

## **MINUTES 2013 SAC MEETING**

### **KNOWLEDGE BOWL**

#### **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

TUESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, 10:00 A.M.

Attendance: Region 1&2: Mary Morken, Jason Koester, Bemidji; Jill Bakken, Bagley; Region 4: Susan Ward, Monica Thompson, Mike Finnegan, Wheaton; Region 7: Sandra Cordie, John Augustin, St. Cloud Cathedral; Bill Leraas, Melrose. Connecting through ITV: Regions 3, 5, 6&8, 9, 10, 11

Welcome and introductions.

Concern was expressed about not postponing the State Knowledge Bowl meet. The Worthington students, coach, parents and school were very disappointed that they were not allowed the opportunity to participate. The discussion that followed centered on the difficulties of postponing. Susan had numerous discussions with others concerning the postponement, but the final decision to not postpone was hers.

Evaluations from the state meet were very positive and reflected gratitude for the modifications that were made to assist participation from more schools. Coordinators and Cragun's were thanked for their hard work.

Josh Nelson, Ed Services Manager for Region 4, led a discussion on KB equipment. A survey was distributed to all regions which indicated that a large majority of users are satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the equipment. Comments from coaches indicated that pocket boxes from years ago seem to have more durability than recent pocket boxes. A suggestion was made that a type of carry case be made available to protect the equipment and that extensions need to go back to 9 feet long rather than the current 6 feet long.

The same company has been producing the equipment from the beginning. Josh will have a conversation with the company about the quality of the equipment.

Policy language concerning cell phones in the regions was discussed. Regions use a variety of practices and policies currently. Susan will send out language for regions to vote on. Each region will have one vote. This rule will apply to the state meet.

Unit rule for math questions: Issue of the need for units in a math related question was discussed at length. Some regions said the math questions actually take the least time to review and that the current practice works well. Metro coaches have a concern about the math questions and will send their 3 point policy for perusal.

Susan asked for advice relating to tie breaking regarding the number of teams advancing to the state. Agreement was that the tie should go to the region with the most number of schools rather than the most number of teams. The formula is set up with the weight going to schools.

Susan and Monica agreed to look into having the names of competitors on the back of the T shirts for 2014 and discontinuing the T shirt contest.

1. Important Dates:

- a. State 2014: Thursday and Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (Region information due 3/25/14)
  - b. State 2015: Thursday and Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (Region information due 4/24/15)
  - c. Tentative SAC meeting: Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014
  - d. FYI: Easter 2014 April 20<sup>th</sup>, Easter 2015 April 5<sup>th</sup>
2. Conference calls: I will arrange a spelling bee conference call in October and a Knowledge Bowl conference call in December