thrown out and Sr had 5 questions to be thrown out; Bonnie Beard will help with state office to ensure that all quizzes are as valid as possible and make sure the materials are secured on time; scripts belonging to schools-becasue the statement of the originality in radio says that the script belongs to the members and advisdors, and then the chapter takes ownership if that teacher leaves, there needs to be an update to the statement of originality-clarification on statement of originality by state office will take place
- 4- Qualified judges; chapter conducting rules
- 5- Skills- shed that was in the way for unloading and would like the shed moved
- 6- PR- docked points for some teams/students for how they were addressing their audience (judges said unprofessional in nature); target audience seemed like they were not addressed properly by some; creed speaking questions- 3 questions were not asked; qualified judges; start contests earlier.
- 7- Clarification on Ag Advocacy rules regarding the number of questions that need to be asked as well as the amount of time each team is given to answer those questions: State office states that teams should not receive a time/point reduction if only asked 4 questions in 5 minutes; the state office will ensure there is no time/point deduction for that and that the team is evaluated accordingly if a team runs out of time before the correct number of questions can be asked.
- 9- Mistake in the yellow book on suspend standing rules (should be majority and in the chart is states $\frac{2}{3}$ vote)
- 10- Award time and location was not in favor for Area 10

Adjourned at 11:44