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Forms can be found on the PHSSL website (<u>www.phssl.org</u>), or obtained by calling or emailing the State Office at 570-389-4646 or <u>ifettero@bloomu.edu</u>.

# STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- 1. REGISTER by March 1, 2018, at <a href="www.tabroom.com">www.tabroom.com</a>. The TABROOM site will be available to accept registrations starting on January 15, 2018.
- 2. NO PAPER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- 3. For each student in Informative and Persuasive speech events: you must send a copy of the speech, bibliography and cover sheet signed by the student and the coach declaring this to be an original speech to the State Office by March 14, 2018 (<a href="mailto:jfettero@bloomu.edu">jfettero@bloomu.edu</a>) Registration for Speech events is not complete until these are emailed. See B7.6 and B8.6.
- 4. FINANCES: Please calculate your registration fees from the TABROOM fee page. Fees can be paid up front by mailing to the State Office or Paid in person on the day of the tournament at Check in.
- 5. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to any tournament registrants that register after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.
- 6. A nuisance fee of \$50.00 will be assessed per entry dropped after 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the State Tournament (March 14, 2018). No charge for name changes in Impromptu, News Casting and Student Congress.
- 7. BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS ON FILE AT THE STATE OFFICE. Check the PHSSL.org website's homepage. Click the link for membership and insurance status.
- 8. You must enter your <a href="Impromptu">Impromptu</a>, <a href="News Casting">News Casting</a>, and <a href="Student Congress: House">Student Congress: House</a> student when you register on the <a href="Tabroom">Tabroom</a> web site.
  - (You cannot enter a <u>Student Congress: House</u> student if you have not sent a bill/resolution to Jodi at jfettero@bloomu.edu by January 31.)

#### **DIRECTOR'S PAGE**

Here is the second PHSSL newsletter for 2017-2018. Most of the information in it deals with the District and State tournaments. **Do** pay attention to the established deadlines (all reported earlier in the first newsletter of this year-and again repeated in this edition of the newsletter). **See CALENDAR**.

All District Chairpersons should let me know how many pins and certificates are needed for their District Tournaments, and I'll see you get them. Remember: Membership dues to the State Office are due no later than February 1. If dues are not in by the February 1 date you may NOT participate in Districts. PHSSL will be supplying each District with a Sweepstakes award to be presented to the Most Outstanding School. Since District points are not considered in the tabulation of state awards, the creation of this District Sweepstakes Award was established. We are asking each District Chair to review the Checklist at the end of the District Bylaws section of the Binder. Also, the District Chairs are to announce the State Tournament qualifying students at their tournament so the students and schools know they are eligible to attend the State Tournament and can submit their registration form in a timely manner.

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Remember: March 1 is the deadline for schools to register for the State Tournament. No paper registrations will be accepted, you must register through www.tabroom.com. See CALENDAR.

Let me remind everyone that the Executive Board will be holding its semi-annual spring meeting at Bloomsburg University on Thursday, March 15. If you have any matter to be brought to the Board's attention, please communicate with your Board representative or let me know about the matter so it can be placed on the meeting's agenda. This particular Board meeting mainly discusses State Tournament concerns, and other matters are postponed until the July meeting.

I hope that all the tournaments, local and District, held in the next number of weeks turn out to be excellent ones! Again, thank you for all the extra and time-consuming work you put into forensics. The students and schools do really appreciate it! Hope to see you at the State Tournament in the spring.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Policy Debate may ONLY enter two two-person teams from Districts to the State Tournament.
- Informative and Persuasive Speaking: "Prior to each PHSSL tournament the student must send a copy of the speech, a bibliography, and a cover sheet signed by the student and coach declaring the speech to be original." See B7.6 & B8.6. See Tournament Registration information page above.
- Register for State Tournament through www.tabroom.com ONLY. No paper copy will be accepted by the State Office.
- A page has been added to the website so schools can check the status of their membership and insurance requirement to participate in PHSSL events. If you are advancing to the State Tournament, please be sure that your insurance liability certificate has been provided to the state office prior to the tournament date.
- Congress bills will be made available on the PHSSL website by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are participating in either the Senate or House events, please see the PHSSL website for Student Congress assignments and legislation pieces.

