

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 21, 2009

The meeting of the Department Education and Scholarship Committee was called to order by Thomas Brown, Chairman at 8:30 a.m. in University 3 of the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Thomas Brown, Chairman
Ray Capouch
James Atkinson, Alternate
Shannon Wawruck
William Acton

GUESTS: 2 Present

MINUTES: It was moved by James Atkinson and supported by Ray Capouch that the minute of Fall Conference of the Department Education and Scholarship Committee be approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion on the letter from the Department of Illinois on ideas to increase participation of their oratorical contest. After further review of the ideas presented, the committee decided not to adopt any ideas due to the following reasons; financial effects, unequal participation and unfair advantage for more involved districts, logistics (from discussion with Illinois with budget, judges and general planning), loss of mentoring for many runner-ups and limit on number of participants.

Deanna Clark, Department Administrative Assistant for Programs, reminded the committee that the Department Oratorical Contest will be held next Saturday, February 28th at 2 p.m. and everyone has been notified to arrive at 1:30 p.m.

James Davis, National Vice Commander from West Virginia and Darwin Krieger visited the committee meeting. James Davis discussed with the committee the Legacy and Samsung Scholarships.

There was a discussion on the Department Oratorical Contest dates regarding running zone contests later in February. This committee recommends not changing the present format.

There was a clarification on each contestant needs to be sponsored by s separate Post.

If the Zone Chairperson determines that too many contestants applied to comfortably conduct a Zone Contest, he/she may direct the District to conduct a run-off contest to get a representative number of contestants.

Committee discussed details for the upcoming Department Oratorical Contest on February 28th.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Ray Capouch and supported by James Atkinson that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 a.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

THOMAS BROWN
Department Education & Scholarship Chairman