

Nebraska Speech Communication and Theatre Association

2010 Fall Newsletter

From Pen to Paper to Performance

2010 NSCTA Convention

Sandhills Convention Center
Quality Inn and Suites—North Platte
September 30, October 1, and 2, 2009

Thursday, September 30, 2010:

7:00 pm -- NSAA Speech/Play Prod. Rules Meeting

8:30 pm – Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, October 1, 2010:

8:00 am –Blocking Interp Performances

Write Your Way In: Expanding a Character
New Coaches' Mentor Panel

9:15 am – District Meetings and Breakfast

10:15 am – Keynote Speaker, Daniel Cronn-Mills
“The Unwritten Rules in Competitive Forensics”

11:30 am – Awards luncheon

1:00 pm – College Presentations

Creative Characterization for Interp
Theatre for Social Change
Statewide Writing Assessment

2:15 pm – Debate Manual Re-Write

The Power of Visualization in
Speaking & Performing
Tour of Neville Theatre

3:30 pm – Focus Group

Interpersonal Communication

5:30 pm – Banquet, State of the State Address

8:00 pm – Seussical, The Musical...Neville Theatre

10:00 pm – President's Reception

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WELCOME BACK!

As you start your school year, the fast pace of teaching and coaching returns. Please take some time to peruse our fall newsletter and find out what our organization can offer you.

We are excited about the convention sessions being planned. We hope you begin another year of speech, debate, and theatre education by attending NSCTA's annual convention—it may change your outlook on the year and help you change your students' lives for the better.

Wayne State College Students to Present at NSCTA Convention

Seven Wayne State College students will present units of instruction for High School Speech and Theatre classrooms. Topics include: utilizing journalism to teach literature; engaging students in the development of set, light, costume and makeup designs; using technology in the classroom; enjoying the process of poetry construction and presentation; and incorporating brainstorming and listening activities into the classroom. Students will present activities, resources, and rubrics intended to enhance the engagement of the student from pen to paper to performance in the classroom.

Deborah Whitt, WSC instructor, will also be offering a one credit hour graduate course for teachers entitled “Family Communication.”

The NSCTA block of rooms is being held until September 9th at the rate of \$72 or \$129 and includes a free, hot breakfast. Make your reservations today!

Quality Inn and Suites—North Platte

North Platte, NE 68847
Phone: 308-532-9090
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CONVENTION SCHEDULE (continued)

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:00 am—Advocacy Meeting

9:00 am— The First Amendment in the Public School
Speech Trends
(OID, Poetry, & Interp)
Respect/Illusion Theatre
Making Faux Leather

10:15 am—Ethos/Pathos/Logos
Public Speaking Trends
Costume Showcase
Hat Decorating
Respect/Illusion Theatre (cont)

11:30 am—Business Luncheon

1:30 pm—Executive Meeting

Make plans to attend now! Registration is available via the NSCTA website at:

www.nscta.info

See you at convention!

Convention programs will be available the week before convention via the NSCTA website! Be sure to print yours before coming and choose which sessions you plan to attend!

2010 NSCTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Position	Contact
President	Patsy Koch-Johns, Lincoln High
Past President	Janet Rose, Kearney HS
President Elect	Jarod Ockander, David City HS
Convention VP	Lori Long, Gothenburg
Convention VP-Elect	Zoe Vander Weil & Peggy Belt
Membership VP	Jeffrey Horner, Minden High School
Ex. Secretary	Matt Heimes, Lincoln Southwest HS
Recording Secretary	Taryn Retzlaff, Auburn HS
Historian	Mel Shoemaker, Kearney HS
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Forensics Chair	Matt Davis, Lincoln East HS
Debate Chair	Toni Heimes, Lincoln Southwest HS
Publicity Chair	Gailen Volquardsen, Leigh HS
Theatre Chair	Lee Meyer, Fremont HS
Curriculum Chair	Peg Slusarski, Columbus Lakeview HS
Awards Chair	Becca Heir, Bellevue West
Advocacy Chair	Jared Ockander, David City HS
College Chair	Deb Whitt, Wayne State College
Beall Chair	John Heineman, Lincoln High
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District I	Ardys Dunsmoor, Hampton HS
District II	Angela Dashner, Omaha Mercy HS
District III	Tammy Schindler, Plainview HS
District IV	Kyle Vincent, Cozad HS
District V	Linda Clark, Southwest HS
District VI	Jan Knispel, Valentine HS
Website Manager	Chris Begeman, Norfolk HS

HONOR YOUR STUDENTS BY NOMINATING THEM FOR NEBRASKAS FOR THE ARTS SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT!