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#### 2018 Calendar

#### January 1 FIRST DAY TO EMAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

Email Student Congress House bills to Jodi Fetterolf @ <u>ifettero@bloomu.edu</u>. (Student Congress Senate bills are to be sent to and coordinated by District chairs according to their tournament deadlines).

Be sure to check the Student Congress: Senate Handbook for bill submission guidelines. A sample is provided on the last page.

#### January 5 & 6 PHSSL Drama Festival

Location: Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg

Contact: Jodi Fetterolf (<u>ifettero@bloomu.edu</u>or 570-389-4646)

#### January 31 LAST DAY TO EMAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS (House)

Email Student Congress House bills to Jodi Fetterolf @ <u>ifettero@bloomu.edu</u>. (Student Congress Senate bills are to be sent to and coordinated by District chairs according to their tournament deadlines).

Be sure to check the Student Congress: Senate Handbook for bill submission guidelines. A sample is provided on the last page.

#### February 1 PHSSL MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEES DEADLINE

(Money must be received by the state office by this date for you to participate in the district and/or state tournaments)

#### February 24 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DEADLINE

All District Tournaments must be completed by February 24 in order for competitors to qualify for the State Tournament.

#### February 28 ALL DISTRICT REPORTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN THIS DATE

All District Chairs are to submit their District's report to the State Office no later than today's date. The forms can be found on the 'Forms/Documents' section on the PHSSL website. (Forms can be faxed or emailed to the number/address listed on the top of the form.)

#### March 1 REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT

Coaches are to register all qualifiers/participants on the TABROOM website by

March 1 (www.tabroom.com)

Contact: Jodi Fetterolf (<u>ifettero@bloomu.edu</u> or 570-389-4646)

#### March 15 Executive Board Meeting ~ Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg PA

#### March 16 & 17 2018 State Tournament

**Bloomsburg University** 

Contact: Jodi Fetterolf (jfettero@bloomu.edu or 570-389-4646)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will meet on March 15, 2018. These individuals are YOUR elected representatives and want to present and address your ideas and needs in handling the business of PHSSL's programs, activities, and policies. Therefore, if you have any concern or business matter that the Executive Board needs to review, please let your board representative or the PHSSL State Office know.

# **NEW CHANGES FOR 2017-2018**

# **E-Balloting**

This year, PHSSL is going to follow the lead of many leading local, state, and national forensics organizations and utilze a feature of Tabroom called E-Balloting for debate only. The reasons for the shift include increased speed and flexibility of ballot completion and entry, the clarity of typed feedback for competitors, and the philosophy of PHSSL that it is vital to the educational process of forensics to encourage digital literacy. One major benefit will be for judges who feel pressured by the time necessary to complete a ballot quickly and turn it in, as comments can be added at any time, even after a decision and points have been submitted to Tabroom. Therefore rounds can be scheduled more quickly and students can receive more effective feedback from more relaxed judges.

A comprehensive tutorial will be available in the Communicator and on the PHSSL website that includes detailed graphical walkthroughs on how to set up a Tabroom account, receive alerts for rounds, entering ballot comments and decisions, and submitting ballots to Tabroom.

Obviously, internet access is crucial to the success of online balloting. Bloomsburg will provide free high-speed WiFi throughout the tournament, but judges will have to bring their own devices that can connect to WiFi. That includes laptop computers, tablets, and smart phones. In case of technological failure or lack of available devices, traditional paper ballots will be available.

