

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
JOURNALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 14, 2018 Meeting

The Journalism Advisory Committee met on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the NSAA Office.

Committee members present were Sandy Severance, Dorchester (District 1); Marsha Kalkowski, Omaha Marian (District 2); Beth Kavan, Northwest (District 4); Kristen Harris, McCook (District 5); and Terry Pitkin, Scottsbluff (District 6).

Beginning this year, journalism will be divided into three classifications. The committee discussed whether to divide the three classes equally, to use enrollment ranges, or determine a set number of schools in each class. The committee recommended dividing the three classes based on enrollment ranges.

The committee reviewed the 18 categories contested at the state championship. For logistical reasons, the committee recommended moving Newspaper Layout, Yearbook Layout, News/Feature Photography, Info Graphic and Photo/Artistic Illustration to preliminary only categories. It was recommended three photos per entry be submitted for both photography categories versus the current requirement of two photos per entry. The committee also discussed clarifying that the broadcast categories may involve more than two students, but only two students shall be credited for the entry.

The top eight will qualify for state (in those categories contested on-site) with all qualifiers receiving medals. The top eight in preliminary only categories will receive medals at the awards ceremony at the state contest. In addition, sweepstakes points will be given for all eight places. It was agreed to continue with separate awards ceremonies for each class.

It was also reported that the 2019 NSAA State Journalism Championship will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

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