

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
**JOURNALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of June 19, 2017 Meeting

The Journalism Advisory Committee met on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the NSAA Office.

Committee members present were Andrea Collinson, Sandy Creek (District 1); Marsha Kalkowski, Omaha Marian (District 2); Kristen Harris, McCook (District 5); and Janelle Schultz, Gering (District 6). District 4 committee member Beth Kavan and NHSPA President Terry Pitkin were absent.

The committee discussed and reviewed the 2017 NSAA State Journalism contest. Suggestions were made regarding the schedule, the length of the awards ceremony, the event criteria, and the contest prompts. It was also reported that the NSAA State Journalism Championship for 2018, 2019 and 2020 will be held at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

The committee discussed the recently approved broadcast categories (news story, sports story, feature story, and PSA). These four categories will be preliminary submissions only and will follow all other state contest rules.

The committee reviewed requests to allow the use of online layout software at the state contest, and to allow one student to submit multiple preliminary entries in one category. After much discussion it was decided not to change the current guidelines.

Increasing participation by NSAA member schools was also discussed. It was reported that the NHSPA has begun a campaign to also increase participation.

The next NSAA Journalism Advisory Committee meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. The NSAA will be forming a separate committee to assist in writing future contest prompts.

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