

Proposal: Uniformity in “Purpose of the Category” Submitted by Scott Peterson, Eau Claire North

Background: All category rules with the exception of Informative Speaking and Solo Acting (both Humorous and Serious) have a “Purpose of the Category” statement that begins with “To develop skill(s)...”. The category of Four Minute Speaking, when it existed, also had a similar purpose. When Informative Speaking was implemented in place of Four Minute Speaking in 2016, all rules remained intact except the time limit. However, the proposal also included new language for the “Purpose of the Category” which shifted the focus from the purpose for the presenter to the purpose for the audience. This proposal utilizes the language previously found in the Four Minute Speaking purpose, and also makes a minor change in the Solo Acting categories so that all categories have parallel structure in their purpose statements.

Proposal: Change the “Purpose of the Category” in Informative Speaking, Solo Acting Humorous, and Solo Acting Serious.

Informative – Current:

An informative speech is an original speech designed to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. The general purpose of the speech is for the audience to gain understanding and/or knowledge of a topic.

Informative – Proposed:

To develop the skill of speaking informatively on any significant issue without using auxiliary visual materials.

Solo Acting Humorous – Current:

To bring a humorous text to life through solo performance.

Solo Acting Humorous – Proposed:

To develop skills in bringing a humorous text to life through solo performance.

Solo Acting Serious – Current:

To bring a dramatic text to life through solo performance.

Solo Acting Serious – Proposed:

To develop skills in bringing a dramatic text to life through solo performance.