

## NET-OLÉ Rules Committee Meeting

April 8, 2011

Greetings. Members present: Elizabeth Porter, Cheryl Brown, Giovana Chagerben, Reta Horner, Fany Loftin, Gloria Smith, Marcy Hayden, J.D. Stutler, Christi Denney, Jeri Boles, Jeltje Hoekstra, Carolyn Vernon, Maryna Svirsk-Otero, Francisca Florent, Tiffany Muñoz.

### **1. Call to order.**

a. Spanish Contest Director Tiffany Muñoz welcomed all attendees to the NET-OLÉ Business meeting.

### **2. Approval of Minutes.**

Gloria Smith made a motion to approve last meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **3. New Business**

a. With the current situation, Philippe having left and there not being anyone at the university willing to take on coordinating the event, Elizabeth Porter suggested we continue working through Departments Chair to plan the event, reserve it and receive support such as college students helping during the competition.

b. Fany Loftin suggested having a professional meeting to discuss the upcoming NET-OLÉ competition, answer questions and resolve possible issues.

c. Tiffany Muñoz proposed that several CD player were purchased with the NET-OLÉ money. Motion carried.

d. Sheila Easley had sent a letter of concerns to the meeting, noting her concern with lack of communication. The German contest had been cancelled due to only one school being registered to compete. Cheryl Brown proposed that the vote should be a mail-in vote concerning what to do if there is only one school to participate in one of the competitions. This way all members are given the opportunity to be heard. Bylaws need to include information on this subject.

e. Clarification on such terms as Advantaged, Bilingual and Heritage speakers was held to assure that students are placed in the events appropriately. No matter the level of study of the students, they should be placed in the events according to their abilities.

f. Gloria Smith expressed a concern about Sight reading poetry event. It seemed difficult to judge and unfair to the students to have to read poems from different authors and of different levels of difficulty. Contest Directors will reevaluate the materials.

g. Suggestion was made to create assigned slots to schools on the sign-in sheets with the school numbers on them depending on how many students were registered to compete in each specific event.

h. All teachers must do their jobs and prepare their students by supplying the correct judges sheets filled out correctly, clearly explaining students' responsibilities of carrying a name tag with the school numbers and not wearing any identifiers of their schools other than the numbers.

i. It is not clear what should be done with school whose students do not comply with all the guidelines and requirements for the events. Proposal made to amend section I. point H. 3. to reflect that any student who does not comply with this requirement should be disqualified. Motion passed.

j. On the judges information it is necessary to change line "Levels Taught" to "Levels Currently Taught".

k. Motion to permit to enter one craft per level per language to ensure fair participation in this event. Motion passed. One member was opposed.

l. It was suggested that to create more free space for students to be during the competitions, the Headquarters could be moved to a different area. Contest Directors will consider the proposal.

m. Proposal to start the competition at 9:00. It was decided that judges should report at 9:00 am and competitions will begin at 9:30 IF there is room enough to hold all competitions within a reasonable period of time.

n. Include information in the bylaws that states that if a teacher takes students to the competition, the teacher must be present.

o. Motion to change Spelling entries from one to two. Motion passed. Change it on page 3 of letter A of section II of General Information.

p. Check the recordings on the website for the Spelling. Some appear to be corrupt.

q. Motion has been made that any one submitting their membership dues between December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 30 is to pay \$5 of late fee. After January 30<sup>th</sup> no membership enrollments are accepted. Change to be made on page 1 in I General Information, part C. Motion passed.

r. Add to number 6. On p.2 of letter F in I. General Information "..., but may not reflect the school name, mascot, colors, etc."

s. Cheryl Brown requested that contest materials be revised. Advantaged materials seem to be easier than the Advanced.

t. Gloria Smith requested that Reading Comprehension selections be reviewed and check answers.

u. Change Topics of Bilingual Prepared Speech to reflect aspects that the students are interested in.

v. Add "...will disqualify all the competitors for the event..." on number 5. in letter A. in section II of General Information.

w. Motion to include level of difficulty on the drama rating sheet as presented. Motion passed.

x. Motion to change general information in all competitions that have a memorization component. Instead of disqualifying the student, they will be rated on what they did. Motion passed.

y. Change wording in Vocal on p.8 to take off Heritage and Non-Heritage from Spanish. Create a separate rating sheet for French and German to include Classical. Look at the evaluation to redistribute the points in order to reduce number of points for pronunciation.

z. Take out Level information from Dance rating Sheet. Have Solo/Duet and Group. In instruction, correct the mistyping “traditional standards should be used...” Take out the wording “Both styles must be authenticated”. Create a separate score sheet for German and French to include Classical, Traditional and Modern.

#### **4. Questions or Comments.**

#### **5. Adjourning.**

Maryna Otero moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:57, and the motion was passed.