

National Forensic League

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Nomination of Candidates

Nomination of candidates for National Council has now been closed. In those Districts where several candidates have been nominated the names are being referred at this time to the Active Members for preferential voting. Attention is especially directed to the fact that the votes must be in the Secretary's office before April 1st.

In Districts where only one candidate has been nominated the person's name will go directly onto the final ballot and there will, of course, need to be no voting at this time.

The candidates chosen at this time will be voted on by the entire Active Membership during April for the election of National Officers. General Order No. 8 providing for this election is published in full herewith. As it will not be published again this year it is requested that chapter officers preserve the copy for guidance in the voting procedure in the election taking place in April.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

Election of National Officers for 1927 shall be held as follows:

1. Before March 1, 1927, each Chapter shall nominate as candidate for National Officer one member and submit with the nomination a statement not exceeding two hundred words setting forth the person's qualifications.

2. The National Secretary shall mail to each Chapter before March 10th a list of the persons nominated in that District and a copy of the statement accompanying each nomination. The names of the candidates shall be arranged in the order in which the nominations were received by the National Secretary.

3. The Active members of each Chapter shall then vote by preferential ballot upon the candidates in that District, indicating on each ballot first, second, and third choice, and return the ballots to the National Secretary before April 1.

4. The National Secretary shall count the ballots as provided in Regulation No. 9 and immediately report the result to the Chapters, listing all the persons voted for and the number of votes cast for each. The person receiving the highest number of votes shall be the candidate from that District.

5. If the candidates from all the Districts do not contain the names of at least two students then the necessary number of students shall be added to the list from the students receiving the highest number of votes in the previous ballot.

6. The names of all the candidates shall then be listed on the ballot four times, the order to be determined by lot, once for each of the four officers to be chosen. The Active Members shall then vote for one to

be president, one to be vice-president, and two to be national directors, and may vote for the same person for more than one office. The voter shall indicate one first choice for each office and as many additional choices as he desires and shall number the choices for each office in the order of his preference. The Chapters shall return the original ballots to the National Secretary before May 1, 1927.

7. The National Secretary shall count the ballots according to the provisions of Regulation No. 9 and declare the persons elected as follows: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for president shall be National President, and his name shall then be stricken from the lists of candidates for the succeeding offices. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for vice-president shall be National Vice-President, and his name shall then be stricken from the lists of candidates for the succeeding offices. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for national director shall be National Director, and his name shall be stricken from the list of candidates for the succeeding office. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the second national director shall be National Director, provided that one of the four persons thus elected is a student, otherwise the second National Director shall be the student who received the highest number of votes for that office.

8. In the event of a tie such tie shall be resolved by lot to be drawn by two disinterested persons appointed by the National Secretary.

Approved by__

Disapproved by—

A Proposed Amendment

For some time the members of the Executive Council have felt that our system of credit points for debate was somewhat unfair in that it gave a disproportionate number of points for a non-decision debate as compared with the number awarded to the members of a losing team. As most non-decision debates appear to be merely preliminary or "practice" debates it has been deemed unjust that such a debate should entitle the participants to more credit than an actual league contest in which the team loses by a narrow margin. Therefore the following amendment to the constitution is proposed by unanimous vote of the Executive Council and submitted to the Active Members for ratification or rejection. A majority of the votes of all Active Members must be cast in favor to adopt the amendment.

Amendment II

"To amend Article IV, Section B, by striking out the figures "9, 8, 7" as credit points for members of non-decision teams and inserting in place thereof the figures "6, 5, 4," respectively, so that the number of credit points awarded to members of non-decision debate teams shall be the same as the number awarded to the members of a losing team.

Ballots for the voting on this amendment will be sent all Chapters next month. Meanwhile the members are asked to consider it and discuss it at Chapter meetings. Furthermore the columns of this Bulletin will be open to any member of Chapter desiring to express

view or arguments for or against the proposal. Such matter for insertion in the April Bulletin should be sent to the Secretary not later than March 31 and should, by the limited size of the Bulletin, be brief and to the point.

