

Hello, Kentucky NSDA:

1. **AUDIT/NATIONALS REGISTRATION.** Our audit for the District tournament has cleared. That means we are good to go for registering for Nationals, etc. Those of you who have kids going to Nationals will get an email from me about that right after this one. Remember that you can see the district tournament results at www.kynsda.org as well as pictures from the schools who submitted them from Districts (thanks Hazard, Trinity, Danville, and Murray!).
2. **ELECTIONS.** Very soon, a portal will open for you on the Points Application at the NSDA website. Head coaches (and only one coach per school) will have the opportunity to vote for the District Committee members for next year. Coaches with three diamonds or more may also vote for the National Hall of Fame, whose nominees have been announced to them by mail sent out Saturday.

District Elections:

The Kentucky District committee has evolved quite a bit over the last several years from being simply a group that helped the Chair at tournament time as needed to a group that does that (much more intensely than in the past) to also being active leaders in SPEAK activities. It's work. But it's excellent work. If you would like to alert the rest of the District that you would be willing to serve on this Board, please Reply to All to this message and let folks know by Monday, April 10. I hope everyone will wait to vote until April 10 at the earliest so we may see who is actually interested in doing this work. In your email, I would encourage you to state whether you'd like to serve on the Committee, serve as Chair, or are open to either.

As I told you last year, this was my last year being your District Chair. I have enjoyed it greatly and been proud to serve you, but with retirement possible for me in the near future (not sure when yet, but I get options soon), I'd like to help the new folks learn the ropes. I have high hopes Centre will continue to sponsor the tournament after this year, and I do hope you will elect me to be on the Committee so I can be an active leader and help the new Chair easily. I plan to spend time before my term officially ends in September breaking down all the duties as they have evolved in the Kentucky version of this position, making suggestions for a more committee-based approach, and just trying to put everything in place for a seamless transition.

3. **SPEAK LOCALLY:** One area I plan to stay very involved as a leader is with the SPEAK Conference (in even years) and SPEAK Locally in odd years. Stay tuned for more information about SPEAK Locally over the summer. www.kyspeak.org

Many of you are on Spring Break like me this week or will be next week. May it be awesome or continue as such!

Yours –

Steve Meadows, Danville HS, Kentucky District Chair of the National Speech and Debate Association