

Attendees:

Robert Cannon - Wilshire Academy  
Mike Kyle - Nova 42  
Michael Murray - Waverly, Northridge and Avery  
Ricardo Velasquez - Velasquez Academy  
Trish Harman-Murray Thornton School in Freemont  
Victor Rivas Umana - Golden State Academy Miller Middle School  
Nathan - Golden State Academy Base Independent Silicon Valley  
Alisha Ready - Dorothy Valley Ridge After School Program

Call to Order: 8:05 (Robert)

Inaugural State Meeting, 8th year of the tournament  
Problems with the State tournament

- No governing body
- Need to establish by-laws and standards

Propose SCJFL to parent/oversee the State tournament

- Suggest 3 people committee for the state tournament that would be elected
- Perhaps to grow as other organizations get more involved.
- Board members should be elected today for a 1 year, 2 year, and 3 year term. Following elections would be for a 3 year term, thus establishing a staggered term.
- Would suggest that a minimum of 1 northern and 1 southern Californian representative
- We need rules and consistency.

Considerations:

- There's a migrant California speech program, and we should extend that invitation.
- Suggest Middle school unique programs - smaller, less-competitive, modified high school programs sometimes.
- State needs to be autonomous for State. If there is a conflict with SCJFL, the State committee

Vote:

- SCJFL to oversee the State organization as the Umbrella organization:
- 6 Yes - 0 No

Vote: 3 person committee

- 6 Yes - 0 No

**General Rules:**

Internet access - Let's Allow it for everything, because it's hard to enforce.

Suggest no Internet devices for the audience.

Suggest No In-round communication with the audience, or coaches:

- 1st Violation - Disqualified
- Repeat - Not allowed next year

Internet Access is the responsibility of the student. Internet Access is appreciated from the hosting venue, but not required.

Proposing we are the California Middle School Organization

**Issues**

1. Entry Limitations
  - Deadline for initial entries, the goal is to never have a cap on entries
    - Qualifier would add legitimacy
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2. State who Tab room staff isn't identified
3. Prep-room topic was changed on LD, that needs to be identified in the invitation
4. Program Conflicts
5. Reliable date, 3rd Week of May?
5. What about using it for a prep for Nationals?
6. Conflicting Judge Pool
7. Open Tab Room

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