# **New SWEEPSTAKES Information**

# Located in the Bylaws

#### Section B20.7 Brother Rene Sterner Sweepstakes Award

Each year the rotating Brother Rene Sterner Sweepstakes Award shall be presented to the outstanding school on the basis of having accumulated the most points in state competition in a given year on the following point system:

- 1. For all of the qualifying categories, use the number of entries to determine the number of points earned by the first place winner, and then award all competitors points in reverse order from there. (Thirty entries means 30 points to 1<sup>st</sup> place, 29 point to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 28 points to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, etc.)
- 2. For the three supplemental events, competitors receive half of the entries points. (Sixty entries means 30 points to 1<sup>st</sup> place, 29 point to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 28 points to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, etc.)
- 3. Participants at the state drama festival receive 30 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 25 points to 2nd, 20 to 3rd, 15 to 4th, 10 to 5th and 5 to 6th.

# Changes to Poetry Located in the Bylaws

#### **Section B11.3**

Selections used in this event must be in poetic form. Selections from drama are not to be used. Multiple selections may be used, however, the selections must be linked somehow by author and/or theme. The author's words as published in the literature may not be altered for the presentation with the exception that cutting is permitted. Combining or blending selections will not be permitted. Material being performed at the PHSSL tournament must match the student's original script. The selection(s) must have an introduction which must include the title and the author. In the case of multiple selections, the introduction may be delivered at the beginning of all selections or short introductions may be delivered prior to each selection

The intent of PHSSL is that all materials presented in interpretation events must be available to all members of the league. All selections must be published or commercially available in print, audio, or video form. At PHSSL tournaments, contestants must bring the published copies of their selection with an ISBN or ISSN in either print, audio or video form, with title page or audio/video credits included. If the original copy does not have an ISBN or ISSN, the coach or supervising adult must be able to show that the original was purchased or obtained commercially, ie. a bill of sale from a literary agent or publisher, or that the original is publicly available by internet URL and retrieval date.

# Radio Announcing has changed to News Casting.

Full information can be found in the new News Broadcasting Handbook on PHSSL.org

Please also check out changes to the District Standing Rules, State Standing Rules, ByLaws, Senate/House Handbooks, and the Constitution. The handbooks are located on PHSSL.org.

## **DISTRICT LIST 2017-2018**

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District 1	Hugh P. Ringer		
Fairview High School	Mercer Area High School		
Iroquois Jr. Sr. High School	c/o 368 Sanbern Dr.		
Jamestown Area High School	Mercer, PA 16137		
Lakeview High School	Worder, 177 To To		
McDowell High School	Bob Hall		
Mercer Area Middle-High School	Fairview High School		
Slippery Rock High School	7460 McCay Rd.		
Shippery Rock High School	Fairview, PA 16415-2401		
District 2	·		
	Jeff Byko		
Beaver Area High School	Pine-Richland High		
Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School	700 Warrendale Rd.		
Deer Lakes High School	Gibsonia, PA 15044		
Fox Chapel Area High School			
Hampton High School			
Mars Area High School			
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School			
Pine-Richland High School			
Quigley Catholic High School			
Sewickley Academy			
Shady Side Academy			
St. Joseph High School			
District 3	Benjamin Edwards		
Bethel Park High School	Upper St. Clair High School		
Bishop Canevin High School	1825 McLaughlin Run Rd		
Lakeview Christian Academy	Pittsburgh, PA 15241		
Moon Area High School			
Mt. Lebanon High School			
North Hills High School	Michael Shaffer		
Oakland Catholic High School	West Allegheny High School		
Peters Township High School	205 W. Allegheny Rd.		
Pittsburgh Central Catholic	Imperial, PA 15126		
Seton La Salle High School			
South Fayette High School			
The Ellis School			
Upper St. Clair High School			
West Allegheny High School			
Winchester Thurston School			
District 4	Lisa Bompiani-Smith		
Belle Vernon Area High School	Greater Latrobe High School		
Derry Area High School	131 High School Rd		
Greater Latrobe Senior High	Latrobe, PA 15650		
Greensburg Salem High School			
Hempfield Area High School			
McKeesport Senior High School			
Norwin High School			
The Kiski School			
Trinity High School			
Uniontown Area High School			
District 5	Cassie Thomas		
Berlin Brothersvalley High School	Windber High School 2301 Grahm Ave.		
Bishop McCort Catholic High School			
Central Cambria High School	Windber PA, 15963		