Each month, Nebraskans for the Arts will honor a Nebraska student who has made outstanding achievements in the Visual and Performing Arts. Nomination of students can be made by Nebraskans for the Arts members, upon the recommendation of teachers, parents or school administrators.

Many people--among them parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, and policy makers--confuse the arts with entertainment. They do not understand that good programs of arts instruction benefit all students, not only the talented. They do not know that the arts teach students to think critically, solve problems, and make thoughtful decisions; help students learn to express themselves effectively; teach students to work as part of a team; and help to improve student attendance and graduation rates.

To spread recognition of talented arts students, the honored students will be showcased individually on the website: www.nebraskansforthearts.org. The student will receive a certificate of recognition, and the student's school principal, superintendent and state senator will be notified in hopes of increasing awareness of the importance of these students' achievements and talents. If you would like to nominate a student, please visit the Nebraskans for the Arts website at www.nebraskansforthearts.org.



2010 NSCTA Convention & Membership Registration Form From Pen to Paper to Performance

You may use this form for membership only, convention only, or both. A few things to remember:

- If you are registering an institution for membership, only one person needs to fill out the membership registration section. If other members are attending convention, they need to fill out the convention registration section for **each person separately**.
- All registrants (for convention, membership, or both) should complete the personal information section.

Personal Information - Everyone should complete this part

Name Email Address

Home Address

City: State Zip Phone

School Check here if you are a new coach

School Address

City: State Zip Phone

Membership Registration - For an institutional membership, only one person needs to complete this section.

Individual Membership (\$20)

Individual Student or Retiree Membership (\$10)

Institutional Membership -- High School (\$50 -- add \$10 for each member over three)

Institutional Membership -- College/University (\$80 -- add \$10 for each member over five)

For each additional member for a high school or college/university membership, enter the name below and check the box next to the name

Membership Total Check here if your institutional membership was paid by another person

Convention Registration - Each person attending convention should complete this section

Member Registration (\$20 if sent by September 20)

Non-member Registration (\$50 if sent by September 20)

Late Registration Fee (\$20 added to all registrations submitted after September 15)

Friday Awards Luncheon (\$15)

Friday Evening Banquet (\$20)

Suessical the Musical tickets @ \$15 each =

Saturday Business Luncheon (\$10)

First-Time or retired attendee rebate (\$20)

On Friday night, you'll have the opportunity to see the North Platte Community Playhouse production of *Suessical the Musical* at the Neville Center. Register early to be guaranteed a seat.

Convention Total -----> **Please double check the total here. Make sure you have selected the appropriate membership and convention registration areas.**

Melissa Beall Foundation Donation (enter any amount)

Total Amount Due (Please make checks payable to NSCTA)

Please circle the focus group you plan to attend:
Forensics Debate Theatre Curriculum College

Please note any special meal needs or other comments

Please consider registering at the NSCTA website.
www.nscta.info
It's fast and easy.

Your final payment is due at convention. You may also mail your payment with this form to:

Jeffrey Horner
Minden High School
325 Yates Ave
Minden, NE 68959-1598

**Nebraska Schools Activities Association
2010-2011 Speech/Play Production Rules Meeting Schedule**

All officials and head coaches are REQUIRED to ATTEND or COMPLETE ONLINE a rules meeting for their activity. Starting time is 7:00 PM local time, unless otherwise indicated.

~~***. Originating site for distance learning. NSAA staff member will be present.~~

ONLINE Speech/Play Production Rules Meetings Available:

October 4, 2010 - October 17, 2010	No Charge to Judges & Head Coaches
October 18, 2010 - October 24, 2010	Basic \$25.00 Fee - Judges & Head Coaches
October 25, 2010 - October 29, 2010	Late/Penalty \$50.00 Fee - Judges & Head Coaches

September 20	Norfolk High School, Little Theatre, 6:00 PM local time
September 21	ESU 10, Conference Room B, 6:00 PM local time
September 21	NSAA Office, Lincoln, 6:00 PM local time ***
September 22	Chadron Chadron High School Room 206, 5:00 PM MDT
September 22	ESU 13 Scottsbluff, ESU13 Harms Center-Room 188, East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE, 5:00 PM MST
September 22	ESU 13 Sidney, 5:00 PM MDT
September 27	Omaha Westside High School, Room 220, 6:00 PM local time
September 30	North Platte, NSCTA Convention, TBA

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