Annual Dues

As announced in the February Bulletin the list of Chapters from whom the annual dues have not been received up to this time is herewith published as a kindly reminder to those chapters to take up the matter immediately. The amount is one dollar a year.

Akron	Estherville	Madison	Provo
Allentown No. 4	Eugene	Mankato, Minn.	Redfield
Alpena	Florence	Mankato, Kan.	Redland
Arcadia	Freehold	Marion	Richland Center
Ashland, Kansas	Garden City	Maryville	Ruthven
Belle Fourche	Geddes	Mason City	Salt Lake City
Bucyrus	Grants Pass	Maywood	Saratoga Springs
Burke	Hartsville	Mendota	Scottsdale
Butte	Highmore	New Richmond	Selby
Center	Homer City	Norristown	Shreveport
Charleston	Hornell	Oconto Falls	Spokane
Cherryvale	Huron	Oneonta	Stockton
Chippewa Falls	Irene	Painesville	Troy
Cleveland	Ishpeming	Parkland	Warren
Cleveland Heights	Jetmore	Payne	Watertown
Clinton	Kingston	Pekin	Waupun
Eagle Grove	Lake Preston	Perryopolis	West Orange
Edgerton	Lancaster	Plymouth	Whitehall
Elk City	Laredo	Ponca City	Wilson
	Luray	Portland	

And all Chapters established this year except Catasauqua, Baxter Springs, Gladstone and Howell.

Chapter Reinstated

By vote of the Executive Council the Charleston Chapter was reinstated on February 28th.

New Chapters

The following Chapters have been authorized during February:

150 Saginaw, Michigan	153 Edgewood, Illinois
Arthur Hill High School	154 Paola, Kansas
151 Stillwater, Minnesota	155 Montrose, South Dakota
152 Elma, Washington	156 Hutchinson, Kansas

Cuts of the Key

Chapters desiring cuts of the N.F.L. key for use in school publications can secure such zinc etchings from the Secretary for \$1.50 each.

Advanced Degrees

The following Advanced Degrees have been granted during February:

DEGREE OF DISTINCTION

Brydon Myers	Clarion, Iowa
Ormond Reiff	Oakland, Nebraska

DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE

Mabel Kline	Hampton, Iowa
Gerhold Hirtzel	Redfield, South Dakota
Marietta Kettunen	Ishpeming, Michigan
John W. Tremaine	Eagle Grove, Iowa
Doris Force	Oakland, Nebraska
Ormond Reiff	Oakland, Nebraska

DEGREE OF HONOR

Mr. Emery L. Kimball	Cicero, Illinois
Otto Kolubek	Cicero, Illinois
Gail Shearer	Hampton, Iowa
Mabel Kline	Hampton, Iowa
Cora May Humphrey	Guthrie, Oklahoma
Bernese Smith	Beloit, Kansas
Louise Bardrick	Beloit, Kansas
Dorothy Glass	Fredonia, Kansas
Elizabeth Kee	Gladstone, Michigan
Russell Skellenger	Gladstone, Michigan
Reno Payne	Gladstone, Michigan
Hildred Ross	Redfield, South Dakota
Harold French	Redfield, South Dakota
Gerhold Hirtzel	Redfield, South Dakota
Marietta Kettunen	Ishpeming, Michigan
Frank Hertel	Burlington, Iowa
Nancy McComb	Webster Groves, Missouri
Doris Force	Oakland, Nebraska
Maxine I. Schaeffer	Eagle Grove, Iowa
Ormond Reiff	Oakland, Nebraska

Extra Votes

The following members having secured 150 credit points are entitled to cast an extra vote in all local and national affairs:

Marie Kendall—172	Plano, South Dakota
Verlin McMahon—158	Clarion, Iowa
Brydon Myers—160	Clarion, Iowa
E. Frank Walker—154	Clarion, Iowa

Summary Statement

	<i>New</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chapters	7	154
Members	98	1200
Emblems Ordered	54	844
Reports of Contests	245	2745
Memoranda Issued	532	2986
Degrees Granted:		
Honor	20	198
Excellence	5	65
Distinction	2	24