

WFCA 2012 FALL BUSINESS MEETING

2-PART PROPOSAL

Proposed:

1. ***Provide 5 judge panels in Final rounds at WFCA State Tournament***

Rationale: To enhance overall quality and consistency of judging in rounds which ultimately determine our individual event state champions.

To alleviate (somewhat) the effects of individual judge bias in overall final round results (a.k.a. “squirrel judge(s)”).

2. ***Eliminate Impromptu Speaking from WFCA State Tournament***

Rationale: Through no fault of the tournament staff, student registration is not a timely process, as students tend to wait until all semi-final rounds are posted prior to registering for Impromptu. This places an unnecessarily heavy time and logistical burden on the contest staff to efficiently run preliminary, semi-final and final rounds, due not only to time constraints, but also to the judge pool, whose members in many cases, are also slated to judge final rounds in individual events.

Even if all semi-final rounds are posted concurrently, more judges will be needed to provide 5 judge Final round panels as proposed in part 1 of this proposal, thus taxing the already tight number of judges available to the tournament.