

MINUTES
ORATORICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 29TH, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS- LIBRARY

1. Call to Order at 1:00 P.M.
Chairman Looker opened the meeting of the Department Oratorical Committee at 1:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation
Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Looker led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Kevin Motter- Fill in for Stan Oren, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT
Paul Wiehe- fill in for John McJunkin, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
William Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman- PRESENT
John Looker, Oratorical Chairman- PRESENT
5th District Chairman- VACANT
Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
7th District Chairman- VACANT
8th District Chairman- VACANT
Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman- PRESENT- VIRTUAL
Ed Long, 10th District Chairman- PRESENT
Richard Johnson, 11th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Stan Popek, 13th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
14th District Chairman- VACANT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Rocky Searles, SAL

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman moved, seconded by Ed Long, 10th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Approval of Committee Rules

Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman moved, seconded by Ed Long, 10th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the Committee Rules.

MOTION PASSED

8. 2022 Contest Review- Contest went well. John Looker, Department Chairman said moving to Department is the best move we have made. Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman said it was very organized, we had enough staff to get contestants where they needed to be.

9. Edit Department Contest Packet

Roy Terry, 6th District Chairman motions, seconded by Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman to have the prize money as follows 1st Place- \$2500.00, 2nd Place- \$1500.00, 3rd Place- \$2500.00 divided.

MOTION PASSED

District contests will be finished by March 5th, 2023 if National allows the Department Contest on March 19th. District Contests will be finished by February 19th if National wants our contest on March 5th.

Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman motions, seconded by Malcolm Glasgow, 12th District Chairman that if there are 6 or less contestants, there will be 1 round in the contest. If there are 6 contestants or more, there will be 2 rounds, a semifinal and a final.

MOTION PASSED

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman discusses having the participating districts send their District winner as well as their District runner up so all 14 District slots are represented in the Department Contest. It will give a chance to have more of the contestants participate in the Department Contest.

Discussion was had on filling the 14 slots. Each District will send in their 1st place winner to Department, as well as a form letting Department know if they have a District runner up. If there are open slots after the district winners are selected, the slots will be filled with the District runner ups. If there are more District Runner ups then remaining slots, runner ups will not be selected.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman motions, seconded by Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman to allow each district to send in their 1st place winner to Department, as well as a form letting Department know if they have a District runner up. If there are open slots after the district winners are selected, the slots will be filled with the District runner ups. If there are more District Runner ups then remaining slots, runner ups will not be selected.

MOTION PASSED

10. Contest Dates

- a. District
 - D1-
 - D2- Feb 26
 - D3-
 - D4- Feb 19

D5-
D6- Feb 26
D7-
D8-
D9- Feb 26?
D10-
D11-
D12-
D13-
D14-

- b. Department – First contest Choice- March 19th, 2023. Second Choice March 5th, 2023.

Gary Minadeo, 9th District Chairman motions, seconded by Paul Wiehe, 2nd District Chairman to approve the first choice and 2nd choice for Department Contest Dates.

MOTION PASSED

- c. National – April 21st- 23rd, 2023 Indianapolis

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business- Committee does not see a need at this time for a Spring Meeting date to be set. If there is something the committee needs to decide on, they can have a zoom meeting. The Committee will have a after action review immediately following the contest to discuss how the new structure of the contest went with adding runner ups.

13. Good of the Legion- Gary Minadeo mentions that if there are contestants in neighboring Districts that do not have a chairman, he will work with those contestants to make sure they still compete. Malcolm Glasgow mentions that Oratorical needs to be promoted to the Buckeye Boys State delegates. The Committee would like a Oratorical brochure like Americanism and Boys State has. John Looker discusses the 917 Society on the Constitution. John Looker will send out the speech and debate contacts.

14. Benediction- Malcom Glasgow, 12th District Chairman gave the benediction.

15. Adjourned- Bill Carpenter, 3rd District Chairman, motioned, seconded by Paul Wiehe, 2nd District Chairman to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 P.M.