

Spring Coaches Meeting
Zoom via OSAA
April 18, 2026
10 am

Agenda

Thank you to all District Directors for getting Information submitted for our State Tournament.

Attendees:

Molly Bruins- St. Mary's Medford
Kristen Sullivan- Crater
Amanda Mooers- Summit
Peter Weber- OSAA
Robyn Rose- Lake Oswego
Travis Root- La Salle
Caroline Cambell- South Medford
Ameena Amdahl-Mason- Clackamas
Macie Mackey- Sunset
Katie Kantrowitz- Silverton
Brian Malan- Gresham
Jenny Brown- Caldera
Matthew Parker- Cleveland
Steve Root- La Salle
Jane Berry-Eddings- Sprague
Jennifer LeSieur- Adrienne C Nelson
June Gerst- Century
John Patrick Gonzales- Cleveland
Courtney Walsh- McMinnville
Sharn Swanson- Roosevelt
Dylan Amo- OES
Lindsey Polk- Sandy
Rachel Wilczewski- Park Rose
JR- Catlin Gable
Alex Larsen- Willamette
Bryce Phillips- Adrienne C Nelson
Katie Wilson- Lakeridge
Beau Woodward- Lakeridge

Officer Introductions

- a. Kris Igawa- Beaverton - President
- b. Katie Kantrowitz- Ombudsperson
- c. Matthew Parker- Cleveland- 1st Vice President
- d. Valerie Schiller- Reynolds- 2nd Vice President
- e. Michael Curry - Sprague High School- Treasurer
- f. Kristen Sullivan- Crater High School- Secretary

Coach Introductions - name, location, position; a sign (like sign language) that represents you

OSAA Report - Peter Weber

- Look at stats - mention what Peter wanted 30-40% of students from each district to qualify for State; we will revisit this summer about if new districts worked. If you are interested in being part of that conversation, let us know.
- Tabroom is open- people are doing a good job of getting titles and entries in.
- Keep working on judges.
- [Coach info for State](#)
- [Schedule for State](#)
- [OSAA Speech Championship page](#)
- Parking was an issue last year- some folks got citations. People need to park in Lot G for free parking. Lot J is for buses and overnight parking. You can park elsewhere, but you need to buy a parking permit for the day.
 - If people get citations, they need to pay them themselves.
- Food will be served upstairs and in the dining hall, but with limited hours.
- Jane: Thanks for updating titles. If you have a drop, enter it ASAP so that alternates can be placed. Students should not chill/ hang/ be loud in the library.
- Robyn: Patterns are TBD because they want to make sure that extemp isn't double entered. Getting drops in will help with this. Patterns will be released on Thursday morning. Enter ADA accommodations for students and judges so that students/ judges can be placed in the correct buildings/ rooms.

Scholarships

- [McClain/ LeSieur Scholarship- competed in Speech and Debate, community service, financial need; first year that they can take donations from others who can contribute to the fund.](#)

Treasurer's Report (Michael Curry):

- [4 year awards -](#)
- [Dues- only two paying coaches per school- check in with Michael if you paid.](#) Make sure your payment is recorded. You can pay with cash, Venmo, or check.
- Lunch and Calendar Meeting

Secretary's Report (Kristen Sullivan):

- Executive Committee and Officer Positions
 - President (2 year term)
 - 1st Vice President (2 year term)
 - Secretary (2 year term)
 - Protest Committee (2 Nominees, 1 year term)
 - Proven Excellence (1 Year Term)
 - Rules Change Committee (2 Nominees 1 year term)
 - OSAA Liaison (1 Nominee, 3 year term)
- [Here is the link to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee. Please submit nominations by Wednesday, April 22nd.](#) All members of the OHSSL-CA can nominate and vote on these positions.
- Awards
 - Speech Educator of the Year
 - Communicator of the Year
 - Hall of Fame
- [Here is the link to make nominations. Any member of the OHSSL-CA can nominate. Submit nominations by Wednesday, April 22nd.](#) Executive committee members will vote for the recipients after nominations are submitted.

1st VP (Matthew Parker):

- Regional dynamics with Speech and Debate- check in on how regions can be supported.
- Specific programming needs? What would best assist program generation and development?
- Consideration of multiple tournaments being offered on particular weekend dates to meet demand for participation
 - It is OK to host a tournament when another tournament is hosted-- we had a lot of entries waitlisted this past year for several tournaments.

- A suggestion is to host a smaller tournament with less events that is shorter.
- Should the season start later?
- Novice workshop- hosted by Courtney Walsh- is it possible to support her more, offer more workshops, do new coach support at these workshops?
- Can the coaches' program be revitalized- it is in the handbook.
 - The turnout had been low for the workshop in October in the last years it was held.
- There is a coach training/ conference the week after Nats in Florida- could a group commit to attending this option?
- Challenges for new coaches: tournaments split between two schools- could work with other coaches to cover entries, access to Facebook and other resources
 - Could there be a doc that tells new coaches how to get started?
 - [There is a new coach handbook that is on the OHSSL-CA webpage.](#)
- Aameena and Caroline hold monthly coach meetings on Zoom to share info and answer questions. Next one is April 27th.

2nd VP (Valerie Schiller):

[Rule Changes Proposals](#)

Pro/Cons

Author say a few things about the change

Discussion

State Tournament Held at WOU on April 23 - 25, 2026

Please see Peter's emails for various links

Thank you to WOU

Before Tournament:

- Check Entries
- Titles and topics are important
- Read the info they have been given. (Are Peter's emails on the website so the coaches can review them?)
- Drop box speeches -
- Drops and Alternates
- Enter Judges
- Accommodations

At the Tournament:

- ADA Accommodations (for students and judges, please communicate with us about what works best, close or first floor, etc)
- Judges (and expectations)
- Present and available adults

- Students should not camp out in the Helmsley Library