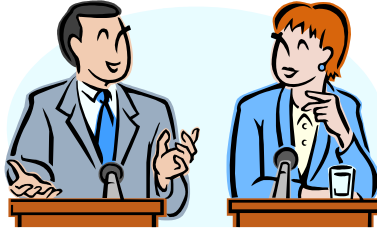


State Officer Candidates...Information You Need to Know!!



As you prepare to run for a position on the state officer team, please be mindful of the following:

You are running for a position on the High School or College/ Postsecondary Team. This is called an “At Large Office.” You will **not** run for a specific office. Newly elected state officers will determine their specific office at State Officer Training at the Mid-America Leadership Conference in Columbus, NE. **High School officers will serve from October 4, 2007 through June 1, 2008. College/Postsecondary officers will serve from October 3, 2007 through August 2008.**

Application Form

Your lead school advisor has this form. Complete this form including all required signatures. The completed form must be submitted by September 27th.

Your Speech

Prepare and practice a 2-minute speech to be presented to the voting delegates, advisors and other participants in a general session in Hesston. Refer to “State Officer Candidates Public Speaking” flyer for some Helpful Hints.

Your Campaign Materials

You will be elected to state office based on your interactions with the voting delegates more than the elaborateness of campaign “stuff” you handout. Your speech, answers to the Problematic Questions (same questions asked of each candidate in each division) and the Impromptu Questions (different question to each candidate) and responses to the district officers’ questions will be your most important asset. That being said...

- ✓ Do not bring: Candy, gum, lollipops or any other type of food to be given out.

- ✓ You may bring the following:
 - 2 posters (36" x 36" max).
 - Flyers, handouts, brochures, campaign buttons, business cards, etc. 75 should be enough of any type for voting delegates and other student members at this conference.

Posters may not be stapled, thumb tacked, or affixed to the wall of the Crosswind Conference Center. Blue painters tape will be available to temporarily hang your posters. All other materials must be passed out to the voting delegates.

All campaign materials must be brought to the Candidates' Orientation Meeting to be checked in and approved prior to distribution. Inappropriate or offensive materials will be confiscated by the State Director and sent to the principal or school director. A maximum of \$50.00 is allowed for all campaign materials. This includes the "fair market value" of materials donated or provided by your school, family, friends, club, employers, etc. PLEASE, DO NOT GO OVERBOARD ON THIS MATERIAL!

Candidates' Knowledge Test

All state officer candidates will take this test at the Candidates' Orientation Meeting. This is a 20-question multiple choice test on general SkillsUSA information. A score of 70% is expected for each candidate. The score from this test will be used as a tie-breaker if needed. Refer to the "Resources for State Officer Candidates."

Official Dress

It is recommended that candidates bring and wear official dress for all sessions at this conference. See Official Dress handout or go to www.skillsusa.org and enter "official dress" in the search window!

No campaigning until after the Candidates' Orientation Meeting and Knowledge Testing. That means...no posters, flyers, handouts, campaign buttons, etc. until the official ballot is posted in the Registration Area. You will be disqualified if your campaign begins prior to the posting of the official ballot, no exceptions.

Please feel free to contact the State Director with questions or concerns at 785.296.1067 or awick@ksde.org