

## AMENDMENTS to the Student Advisory Committee Bylaws

### Article VI.

**SECTION III.** Standing Committees. The standing committees shall be: Category, Program Assistance, Communications, ~~and~~ Tournament Practices and Procedures, and Student Advisory.

1. The standing committees, other than Student Advisory, shall each consist of a Chairperson appointed by the President following the annual spring meeting, and members appointed by the chair of each committee.
2. Each committee, other than Student Advisory, shall represent at least three different member schools that are geographically representative of the membership to the extent feasible.
3. The Student Advisory Committee shall consist of a **one or more** coach Chairperson(s) appointed by the President following the annual spring meeting. Student representatives from different WFCA member schools shall be appointed to the committee in accordance with procedures in the Operating Bylaws under Awards.

### **Section IV.** Responsibilities of Standing Committees.

5. The **Student Advisory Committee** shall, under the guidance of the Chairperson, serve as liaisons between the WFCA student body and the Executive Committee. Members of the committee's responsibilities will include, but are not limited to: assisting in creating educational resources for WFCA membership, assisting in managing WFCA social media communications, soliciting and reporting student feedback, facilitating community outreach, and assisting the other standing committees in meeting their goals. Members of the committee will be invited to attend the spring and fall membership meetings and shall have a voice but no voting rights.

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## VI. AWARDS

5. THE WFCA STATE GRANT. Any team in good standing with the WFCA can apply for a grant for financial assistance to attend the WFCA State tournament. The Awards Committee will select grant recipients. Forms must be submitted to the Past President no later than March 15th. The criteria for selection will be as follows:

- a. Completion of the grant application
- b. Completion of coach questionnaire
- c. Completion of student essay

6. STUDENT OFFICERS. Any student who is currently in their second or higher season of competing with a WFCA affiliated forensic team, ~~and has not previously held this position,~~ is eligible to apply for a Student Officer position.

- a. The Awards Committee, **with the guidance of the coach chairperson(s) of the Student Advisory Committee**, will select Student Officers to join the Student Advisory Committee.
- b. Applications must be submitted to the Past-President ~~emailed~~ no later than February 15.

- c. Applicants shall be judged based on their letter of recommendation, video essay, leadership experience, forensics experience, and community service.
  - d. A maximum of ten student officers shall be selected by the Awards Committee
  - e. Students who have previously held the Student Officer position are welcome to reapply, but should not automatically be given a spot in the following year's committee
  - f. Selected Student Officers should (in descending order of importance):
    - i. Show passion and dedication for the WFCA
    - ii. Participate in a diverse range of forensics categories
    - iii. Represent geographically diverse schools
  - g. Multiple applications may be accepted from a single school, but there shall be efforts made to ensure that as many schools **as possible** are represented ~~as possible~~.
  - ~~h. Applicants will be notified of their decision prior to the state tournament.~~
  - i. The new Student Officers will be recognized at the state tournament, ~~where they will introduce themselves to the WFCA body.~~
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## Governance Procedures

### Officer Duties (Continued)

#### Presentation of Awards

11. Scholarship: These are given at the WFCA State Tournament. It was suggested that the coach be notified so that parents may attend this presentation if they wish. It is still advisable to let the recipients be surprised. The past-president or another designee should present these awards. The students are given a check from the WFCA.

12. William Hintz Memorial Award for Coaching Excellence: This award is given at the WFCA State Tournament. The previous recipient presents the award. It is a plaque obtained from Trophies and Treasures.

13. Hall of Fame: This award is presented at the Spring Convention by a person chosen by the Awards Committee. It was suggested that this recognition could also be added to the awards at the WFCA State Tournament.

14. Milestones.

15. Student Officers: New Student Officers are recognized at the WFCA state tournament. **It is advisable to let the recipients be surprised.** Student Officers are announced by their immediate predecessors.

## **WFCA Student Officer Application**

*At the state tournament, the Wisconsin Forensics Coaches' Association will appoint ~~3~~ **a maximum of ten** applicants to join the ~~Executive Board~~ **Student Advisory Committee** as Student Officers for the following season.*

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must attend a WFCA member school, and be competing in their second (or higher) year of **high school-level** forensics.
2. Students cannot apply in their graduating year.

### **Directions to Student Applicants:**

1. Complete the Student & School Information, Service Experience and Activity Summary forms. A PDF form is available on the WFCA website at [www.wfcaforensics.org](http://www.wfcaforensics.org)
2. Record a video essay lasting no longer than 3 minutes, addressing this topic:  
**How has forensics impacted your life? What changes would you like to see in the WFCA?**
3. Upload the video essay to YouTube as an unlisted video. Title the video "*First Name, Last Name, Application Year, 'WFCA Student Officer Application'.*"  
3a. For example, "*Jane Doe 2024 WFCA Student Officer Application*".
4. Obtain a letter of recommendation from a coach of your forensics team. Letters of recommendation must be emailed to the Past-President of the WFCA from the coach's email account by the deadline listed below. Please do not submit additional letters of recommendation.

### **Submission Instructions:**

All application materials **MUST BE EMAILED** no later than 7pm on FEBRUARY 15 of the current school year to the Past-President of the WFCA. The Past-President's email address is listed in the Officer contact information on [www.wfcaforensics.org](http://www.wfcaforensics.org).

*The Awards Committee will not consider materials received after 7pm on February 15. An incomplete application will disqualify the student from consideration.*

**Student Information**

Name:

Home Address:

Email:

**School Information**

Name of current school:

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Mailing address of current school:

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Other high schools you attended (if any):

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**Service Experience**

In under 200 words, please detail for the committee your experience in serving your community, both inside of forensics and in your community at large.

## **Activity Summary**

*Attach Additional Pages if Necessary*

**Forensics Background:** In under 250 words, detail your experience in forensics. Include competitive categories you've tried, accolades received, and State or National Tournament experience.

**Leadership Experience:** In under 75 words each, briefly describe up to three leadership positions you have held either in your school, extracurricular activities, or community.