ARTICLE 39

SPEECH AND DEBATE

39.1 **SPEECH AND DEBATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Speech and Debate Advisory Committee (SDAC) shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.

39.1.1 Members will be as follows:

39.1.1.1 Division Directors – Must be an AIA member school speech or debate coach. The term of office shall be three years.

Division Directors shall be elected as follows:

Division 1 - 4 Members
Division 2 - 4 Members

39.1.1.2 President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.3 Chairperson of the Arizona District of the National Speech and Debate Association.

39.1.1.4 The Vice-President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.5 The Treasurer of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.1.1.6 The Secretary of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association, who will act as the Recording Secretary of the committee.

39.1.1.7 The Public Relations Officer of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association.

39.2 **PURPOSE** – To establish the framework which will provide the opportunity for AIA member schools to participate in State Speech and Debate Tournaments with the following educational values in mind:

39.2.1 Develop the skills of communications.

39.2.2 Develop appreciation of literature and drama.

39.2.3 Promote the teaching of speech and debate in secondary schools.

39.3 **MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in AIA sponsored speech and debate activities.

39.4 **ORGANIZATION** – The state will be divided into two Speech and Debate Divisions, as determined by the SSDAC during the regular AIA reorganization timeline. Any exception to this alignment must be recommended by the SDAC and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

39.4.1 The SDAC may elect ad hoc nonvoting members to serve on the Committee for one year; renewable term.

39.4.2 The President of the Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association shall serve as the chairperson of the SDAC.

39.4.3 The Post-Season Tournament Committee will be the members of the SDAC.

39.4.4 Duties of Chairperson and Directors

39.4.4.1 It shall be the duty of the SDAC Chairperson to:

39.4.4.1.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of speech and debate activity at the state level.

39.4.4.1.2 Preside at meetings of the SDAC.

39.4.4.1.3 Coordinate the planning and administration of the various Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments. He/She shall designate the Directors of each Division tournament.

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39.4.4.1.4 Attend and assist the Directors in the management of one of the Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.1.5 The SDAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for the records of the Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.1.6 The SDAC Chairperson or a designee shall be responsible for all tournament related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

39.4.4.2 Duties of All Members of the SDAC:

39.4.4.2.1 Serve as spokesperson for all phases of speech and debate activity at the Division level.

39.4.4.2.2 Attend all meetings called by the SDAC.

39.4.4.2.3 Forward all necessary information from the Division to the SDAC.

39.4.4.2.4 Division Directors shall serve as Directors of their respective Division Post-Season Speech and Debate Tournaments.

39.4.4.2.5 Division Directors shall be responsible for all tournament related revenue and expense accounting in accordance with the AIA Operations Handbook.

39.4.4.2.6 Serve as committee of their respective Division Tournaments.

39.5 EVENTS NEEDING SANCTION – Speech and Debate events may be held at the following level:

39.5.1 High school (e.g. Arizona Speech and Debate Coaches Association), college or university invitational tournaments and/or festivals:

39.5.1.1 Only AIA member schools may participate.

39.5.1.2 Each host school shall assume control and responsibility for the types of activities and for the rules and governing these activities.

39.5.1.3 Each host school shall clear dates for such events with the SDAC and obtain AIA approval.

39.5.2 All contests other than these herein enumerated must be listed as approved in the AIA Master Calendar. If a contest is not listed in the Master Calendar, coaches, or principals shall communicate with the AIA office.

39.6 OFFICIAL RULES – The SDAC shall publish the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules Book. The Tournament Rules Book shall be updated annually with current rules and regulations. The Tournament Rules Book will include: official rules of conduct, tournament management procedures, descriptions and rules for specific events, and awards to be presented to participants.

39.7 SEASON OF COMPETITION – The season of competition shall begin September 1 and end April 30.

39.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

39.8.1 Speech and Debate Post-Season Tournaments shall be held in the following manner:

39.8.1.1 There will be a Division I and Division II post-season tournament held in February or [March] as determined by the SDAC. If there is a religious holiday conflict, then the tournament weekend will be changed to the nearest non-conflict weekend.

39.8.1.2 All schools will advance to their respective Division post-season tournaments. Rules for advancing to post-season tournaments will be set forth in the AIA Speech and Debate Rules.

39.8.2 Financing – Tournament expenses shall be covered by entry fees which shall be set by the SDAC and specified in the AIA Speech and Debate Tournament Rules and shall be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

39.9 ELIGIBLITY – All students participating in contests sponsored or sanctioned by the AIA must meet transfer and academic requirements. (*See Article 15*)