Conemaugh Township Area High School	
Ferndale Area High School	
Forest Hills High School	
North Star High School	
Richland High School	
Rockwood High School	
Shanksville-Stoneycreek High School	
Somerset Senior High School	
Windber Area High School	Christina Matasifa
District 6	Christine Metcalfe
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School	Red Land High School
Boiling Springs High School	500 South Broad Street
Cedar Cliff High School	Mechanicsburg PA, 17055
Commonwealth Charter Academy	
Cumberland Valley High School	
Hershey High School	
Red Land High School	
West Perry High School	
District 7	Nathan Ryan Lawver
Central York High School	Delone Catholic High School
Dallastown Area High School	140 S Oxford Ave.
Delone Catholic High School	McSherrystown, PA 17344
Gettysburg Area High School	,,,,
New Oxford High School	
District 8	Keith Brosious
Abington Heights High School	Elk Lake High School
Crestwood High School	P.O. Box 100
E.L. Meyers High School	Dimock, PA 18816
GAR Jr. Sr. High School	Dimock, 1 A 10010
Nativity BVM High School	
Notre Dame High School	David Long
Pocono Mountain West High School	
Scranton Preparatory School	Southern Lehigh High School
Southern Lehigh High School	5800 Main St.
Upper Perkiomen High School	Center Valley, PA 18034
Wallenpaupack Area High School	
District 9	Ellen Boyer
Bald Eagle Area High School	Shikellamy High School
Benton Area Middle-High School	600 Walnut St.
Bloomsburg Area High School	Sunbury, PA 17801
Danville High School	
Milton Area High School	
Sayre Area High School	
Selinsgrove Area High School	
Shikellamy High School	
State College Area High School	
Towanda Area Jr. Sr. High School	
District 10	Bonnie Perry
Academy of Notre Dame de Namur	Harriton High School
Friends Central School	600 N. Ithan Ave
Harriton High School	Rosemont, PA 19010
Haverford High School	
Marple Newtown High School	
Penn Wood High School	
Sun Valley High School	
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The Haverford School	
District 11	Mike McCabe
Gwynedd Mercy Academy	LaSalle College High School
JR Masterman Laboratory & Demonstration School	8605 Cheltenham Ave.
La Salle College High School	Wyndmoor PA 19038
Northeast High School	
St. Joseph's Preparatory School	
District 12	Chris Berdnik
Academy At Palumbo	William Tennent High School
Holy Ghost Preparatory	333 Centennial Rd.
Pennsbury High School	Warminster, PA 18974
Science Leadership Academy	
William Tennent High School	
District 14	Holly Smith
Altoona Area High School	Penn Cambria High School
Bellwood-Antis High School	401 Linden Ave
Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School	Cresson, PA 16630
Cambria Heights High School	
Chestnut Ridge High School	
Conemaugh Valley High School	
Greater Johnstown High School	
Penn Cambria High School	
District 15	Ashley Murphy
Bayard Rustin High School	750 Unionville Rd
Bishop Shanahan High School	Kennett Square, PA 19348
Garnet Valley High School	
Henderson High School	
Malvern Preparatory School	
The Hill School	
Westtown School	

## **2017-2018 INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED:**

To determine if your school has provided their insurance certificate, please go to <a href="www.phssl.org">www.phssl.org</a> and click the icon on the homepage indicating to check your membership and insurance status "here". Schools that have provided insurance certificates will be listed with a date indicating the date of expiration in the Insurance column, located in the column to the right of the page.

# STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the schools who won at the District and Regional Drama Festivals held during the first semester of this school year. Also, thanks to all those schools who offered keen competition making the winners possible.

The citations offered at the State Drama Festival held at Bloomsburg University on January 5 & 6, 2018, were as follows:

First Place: Sayre High School

Second Place: Shikellamy High School

Third Place: Our Lady of Sacred Heart

**State Finalist:** Danville High School

State Finalist: Towarda High School

State Finalist: West Allegheny High School

#### ALL STATE CAST

Name Play High School A Thousand Cranes Sayre High School Alivia Bently Shikellamy High School Heather Breveridge **Families Families** Shikellamy High School Camden Hare Towanda High School Whitney Madill I Don't Want to Talk About It Max Fulmer Things My Mother Taught Me Danville High School The Odd Couple West Allegheny High School Lucia Bruschi Pullman Car Hiawatha Our Lady of Sacred Heart Sophia Blake A Thousand Cranes Sayre High School Jenna Cowder

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2017-2018 REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVALS

(In alphabetical order)

Benton High School
Danville High School
North Allegheny High School
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Sayre High School Shikellamy High School Towanda High School West Allegheny High School

# **PHSSL Offers Appreciation**

The Pennsylvania High School Speech League wants to thank Bloomsburg University for the use of its facilities for the Annual State Drama Festival. A special thank you to **RANDALL PRESSWOOD**, **ABIGAIL MANNS** and all the **Bloomsburg Tech Team** for their technical help and assistance in the backstage operations. Without their help, the Festival would not have operated as smoothly as it did.

Also, the League is indebted to the five judges who gave their time and talent to evaluate the plays and select the All State Cast:

#### **SUE STANTON**

Retired Educator & Theater Director - Central Columbia High School

#### **SAMANTHA PHILLIPS**

Theatre Adjunct Professor at Bloomsburg & Bucknell Universities

#### **DAVID MILLER**

Assistant Professor Theatre Programs at Bloomsburg University

#### **GERARD STROPNICKY**

Member Emeritus and co-founder of the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

#### **AMY RENE BYRNE**

Education Director and Associate Artist at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

## **February Public Forum Debate Topic**

**Resolved:** The United States should abolish the capital gains tax.

## January Public Forum Debate Topic

**Resolved:** Spain should grant Catalonia its independence.

## 2017-2018 Policy Debate Topic

**Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

# January-February 2018 L-D Topic

**Resolved:** Plea bargaining ought to be abolished in the United States criminal justice system.

# 2017-2018 National High School Debate Topic

**Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

### NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS

# November 2017 Domestic

# Domestic Closed-Ended

- 1. Should Rex Tillerson resign as Secretary of State?
- 2. Is Steve Bannon more powerful outside of the White House than he was inside the White House?
- 3. Should the Federal Communications Commission threaten the licenses of TV stations who report stories disputed by the federal government?
- 4. In the wake of recent hurricanes, has Puerto Rico received less attention from the U.S. government than Texas and Florida?
- 5. Can Kevin de Leon succeed in defeating Diane Feinstein in the California Senate Democratic primary?
- 6. Is Rand Paul warming to Donald Trump?
- 7. Are questions about President Trump's mental competence warranted?
- 8. Is the American economy still in good health?
- 9. Is "taking a knee" during the national anthem an effective form of social protest?
- 10. Should President Obama speak-out about his successor's efforts to dismantle his legacy?
- 11. Can the United States protect the electoral system from hacking by the next national election?
- 12. Will the states garner the necessary support to call a Constitutional Convention?
- 13. Will the Supreme Court rule against extreme gerrymandering?

