

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, May 4th, 10:00 A.M.

Introductions & Welcome

Attendance: Region 1&2: Bev Thompson, Jason Koester, Bemidji; Jody Christian, Warroad; Region 3: Kijo Pulford; Region 4: Susan Ward, Monica Thompson; Region 5: Carol Jackson; Region 6&8: Gail Polejewski, Vicki Harri, Glencoe Silver Lake; Region 7: Sandy Cordie, Charles Miller, St. John's Prep; Bill Lerass, Melrose Area; Region 9: Betty Widmer Blace, Region 10: Kirsten Kuehl; Region 11: Betsy Narr, Gina Jacobson, Bo Stevens, St. Francis; Mel Tuve, Spring Lake Park

State Knowledge Bowl Meet

1. Evaluations: Overall impression of state - Very positive. Super competitors. Coordinators – great.
Suggestion to have students complete a brief evaluation of their state meet competition.

Heritage Award: One to each division (preferably not to a medals team)

Next year we will remember to color code the two divisions.

Discussion regarding bringing more chairs to competition rooms if needed, supplying scratch paper etc., and monitoring competition rooms

Next year Betty will bring a white sheet to display scores in Lakeshore area.

Tie breaker at state: **Motion was made and passed to have regions vote on a change to tie breaker language. Vote should be taken by May 20th, 2015.**

2. Other state items: Susan expressed the concern that rules are thoroughly reviewed and followed by all officials at the state competition. According to the evaluations, several officials did not adhere to the rules.
3. Special Needs Language: We encourage participation for all eligible students and will strive to accommodate special needs while maintaining the integrity of the competition. Please contact your region coordinator if you have questions.
Motion was made and passed to have regions vote on the above language as adoption to the Handbook. Vote to be taken by May 20th, 2015.
4. Distribution of Number of Teams for State Meet 2016

The correct formula was used to adjust the number of teams for state 2016. The correction will be emailed to the coordinators.

5. Rotation of number of officials: follows the agreement made in 2014.
6. T shirt contest: Coordinators and coaches are encouraged to get T shirt entries from students. It was suggested to have a back-up design ready in case no one participates.

7. Important Dates:

- a. State 2016: Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 & 14 (Region information due 4/25/16)
- b. State 2017: Thursday and Friday April 6th & 7th

Other Discussion:

Region 11 brought up the vote regarding math units which was conducted last year. Every region was re-pollled concerning their opinion/vote on changing the current rule. Ten regions expressed their support of the current math language. Susan encouraged region 11 to send her specific math questions that cause an issue.

Suggestion was made to do a new chart with basic region information on it regarding procedures and fees in each region.

Susan made an appeal to all regions to provide names of former KB coaches who may be able to review state questions prior to the event. There is some monetary compensation for this.

Sandy expressed a concern that a number of regions do not have coach participation at the SAC meeting. Coordinators stated that it is difficult for coaches to be absent from school. Sandy also thought that SAC participants should be coaches of state teams. This was not agreed upon.

Susan Ward will contact Anthony Sonnek regarding a possible coaching concern.

Jason and others expressed recognition for Anthony and the terrific job he does at state.

Sandy reminded everyone of the date of Region 7's coaches clinic: October 22.

Suggestion was made that in the future the coordinators discuss the details of the state meet either at a separate session or after the SAC meeting is adjourned. Other coaches expressed that they are in favor of being involved in all the post-state meet discussion. Susan expressed how valuable their input is as the coaches are often the ones who provide the best suggestions for improvement.