

Special Meeting of the SDHSAA Speech Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
7:00pm (CT)

Agenda:

1. Call meeting to order – The meeting was called to order by Brooks Bowman at 7:03pm. Speech advisory committee members present were Michelle McIntyre, Eric Martens, Joey Lore, Molly English, Susan Oleson, and Adam Rudebusch.
2. Approve agenda
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Susan Oleson.
The motion was seconded by Molly English.
The motion passed unanimously.

Brooks Bowman reviewed the timeline of meetings and discussions the Speech Advisory Committee has had up to this time.

- October 1 – survey sent to directors. 79% wanted live. 26% wanted virtual. 79% said they would participate virtually if that was the format.
- October 5. Met to discuss survey results and begin discussing guidelines for live contests. Guidelines were based off of NFHS Aerosol Study recommendations. Committee addressed concerns over live contests, but did not agree to recommend going virtual.
- October 20 – SDHSAA Task Force met and approved a live format
- October 29 – committee met again to continue discussing guidelines for live and virtual options.
- November 4 – SDHSAA Board of Directors approved live one-act contests.
- Discussions continued via email over the next two weeks. Concerns over live contests increased amongst the committee over those 2 weeks. The committee developed another survey that I sent out on November 17.
- November 20 – committee met again to discuss survey results. 85% of schools said they would be permitted to participate live. 66% we still in favor of live contests. The committee began considering a change in their recommendation, but wanted to wait until after Thanksgiving to make a decision.
- December 11 – The committee met unofficially to discuss their recommendation. Their unofficial vote was 5-1 in favor of going virtual.

3. Public forum

- Anna Michaelson – Dakota Valley – Spoke in favor of live contests.
- Chuck Vrchota – Britton-Hecla – concerns over being live without an audience. Not an actual live setting. In favor of virtual contests.
- Teresa Shuck – Kadoka – In favor of an audience for live contests
- Heather Andera – Corsica-Stickney – in favor of live

- Velda Schneider – Chester – in favor of virtual. In favor of prohibiting video/audio editing
- Kevin Plooster – Douglas – in favor of live. In favor of prohibiting video/audio editing
- Maren Fischer – Oldham-Ramona – concerned about guidelines. Equity concerns over access to cameras, mics, facilities.
- Teresa Fester - O’Gorman – in favor of virtual
- Kristen Townsend – Canton – in favor of live. concerned about guidelines. Equity concerns over access to cameras, mics, facilities.

4. Discuss and vote on virtual format vs live format for the 2020-21 One-Act Play season

Each committee member commented on the agenda item. After much discussion, Joey Lore motioned, seconded by Susan Oleson, to recommend moving to a virtual format for all regional and state one-act play contests. The motion passed 5-1, with Eric Martens dissenting.

5. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.