#### **Open-Ended**

- 1. What steps must Republican congressional leaders take to move their priorities forward?
- 2. How will disclosures about Harvey Weinstein change Hollywood?
- 3. What steps can California's government take to better prepare for the annual threat of wildfires?
- 4. A year after President Trump's election, who currently represents the GOP establishment?
- 5. How will the Las Vegas shooting change the debate over gun control?
- 6. What would happen to U.S. politics if Puerto Rico became a state?
- 7. How will President Trump's anti-Obamacare Executive Orders change the healthcare industry?
- 8. How will the proposed Republican tax plan change the United States economy?
- 9. What steps must be taken to close the gender gap in pay in America?
- 10. What issues can gun control and gun rights advocates come to agreement upon?
- 11. What can the White House communications staff do to improve its relationship with the press?
- 12. What are the prime factors driving America's opioid crisis?

#### International

# International Closed-Ended

- 1. Has Iran complied with the nuclear development deal it made with the United States and other world powers?
- 2. Is President Xi Jinping succeeding in reshaping the Chinese government in his image? Are Western powers doing enough to support the fledgling government of Somalia?
- 3. With its decision to allow women to drive, is Saudi Arabia making concrete steps toward expanded women's rights?
- 4. Can China and the United States unite to address the threat of North Korea?

- 5. Will Uganda's president succeed in his effort to eliminate age limits on the Ugandan presidency?
- 6. Can Kurdish independence from Iraq be stopped?
- 7. Should ultra-orthodox Jews be required to serve in the Israeli army?
- 8. Can the Spanish government keep Catalonia part of Spain?
- 9. Does the United States have a coherent foreign policy toward Venezuela?
- 10. Is the United States exaggerating the threat to Americans visiting Cuba?
- 11. Is religion playing a disproportionate role in today's Indonesian politics?
- 12. Is it time for Taiwan to declare formal independence from China?

#### **Open-Ended**

- 1. What steps must the United States take to cool the conflict with North Korea?
- 2. Which of Europe's national leaders has the strongest claim to leadership of the larger European community?
- 3. What do the results of Japanese elections say about the people's view of the nation's leadership?
- 4. What steps must the Cuban government take to revive its economy?
- 5. How is China's justice system doing more to bring the common person justice?
- 6. What can be done to bring unity back to the African National Congress?
- 7. How has Italy avoided being a victim of Islamist terror attacks?
- 8. What is to blame for the rising murder rate in Rio De Janeiro?
- 9. What must the Japanese government do to address the stresses caused by an increasingly aging population?
- 10. What can the government of Ethiopia do to counter ethnic tensions there?
- 11. What steps must the Palestinian Authority take to make sure cooperation between Hamas and Fatah continues?
- 12. What steps must the world community take to change the status quo in Eastern Ukraine?

### PLAIN TALK ABOUT STUDENT CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(Prepared by Peggy Madden and Alice Ursin)

In order to participate in the Student Congress held during the State Tournament, a school (not a student) must submit a bill or resolution by the date listed on the PHSSL Calendar.

Bills and resolutions submitted to PHSSL should be original to your school and not something you found at another student congress.

It is important that bills and resolutions follow the proper format. Hybrids (half bill/half resolution) are not acceptable.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions answer two simple questions:

- 1. Why do we want to do something?
- 2. What is it we want to do?

The <u>WHY</u> is expressed through <u>whereas</u> clauses which begin the resolution. If you were to substitute the word "because" in place of "whereas" at the beginning of each clause it would read smoothly, but the language of Parliamentary Procedure requires you use the word "Whereas."

The resolution ends with a statement that begins with "Therefore, be it resolved by this PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." and  $\underline{\text{simply}}$  explains what it is you wish to do. A resolution may consist of just this statement and not explain why.

Resolutions may suggest change (but you need not indicate how) or may be written to support the status quo, to praise a person or event, to chastise, or to offer a proclamation.

