

Minutes  
PSDA MEETING  
10/06

Act 48 credits will be given to conference attendees through Susquehanna University.

**Recruiting schools:**

Suggestions:

- Superintendent and school board meetings.
- PSEA grants
- Principals' meeting
- Committee: Dave Long, chair, Lisa Bompiani

**Recruiting members to PSDA:**

Suggestions / Discussion:

- Send congratulatory notes to coaches of students in semifinal and final rounds, recognizing their coaching and inviting them to membership in PSDA
- Money seems to be an issue
- The outlines of the program should be set up earlier, available possibly as early as the state tournament
- Avoid split sessions so that attendees do not have to choose between sessions
- Mail information to administrations that will inform them how the conference will help PSSA scores
- Is there money from the state league that might be available?
- Include sessions on contest events: Mock trial, American Legion, VFW, Voice of Democracy, Model UN
- At least send for materials from the above to pass out at conference
- Should we change sites? Change dates?
- A reminder was given about the promotional video that was suggested last year (Lisa Bompiani will pursue this issue)
- The pamphlets and pins and pens given out at states seem to be missing; the group voted on purchasing new pins and pens: Lisa Bompiani and Jeff Smith will work on the new brochure.

Committee for other venues: Alice Ursin chair, Lisa Bompiani, Carol LeShock, Jeff Smith

PSDA was challenged to issue a statement on the use of technology.

Committee: Beth Young, chair, Al Braun, Mike Nailor, Ellen Boyer, Dave Long, Jeff Smith

Beth Young moved, unanimous second to begin the process of nominating **Peggy Ann Madden for NFISDA Hall of Fame.**

**Conference suggestions:**

- dual tracking should be avoided in most circumstances; possible exceptions education and coaching sessions, speech and debate
- business issues (league updates, part one of the PSDA meeting) should be on Friday
- possibly include one full day to show how standards are implemented
- set up a list serve to communicate ideas throughout the year
- sessions should include the keynote speaker, interp, debate, PSSA

- survey at the state registration table and at the state hospitality room asking PSDA members what they would like at the conference
- give PR and send splashy invitations; use fliers and phone calls to get people here
- send congrats from PSDA to school principals

**Outreach committee:** Alice Ursin and Carol Croll, co-chairs, Jeff Smith

**Sessions for next year:**

- Odyssey of the Mind
- PSSA
- Mock Trial
- Educators' issues (legal)
- Fundraising – sponsorship
- Electronic tabbing – Joy of Tournaments
- Diversifying coaches – so coaches don't burn out
- Information about the NFL supplementals: expository, storytelling, impromptu
- 20<sup>th</sup> year of PSDA next year
- Invite past presidents including some help with funds if necessary
- Invite past members
- Invite Larry Augustine and Sandy Saxman to conference

**Webpage**

- Include list of tournaments
- set up a PowerPoint about judging

Tony Stokes moved, and Jeff Smith seconded a motion to establish a **fellowship for new coaches** in Peggy Madden's name. A committee was established to explore that topic: Michael Nailor, chair, Alice Ursin, Stacey Givens-Cawley, Sue Nicoloff, Tony Stokes, Kate O'Halloran

Carl Askew presented the treasurer's report

**The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:**

President: Bob Casey  
 Vice President: Lisa Bompiani  
 Vice President: David Long  
 Act 48: Beth Walsh  
 Historian: Lisa Bompiani and Jeff Smith  
 Secretary: Mary Ann Berty  
 Treasurer: Carl Askew  
 The slate was accepted unanimously

**Dates for next year's conference: October 19-20, 2007.**

Thank yous were given to the officers and the social committee for setting up the past conference.