

# Minutes of the 2021-22 Journalism Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 5, 2022

The IHSA Journalism Advisory Committee meeting was held via video conference call on Thursday, May 5, 2022, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Advisory committee members in attendance: Division 2 Kim Glaser, Palatine (H.S.), Activities Director; Division 4 Susan Bookless, Galena, Adviser; Division 5 Felicia Tufano, Urbana (H.S.), Adviser; Division 6 Karen Stevens, Washington, Principal; Division 7 Jenny Donohue, Carterville, Adviser. IHSA Asst. Executive Director Matt Troha conducted the meeting.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

No terms & conditions recommendations.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

No administrative recommendations.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Matt Troha recapped the 2022 State Series for the committee.
2. Matt explained that a lack of computers at potential host venues led the IHSA to have to conduct Sectionals virtually in 2022 and also created issues at State. He questioned whether allowing students to compete with their own personal/school devices would help alleviate some of these issues.
3. Matt explained that if schools support allowing students/schools to provide their own devices to compete on, the Terms & Conditions will need many updates. He would anticipate that occurring over the summer and being ready to be reviewed, tweaked, and voted upon in the fall.
4. Matt explained that if schools support allowing students/schools to provide their own devices to compete on, the tournament would move strictly to submitting work via Google Drives in all applicable events and outfitting judges with technology to judge the work there. This would allow for all design categories to be judged in color. Matt noted they may look to go this route with judging regardless.
5. The committee instructed Matt to survey school advisers on #2 above, as well as the future format of the State Series, whether technology should be allowed in the Advertising event, and the naming of the Broadcast News event.
6. The committee recommended that if Sectionals remain, or are ever conducted virtually again in the future, that the IHSA hold the awards video call in the middle of the school day. Advisers on the call said they believe most administrations would support allowing their students to be exempt from class so they can watch the ceremony together.
7. The committee recommended that if Sectionals remain, or are ever conducted virtually again in the future, that the IHSA continue to use a devoted website to the Sectionals where they can share information, post prompts, etc. as they did in 2022.
8. The committee discussed the use of a digital version of the AP Stylebook in the State Series.
9. Matt explained that he will distribute the survey and then based on its results, coordinate the next meeting and potential voting on items from the survey by the advisory committee.