

**PHSSL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**7/8/2022**  
**ACTION ITEMS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES**

1. Future Drama Festival Date: January 6-7, 2023
  - a. There will only be two drama regionals this year: East and West
  - b. Deadline for drama regionals is December 4
  - c. If fewer than 8 entries compete across the state, all of the entries will advance to states. If there are 8 or more entries, then 6 advance to states - with at least 3 coming from each region.
  - d. Regional coordinators: East - Ellen Boyer, West - Jess Cerchiaro
2. Future State Tournament Date: March 17-18, 2023

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. For the state tournament, restrictions on judging the same district are eliminated.
2. State congress - use of the student vote will be eliminated for final placement and for sweepstakes. However, each preliminary chamber will be voting on a "student leadership award" from that chamber; all winners will receive awards.
3. Using median points in debate as a tiebreaker in preliminary rounds will be replaced with dropping the high and low points.
4. In speech, the head-to-head tiebreaker will only be used between two competitors and will be verified by tab staff.
5. Regarding using the binder as a prop in prose and poetry: the bylaws will read "no properties except a traditional manuscript or binder may be used"
6. Medals will replace certificates for semifinalists in speech and congress at the state tournament.
7. Bids can be earned at all Pennsylvania tournaments (that meet the criteria for bids). All bids earned at tournaments outside of the state of Pennsylvania, including online tournaments, may be subject to the approval of the PHSSL board.
8. Hiring judges at the state tournament will be revised in terms of the amount that a school is charged and the amount that judges are paid.
9. Congress legislation for the House at the state tournament will take place all year. Schools must no longer submit legislation to compete in the House. A committee will pick the legislation to be debated in all chambers of the House, and will publish that before the state tournament. Legislation for the Senate will follow the same procedures as outlined in the Congress Manual.
10. The process of selecting district chairs will be formalized, with all schools in the district getting a vote.
11. The task of improving the "public face" of PHSSL was created, with a small group of Board members volunteering. All PHSSL coaches are invited to participate in this process.