

**WSDDCA FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 5, 2008**



**WIAA Update**

**WSSJA Updates**

WSSJA Category Representatives

One judge would be a Category Representative for each category

Appointed by WSSJA Executive Board

Assist judges in increasing their skills & judging consistently in a particular category

Help with State judge selection (strongest people in a category)

Go into effect this year

Head Judges

Strongly suggested if there are 20+ performances per panel (over 40 performances total)

WSSJA Executive Board is creating a specific list of duties for Head Judges

Chain of Command at Competitions (has not been clearly articulated before)

Staff → Competition Director → Head Judge → Judges

Regarding Coaches who are Judges:

At this time, we don't have the luxury of not allowing coaches to be judges because of the size of the judges pool Level 1 conflict of interest can be S/T judge

Size of the judges pool is slowly increasing

State Selection Criteria for Judging at State

There is not an official criteria or process at this time, but the WSSJA Executive Board will develop an official process

Coach evaluations could be part of the selection process if there were enough turned in to merit using them as part of the selection criteria).

Equitable Judging Fees Burden: For consideration when WOA (Washington Officials Association) Employment Security problems are resolved

All schools hosting a competition (excluding districts?) would be required to pay WSSJA a predetermined universal judging fee by predetermined date.

This fee would be universal to all hosting schools regardless of competition size or location.

This fee would cover judge's fees and mileage. (Maybe even extended travel time/meal stipends).

The WSSJA would then pay the judges from this pool of fees at the completion of the season.

The remaining balance would be divided by the number of hosting schools and re-funded or applied to the next season's universal judging fees.

#### Use of Digital Feedback for Teams

WSSJA is planning to pilot the use of digital voice files at some events this year

Maybe asking competition hosts to provide Head Judge with a list of email addresses of coaches attending competitions

There are technical issues to resolve

Shelton Coach concerned with judge being responsible for sending audio, doesn't see a problem in buying tapes.

Cara-Delayed gratification

Tahoma-tape recorders going away, hard to find

#### Out of State Judges

WSSJA high standard

coaches asking for standard to be relaxed

Want to be progressive

Jaci-Talking on a tape is a learned skill

If you get a tape that isn't where it should be, turn it into Jackie/Cara

Recommendation: turn on state video, talk at your TV

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income from Dues and Conference **\$12,000**

Fall Conference **-\$5400**

WSSJA (Interns)

Website

State

Exec. Director

**-\$5000**

**Balance \$1500**

**WSDDCA Business Items**

**Spring Meeting**

**Dress R Dress, Ready Front - Refer to packet, mistake- they ARE used for competitions this year**

**Not Approved**

**Color Guard sep. in own category**

**School with two squads each allowed to perform in 3**

**PROPOSALS**

**Proposal #1 NO VOTE-WSSJA PROCESS**

**Title of Proposal:** Fast Track for Experienced Judging Interns

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCA Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCA Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** Reduce number of competitions for interns to become judges from 3 to 2 (one performance and one safety tech) IF the intern demonstrates that she/he is competent (many interns will need to do more training). This would primarily apply to interns who have extensive previous experience.

**Rationale/Justification:** Judges who have extensive experience but are new to Washington State can become certified quickly to expand judging pool.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

**Other**

**Benefit to WSDDCA Schools:** Increase pool of experienced judges

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2008-09 season

## **Proposal #2 Approved**

**Title of Proposal:** Increase Travel Reimbursement for Judges (affects competition hosts)

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCA Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCA Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** Increase the amount judges receive for travel to competitions

Increase travel amounts to the following:

80-140 miles RT from \$40 to \$45

141-200 miles RT from \$55 to \$60

201-300 miles RT from \$85 to \$95

301-400 miles RT from \$110 to \$120

401-500 miles RT from \$140 to \$155

501+ miles RT from \$165 to \$180

**Rationale/Justification:** Gas prices have increased at least \$1.00 more per gallon since the last increase to travel amounts in 2004. Gas prices in late 2004 were around \$2.50 per gallon, now they range anywhere from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per gallon.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

- a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations?
- a change/addition/deletion to WSDDCA Constitution and By-laws?
- Other?**

**Benefit to WSDDCA Schools:**

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** Increased cost for hosting competitions

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2008-09 Season

Discussion: none

Motion: Kate Cedar Heights

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ashley Kentridge

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Total</u>
46	0	0	46

### **Proposal #3 Approved**

**Title of Proposal:** Revise Category Definitions through a Joint WSDDCa/WSSJA Committee

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCa Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCa Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** Interested members of the WSSJA and the WSDDCa form a committee to revise all the WIAA category definitions.