#### **BILLS**

Bills answer many questions:

- 1. What is it we want to do?
- 2. How will we do it?
- 3. Who will administer it?
- 4. When will we start to do it?
- 5. How will it be financed?
- 6. How will it be enforced?
  - A. By whom?
  - B. Do we need penalties if people don't comply?
  - C. What will these penalties be?

Bills do not explain why, and so they begin immediately with the clause "Be it enacted by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." Sections that follow answer the <u>necessary</u> questions listed above. It is not always necessary to answer all of the questions listed nor in the order listed.

Bills do not suggest; they mandate change, and if enacted (passed), have the power of law.

The CONGRESS WORKSHEET on the following three pages should help you in preparing a good bill or resolution for the PHSSL State Student Congress.

# WORKSHEET FOR PREPARING CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

So.....you want to write a bill. DECIDE, is it something that you want to be definite and have the force of law OR are you merely stating a conviction and saying "Wouldn't it be nice if....?"

## **HOW TO BEGIN:**

LOOK AROUND YOU, READ AND WATCH THE NEWS.	Is something troubling you about our society.
our foreign policy, our morals, etc. THEN:	

STATE THE PROBLEM:
WHY IS THERE A PROBLEM? ARE THERE ANY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT? ARE THERE PENALTIES IF THE LAW IS VIOLATED? IF FINANCING IS NEEDED, HOW WILL IT BE DONE? WHEN WILL THE LAW TAKE EFFECT?

### NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN

First write a resolution. Begin with WHEREAS clauses. Whereas clauses are where you build your rationale. Use Parts I and II to help you. Conclude with BE IT RESOLVED...using Part III. What can be done?

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Perhaps you feel more strongly about the issue. You feel that "THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW!" – O.K. Write one! Use Part III to write your ENACTMENT sections. Penalties, financing, and when the bill goes into effect will be in the last section. What you want the law to be are in the first sections.

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

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13.Section 5:		
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16.Section 6:		
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## **LODGING** Bloomsburg and surrounding areas

Mifflinville/Bloomsburg Accomodations

William Ville / Bloom Sburg Accombuations			
Inn at Turkey Hill 991 Central Rd Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-1500	4 Minutes 2 Miles	Comfort Suites 120 Plaza Dr Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-9100	10 Minutes 3.7 Miles
Hampton Inn 255 Papermill Rd Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-380-1020	<b>5 Minutes</b> 2.1 Miles	Comfort Inn 488 W 3rd St Mifflinville, PA 18631 570-752-2100	<b>10 Minutes</b> 8.3 Miles
Econo Lodge 189 Columbia Mall Dr Bloomsburg, PA 570-387-0490	<b>7 Minutes</b> 3.6 Miles	<b>Super 8</b> 450 W 3rd St Mifflinville, PA 18631 570-759-6778	<b>11 Minutes</b> 8.4 Miles
Holiday Inn 14 Mitchell Dr Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-6702	<b>7 Minutes</b> 3.6 Miles		

# **Danville Area Accomodations**

Hampton Inn	15 Minutes	Super 8	16 Minutes
97 Old Valley School Rd	12.4 Miles	35 Sheraton Rd	12.6 Miles
Danville, PA 17821		Danville, PA 17821	
570-271-2500		570-275-4640	
Pine Barn Inn	16 Minutes	Best Western	16 Minutes
1 Pine Bard Pl	9 Miles	79 Old Valley School Rd	12.7 Miles
Danville, PA 17821		Danville, PA 17821	
570-275-2071		570-275-5750	
Quality Inn & Suites	16 Minutes	Red Roof Inn	20 Minutes
15 Valley West Rd	12.3 Miles	300 Red Roof Rd	10.1 Miles
Danville, PA 17821		Danville, PA 17821	
570-275-5100		570-275-7600	

# **Shamokin Dam Area Accomodations**

s Hampton Inn	42 Minutes
3 Stetler Ave	25 Miles
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876	
570-743-2223	
	3 Stetler Ave Shamokin Dam, PA 17876

