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TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Like the look of this year's version of the Guidebook? We hope so, because it's going to be around for a couple of years.

In order to keep down costs, we've decided to move to updating the Guidebook every OTHER year instead of each year. So, that means a few changes. For one, we've removed all the date references. Expect a separate document mailed to each troupe with all the dates as well as periodic reminders throughout the year as due dates approach. Information will be available on the web site as well (see below). As always, the best way for us to contact you is through email (after all, we're just a bunch of busy HS drama teachers just like you!), so please be sure that Bob Burgoyne, our web master, (BODIX9812@msn.com) as well as State Director CJ Reid (carolyn.reid @beavton.k12.or.us) has your most current email address.

Also, please keep the guidebook handy. You'll find all that you need to know about Oregon Thespian events inside. Better still, copy off pages for your students so they know how to be best prepared for events.

Have a great couple of years!!

The Guidebook Committee,
Michael Fisher, Carolyn Reid, & Jeff Hall.

SEE THE OREGON THESPIANS WEB SITE:

www.oregonthespians.org

Standard Operating Procedures

OREGON THESPIANS

NAME:
The name of this organization shall be OREGON THESPIANS, a division of the International Thespian Society and the Educational Theatre Association and is bound by that organization's by-laws and philosophy.

PHILOSOPHY:
OREGON THESPIANS is an honorary organization for secondary students interested in theatre. The organization is student-run and sponsor-advised.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of OREGON THESPIANS is to:
1. advance and improve theatre arts in secondary schools
2. promote theatre arts in the community
3. provide a meeting ground for students and teachers interested in the theatre

MEMBERSHIP:
Membership to OREGON THESPIANS is automatic to any secondary school in Oregon upon joining the International Thespian Society, and by following the rules and by-laws set up by that organization. Except for competitions and the State Conference, no payment beyond annual membership to International Thespians need be made in order to belong to or to participate in the activities of Oregon Thespians.
Information concerning chartering a troupe may be made by contacting:
Educational Theatre Association (Ed.T.A.)
2343 Auburn Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45219

STATE COUNCIL:
The Voting State Council of OREGON THESPIANS will consist of:
1. One State Director.
2. Council of four elected students.
3. Council of four elected sponsors.

Non-Voting members may include;
4. The sponsor and one representative of the host school for each State Thespian Conference, to be known as ex-officio members.
5. Other administrative appointees as determined by the State Director and confirmed by the council.

TERMS OF OFFICE:
Each student/sponsor council member will serve a term of one year. The State Director shall serve for a term of not less than four years and may be re-elected to office, following the guidelines set by the EdTA.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE STATE DIRECTOR:
The State Director shall:
1. attend each meeting called.
2. preside over all meetings of the council.
3. communicate quarterly with all troupe sponsors via a newsletter.
4. recruit new troupes into Oregon Thespians.
5. plan all tournaments and the State Conference with the host schools.
6. keep an accurate record of all expenditures and income and present an annual report with the first newsletter.
7. appoint committee heads as deemed necessary.
8. notify Thespian troupes and interested non-affiliated schools at least 3 weeks in advance of upcoming competitions, including rules and registration forms.
9. serve as public relations coordinator.

The State Director shall receive an annual honorarium of $500. The State Director shall be reimbursed for all travel and telephone costs dealing with Oregon Thespians.

THE COUNCIL SHALL:
1. attend each meeting called.
2. plan the agenda for all council meetings.
3. communicate quarterly via newsletter to all Thespian troupes.
4. inform all troupes about upcoming tournaments at least three weeks in advance with the host school.
5. plan the state conference.
6. welcome troupes to the competitions.
7. meet at state thespian events with troupe officers from Oregon schools, as well as with the State Director. A pre-planned agenda should be sent to troupe presidents before the event so they may have a discussion with their individual troupes before said meeting.

Each council member may be reimbursed for all travel and telephone costs dealing with OREGON THESPIANS with council approval. Mileage reimbursement will be made at the rate of 25 cents per mile for all miles over 30.

ELECTIONS:
1. Each council member shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual State Thespian Conference.
2. Any sophomore or junior thespian of good standing may run for the council. Any sponsor of a current Thespian Troupe may run for the council.
3. Each student candidate will be given an opportunity to speak for up to two minutes at the State Thespian Conference. This MUST be a prepared speech.
4. Each Thespian troupe attending the State Conference will be given a ballot with the names of the candidates. Each troupe is allotted five (5) votes divided among several candidates.
5. Sponsor members of the council will be selected by the Thespian sponsors in attendance at the festival. Each troupe will be given five (5) votes divided among several candidates.
6. Ballots will be counted by the current Council.
7. The eight elected council members will be announced at the State Thespian conference.

ANNUAL EVENTS:
1. A mini-conference (Improvisation Tournament) will be held annually the third or fourth Saturday in September or as approved by the State Board at the preceding State Conference.
2. Three regional acting tournaments, northwest, northeast, and south, will be held annually the first Saturday in February or as approved by the State Board at the preceding State Conference.
3. The annual Oregon State Thespian Conference will be the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday of April, except if Easter falls on that weekend, then it will be the second weekend of April or as approved by the State Board at the preceding State Conference.