**Rationale/Justification:** The current category definitions do not help judges judge teams or teams compete effectively in this category. The judges and coaches who work on this project should keep teams in mind as they re-work this category. Some judges feel teams are “boxed in” by definitions and that definitions are limiting creativity.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

**a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations?**

**Benefit to WSDDCa Schools:** Allow for more creativity in creation of routines

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2009-10 season

Discussion: none

Motion: Jan Kiefer Capital

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kym Tangen Mountain View

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Total</u>
45	1	0	46

## **Proposal #4 NOT APPROVED**

**Title of Proposal:** Meal Vouchers for Judges Traveling over 300 Miles Round Trip

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCA Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCA Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** Create a meal voucher (i.e. \$15 voucher for dinner) for judges who are driving over 300 miles round trip.

**Rationale/Justification:** Judges driving this far need to stop for dinner on their way home.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

- a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations?
- a change/addition/deletion to WSDDCA Constitution and By-laws?
- Other?**

**Benefit to WSDDCA Schools:**

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** Increased cost for hosting competitions

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2008-09 Season

Discussion: Eastern Washington charging \$100 for 1 routine, only 13 schools coming, already feeding judges, can't lose money at competitions

Cara Heiner-Put together a snack bag, for there way home

Lori- Mountain View-Give extra food from competition to judges

Shayla-Redmond-don't agree, gets spendy

Kate-CedarHeights-set food aside in different place

Melody-Sunnyside-busy as competition director, judges can ask for food

Amy-Tahoma-tell us if you are going to feed us or not

Shannon-Menu for judges, runners take care of it

Betsy-Hospitality room for coaches and judges

Jaci-email judges ask them if they need anything

Miki-skyline-Don't be too picky, be grateful

Motion: Jan Kiefer Capital

2<sup>nd</sup>:Melody Sunnyside

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Total</u>
0	40	6	46

### **Proposal #5 NO VOTE WSSJA PROCESS**

**Title of Proposal:** Judges Who Don't Carpool to Competitions

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCA Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCA Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** If a judge chooses not to carpool due to personal reasons to a competition that is over 100 miles away each way, then they are forfeiting their right to turn in mileage, unless it has been cleared with the competition director (for example, a judge might ask a competition director for an exception in the case of a family emergency)

**Rationale/Justification:** Reasonable travel expenses for competition hosts

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

- a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations?
- a change/addition/deletion to WSDDCA Constitution and By-laws?
- Other?**

**Benefit to WSDDCA Schools:**

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2008-09 season

### **Proposal #6 NO VOTE WSSJA PROCESS**

**Title of Proposal:** Tenure for Experienced Judges

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDDCA Executive Director:** September 26, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDDCA Members:** October 5, 2008

**Person or Group Submitting Proposal:** WSSJA via Lara Lindersmith (President)

**Proposal:** Judges who have been with the WSSJA for 7+ years may they achieve a tenure status and thus only have to attend the yearly training, pay dues, pass all applicable tests, and judge a minimum of 1 competition, to maintain certification and therefore would be eligible to judge State.

**Rationale/Justification:** If approved, this proposal would increase the pool of judges. It would also allow judges who may have personal commitments in a particular year (babies, graduate school, deployed spouses, etc.) to stay active.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

**Other?**

**Benefit to WSDCA Schools:** Increase judging pool

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2008-09 season

## **Proposal #7 NOT APPROVED**

**Title of Proposal:** Safety Screening

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDCA Executive Director:** September 15, 2008

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDCA Members:** October 6, 2008

**Names of the 3 WSDCA Members (include school name) Submitting Proposal:**

Colette Hicks (Black Hills)

Bethany K. (Columbia River)

Kim Hille (Tumwater)

**Proposal:** There will be a designated official to review material sent in to the WSDSJA for a safety check. This official will review the material and make a decision or seek clarification on questionable choreography. The official reviewing the film will not judge the team in question at any competition and will keep the material viewed confidential. Ideally, the person screening the material would not be a performance judge at all.

**Rationale/Justification:** An official who has had the opportunity to scrutinize a routine prior to seeing the material live is not objective.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations?

a change/addition/deletion to WSDCA Constitution and By-laws?

x Other?