# **HALL OF FAME**

2017	Kale Fithian, McDowell High School, Erie	1998	WILLIAM MURRAY, Mechanicsburg Area High School,
2017	Carol Leshock, Greensburg- Salem High School, Greensburg	1998	Mechanicsburg ANTHONY STOKES, The Kiski School, Saltsburg
2016	Jerry Colapinto, Holy Ghost Preparatary School, Bensalem	1990	ROYCE RICE, North Hills High School, Pittsburgh
2015	KATHY HEWSTON, Hempfield High School, Greensburg	1997	HUGH P. RINGER, Mercer Area High School, Mercer
2013		1996	JOHN BUETTLER, Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2014	STEPHEN MEDOFF, Pennsbury High School, Fairless Hills	1996	JANET DICENZO, Kennedy-Kenrick High School,
2013	CHRISTIINE METCALFE, Mechanicsburg High School,	1770	Norristown
2013	Mechanicsburg	1996	ANTHONY FIGLIOLA, Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2013	JOHN V. ROCHE, Nazareth Academy High School,	1995	W. MICHAEL NAILOR, Danville High School
20.0	Philadelphia	1995	BETH YOUNG, North Catholic High School
2012	TIM WAXENFELTER, Quigley Catholic High School, Baden	1995	MARY ANN YOSKEY-BERTY, Trinity High School
2011	KEITH BROSIOUS, Elk Lake High School, Dimock	1994	RALPH KARN, Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh
2010	DAVID LONG, Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley	1994	JANET ROBB, McKeesport Area High School, McKeesport
2010	LARRY AUGUSTINE, Susquehanna University, Executive	1993	MARGARET EMELSON, Uniontown High School,
	Director		Uniontown
2010	SANDRA SAXMAN, Susquehanna University, Secretary	1992	GLORIA WASILEWSKI, Riverside High School, Ellwood
2009	SHARON VOLPE, North Allegheny High School, Wexford		City
2008	ROBERTA RINGER, Mercer Area High School, Mercer	1992	CARL GRECCO, Truman High School, Levittown
2007	VICKY TRIMMER, Mechanicsburg Area High School,	1992	GLENN CAVANAUGH, Derry Area High School, Derry
	Mechanicsburg	1991	THOMAS FARR, Shikellamy/Danville High School(s)
2007	MARSHA K. WILLIAMS, Greensburg-Salem High School,	1990	MARILYN ENGLEHART, Central Cambria High School
	Greensburg	1990	FATHER TOM MEULEMANS, Archmere Academy
2006	ELLEN BOYER, Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1989	EDWIN KELLY, Pennsbury High School
2005	MARY FURLONG, Delone Catholic High School,	1989	CALLISTUS W. MILAN, Retired
	McSherrystown (RETIRED)	1988	PEGGY ANN MADDEN, North Hills High School
2004	ROBERT CASEY, Trinity High School, Camp Hill	1988	HOWARD FEDRICK, Retired
2003	CARL W. ASKEW, Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1987	ELEANOR LANGAN, Scranton Central High School
2002	REV. RAYMOND HAHN, Cathedral Preparatory, Erie	1987	THELMA CARUSO, Charleroi High School
2002	KATHLEEN O'HALLORAN, Norwin High School, North,	1986	JEANNE M. LUTZ, Director, Pennsylvania High School
2001	Huntingdon	100/	Speech League
2001	ALICE URSIN, Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park	1986	ROBERT E. DUNHAM, Vice President of Academic
2001	MARIA CARUSI, Gwynedd Mercy Academy	1004	Services, The Pennsylvania State University
2000 2000	SALLY FINLEY, Belle Vernon High School, Belle Vernon	1986 1986	BROTHER RENE STERNER, Principal, Calvert Hall College BERYL MacLEAN, Retired
1999	JAMES WILLIG, Lancaster Catholic (Posthumously) No Award Given	1986	SISTER ST. IRMINUS, Retired
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