

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL  
STATE ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2008**

Present – either physically or via ITV: Region 1 & 2: Mary Morken, Ann Wolthe, Micky Hulst; Region 3: Kijo Pulford, Joan Liimatta, Kim Mattson; Region 4: Susan Ward, Kathy Knutsen-Olson, Audrey Erickson, Ruth Anderson; Region 5: Sue Nanik, Loni Niles; Region 6 & 8: Sue Gorecki and Vicky Harris; Region 7: Sandra Cordie, John Augustin, Peggy Pasche; Region 9: Nancy Meixl, Betty Widmar Blace, Joanne Starke, Ron Wells; Region 10: Kirsten Kuehl; Region 11: Gina Jacobsen, Chris Lenius. Region 4 and Region 9 each had a non-voting participant.

The meeting began with introductions.

Old Business: The 2007 SAC minutes were accepted.

New Business:

- 1) The two preferred dates for the 2009 Knowledge Bowl meet were dismissed in order to avoid a conflict with the state speech meet. The formal protest issued by the Eden Valley Watkins Coach was duly noted. Extended discussion regarding conflicts followed. Most comments centered around the impossibility of avoiding all conflicts for students considering the numerous activities and involvements available. Other representatives expressed the concern that Knowledge Bowl should not have to play a secondary role in comparison to other activities. Many coaches would like the State Meet earlier in order to shorten the season, while others prefer the season as it currently is.
- 2) The State Meet of 2008 was very successful as evidenced by the overall positive evaluation comments made by readers, judges, teams, and coaches. Thank you to Chris Lenius for providing the software free of charge for the state meet.
- 3) A motion was made by Sandra Cordie to use Chris's software for the 2009 State Meet and to reimburse him for the fee. The motion was seconded by Sue Nanik and passed unanimously.
- 4) The KB Coordinators have decided that the State Meet will continue to be divided into two tiers.
- 5) State Knowledge Bowl Handbook
  - a. Peggy moved that we add a statement regarding pronunciation that is similar to the rule stated in the NAQT guidelines. Ruth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Susan will check on possible wording of the rule.
  - b. Discussion regarding cell phones and other electronic devices was held. Regions shared their procedures when there is an infraction. Regions will continue developing their own policies. No further action was taken. Rule #5 on p. 17 of the Handbook will be in effect for any State Meet violations.

- c. Mary Morken brought attention to Rule #10 on p. 18 of the Handbook. Coordinators are encouraged to discuss and clarify this rule at the coaches' meetings.
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- 6) Discussion was held regarding the quality of questions. Gina Jacobson made the motion that each region use a set of NAQT questions pre-sub-region, and that coaches evaluate them. The motion is contingent upon the cost of the NAQT sets. The motion passed. In addition, Susan will ask Academic Hallmark to consider rephrasing their questions in order to make them more satisfactory.
  - 7) Public and non-public school placings in AA or A division at the State Meet were discussed. John Augustin made a motion that division at the State Meet be decided strictly on population 9-12 with the option for any school to move up a division. Ron Wells seconded the motion. Extended discussion followed. The motion passed by a 14 to 7 vote.
  - 8) The 2009 State Knowledge Bowl meet will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cragun's. All information must be submitted to Susan by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. An electronic form will be sent to the coordinators to collect all information.
  - 9) The Coordinators were given the number of teams from each region that will advance to the State Meet.
  - 10) The dates for the 2010 State Meet were voted on. The choices were April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> received the most votes. Susan will make the arrangements and inform various sources of the dates.
  - 11) Sandra Cordie made a motion that we always try to set the state date two years in advance. The motion was seconded by Peggy and passed.
  - 12) SAC members were provided copies of an email written by Chris Lenius; the email addresses concerns regarding the wording of Academic Hallmark questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40.