**Benefit to WSDDCA Schools:** Coaches would be more likely to send in content for screening if it won't be prejudged or shared with other judges/coaches thus eliminating the element of surprise or "clean slate" if you will, when you actually take the floor.

**Cost implications for students, teams, schools, districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:**

Discussion:

Kim Tumwater- the judge you send in a video to, should not be your performance judge

Cara-Video tape just the move, or the costume while dancing

Lara-added to conflict of interest sheet in the future if Cara sees majority of video

Cara-not different from judging them at different competitions

Shannon-you could rewind video

Amy Tahoma- "Am I just dumb" please help me figure out the rationale

Kim-how objective are you if you have seen it before

Jasmine Cedarcrest-Are we asking Cara not to judge anymore

Kimberly-Want it to be confidential

Lori-We want Cara to judge

Shannon-we would like Cara to consult Teri Rowe etc... if she needs clarification

Cara-Process: gets material, ask coach questions, look at NHS rule book, go to Theresa for further clarification, then Teri Rowe, email legal/illegal She will send update to judges, not with team name, but with clarification to get rid of arguments

Coaches job: Bring email to competition for proof-it must not have been tweaked.

Lisa Gig Harbor-could you send digital w/out music, or move it around

Motion: Paula Tahoma Jr.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ronni-Bellinham

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstained</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>46</b>

**Proposal #8 NOT APPROVED – Tabled for further discussion**

**Title of Proposal:** Assessment of Safety/Technical Penalties at State

**Date Proposal Submitted to WSDCCA Executive Director:** 9-26-08

**Date Proposal Presented to WSDCCA Members:** 10-5-08

**Names of 3 WSDCCA Members Submitting Proposal:** Shannon Bibe, Charity Dundas, Danni McGuire-Kamiakin High School

**Proposal:** Non-Accidental Penalties (i.e. costuming, music, choreography) may not be assessed on routines after Districts. Coaches would not be able to make changes to their routines after districts without notifying the judges association for approval. One of the two safety/technical judges assigned to the state competition would need to be assigned to each district qualifier to approve routines.

**Rationale/Justification:** The point of requiring schools that host competitions to have Safety/Technical judges as part of their judging panel was to assist coaches in preparing their team for state. However, there have been a lot of inconsistencies from one Safety/Technical judge to another. A team might have performed the same routine at three competitions, with no penalties assessed, get to state, and receive a 25 pt. deduction. How does this benefit our teams? Having the routines assessed by the same Safety/Technical judges who will be assessing us at state would eliminate these penalties not being caught before the state competition. Any non-accidental penalties not caught prior to the state competition would be assessed as a warning.

**Benefit to WSDCCA Schools:** This would cut down on the number of penalties assessed at state and eliminate “surprise” penalties that should’ve been caught by Safety/Technical judges at previous competitions prior to state.

**Would this proposal be (check one):**

a change/addition/deletion to Bound for State Regulations

(Note: will need exact wording to be submitted to WIAA)

**Cost Implications for Students, Teams, Schools, Districts:** None

**If Approved, Approximate Date of Implementation:** 2009-2010 Competition Season

Discussion:

Shannon S/T at all district, eliminate huge deductions at State. We are paying for them to tell us if we are doing something wrong. Don’t want surprises at State.

Decatur: illegal at State, but was fine at other competitions

Betsy -Done the same routine, shouldn’t be accountable at State

Carrie-it is most upsetting to girls

Ashley-Sheet approved at Districts

Shorewood-No one has said anything, if you change what is the proof that you didn't change

Cindy-Initial that it was ok, you have video, have in writing, but it was also shown

Lara-writing can be interpreted different ways

Becca Pasco-would take extra work on both parties, get all of our documentation in line

Kamiakin-We don't get music signed off

Jan-Didn't know there was a problem

Shannon-3<sup>rd</sup> S/T dealing with only appeals, still get written warning

Cara-wants to hold judges accountable, some of mistakes were her fault, spent a lot of time training, not fair for one to get a warning and another team to get a violation

Melody-always emailing judges with songs, need to screen music

Cara-Sound systems vary in gyms

Motion:Kimberleigh Heritage moves to table this idea and work on the process, come back to

2<sup>nd</sup>: Shannon

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>	<u>Total</u>
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