

## Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting

April 13, 2016 – 4:30 pm

Geno's Steakhouse

121 West 1st Street

Wayne, NE

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call

<u>Lewis Division</u>	<u>Clark Division</u>
Allen	Bloomfield
Emerson-Hubbard	Creighton
Homer	Hartington - Newcastle
LCC	Osmond
Ponca	Plainview
Wakefield	Randolph
Walthill	Wausa
Winnebago	Winside
	Wynot
- III. Approve April 13, 2016 Agenda – (Available Online)
- IV. Approve February 17, 2016 Minutes – (Available Online)
- V. Approve April 13, 2016 Treasurer's Report – (Available Online)
- VI. Action Items
  - A. Approve the 2016-2017 calendar which includes sites for conference activities to the extent possible (Exhibit A).
  - B. Approve the officers for the 2016-2017 school year (President and Vice President are on rotation) Secretary and Treasurer need to be approved.
  - C. **Instrumental Music:** Upon mutual decision at the October band director's meeting, students may be added to help fill the vacant seats for instrumentation in each band. The director's will rate the level of musicianship of the proposed additional students by the following checklist of criteria: ability to play scales, sight reading skills, instrument range, if they take lessons, previous honor band experience, and previous all-state experience.

**Rationale:** Some schools are not able to bring their full ten students due to declining enrollment. Also in order to ensure full instrumentation of the bands, the schools should be able to bring more students as long as it is beneficial.
  - D. **Vocal Music:** Directors would like to change the time of the vocal music concert from 7:00p.m. to 5:00 or 5:30p.m. (Exhibit B)

**Rationale:** Please see the attached spreadsheet on reasoning and time suggestions
  - E. **Move the due date for the Principal Award Winners:** Section XIX Academic Contest ~ Section III ~ letter a. Principal's award. Recommendation to have due in the hands of the conference president at least seven (7) days prior to the April meeting of the executive council which is also the due date for the superintendent's award.

**Rationale:** Gives principal's more time to make sure first semester grades are correct and it is easier to remember due dates for both the superintendent and the principal awards due at the same time.

- F. **Superintendent's and Principal Award Winners:** Section XIX Academic Contest~Section III~ letter b. Principal's award. Recommendation to add the Ponca Journal Leader and the South Sioux City Star to the list of media to send the award winner names for principal and superintendent award.

**Rationale:** The Ponca Journal Leader and the South Sioux City Star covers: Allen, Emerson-Hubbard, Homer, Hartington-Newcastle, Ponca, Wakefield, Walthill, Winnebago, and Wynot.

- G. **Rescinding proposal:** The conference athletic directors recommend rescinding the proposal to make the conference into two divisions in volleyball and basketball. The athletic directors recommend keeping the three division format for volleyball and basketball.

**Rational:**

1. There was no clear direction in the proposal how to split the divisions.
2. The proposal came from the boys basketball coaches who seemed unhappy with the number of all conference selections. (See next Proposal)
3. Much of the discussion was centered on what was the fairest way to make the two divisions split.

- H. **Reduce Number of all conference athletes:** The conference athletic directors propose the conference volleyball all-conference teams be reduced from 12 all-conference athletes to 10 all-conference athletes. The basketball all-conference teams are reduced from 10 all-conference athletes to 8 all-conference athletes.

**Rational:** To make it more of an honor.

VII. Proposals

- A. **Speech Proposal #1:** Modify the format of the conference speech meet to include two rounds of preliminary competition. Determine finalists based on NSAA's district speech tie-breaking rules.

**Rationale:** This two-round format is the same as what the district meet AND the state meet follow, as do most meets that schools attend all season long. A second round provides a second judge's opinion, which creates a more fair method of determining finalists. It also means competitors will face different contestants the second round. Considering the large number of schools competing in this conference, a second round of competition again creates a more fair distribution of contestants over two rounds, which increases the odds that the top entries make the final. Under the current method, we have no way of "seeding" the individual entries, so it is quite possible that the "top" 3 or 4 entries in an event could be placed in the same preliminary section. Under our current system, it is a "one-shot" only chance, as only two of those from that section would advance to the final. Furthermore, this method results in 8 entries making finals, when the typical number for a finals round is 6 (as 8 creates a challenge for finals' judges). Under the proposed method, the entry which receives third in one preliminary round (or even fourth in some cases) could still qualify for the final round by achieving a good result in the additional preliminary round. This proposal allows for the natural subjectivity of the activity, while still helping the best entries get to the final round. Cost: The conference would need to hire 8 additional judges. This could cost the conference approximately \$1300 dollars. In other conferences, the schools pay a small fee to offset this cost.

- B. **Speech Proposal #2:** Provided that we would move to a two-round format, we would modify the finals of the conference speech meet to have a championship final of 6 entries with two hired judges and an honors final of 6 entries with one coach from the conference schools to serve as a judge. Modify the sweepstakes of the conference speech meet for the championship final to include 20 points for 1st, decreasing by 2 points each place to get to 10 points for 6th. The honors final would not score in the team placing. Continue with the current preliminary round scoring.

**Rationale:** A final of 8 entries is simply too large. The standard final entry is 6. This is also the format the district meet follows for scoring and finalists. Finals would only go beyond 6 if there was an unbreakable tie. This also allows more students to have final round with a chance to compete and get feedback from judges one more time. It will also help quell the concerns of those coaches who would like to split the conference for speech. Cost: No additional cost to this proposal for judges. There would be an increase in costs for medals.

- C. **Speech Proposal #3:** Modify the finals of the conference speech meet to have a championship final of 6 entries with two hired judges and an honors final of 6 entries with one hired judge. Modify the sweepstakes of the conference speech meet for the championship final to include 20 points for 1st, decreasing by 2 points each place to get to 10 points for 6th. Use the scoring of 8-6-4-3-2-1 for the honors final. Continue with the current preliminary round scoring.

**Rationale:** This relates to proposal #2, but with a hired judge and not one of the coaches serving as a judge. This allows for team scoring from the honors final because the judges in those finals would then have nothing at stake for the team score. Cost: This would cost the conference an additional \$180.

- D. **Speech Proposal #3:** Move the date of the conference speech meet to a week day to be determined by the conference administrators.

**Rationale:** The current change in format for our meet as well as other conference speech meets (the East Husker has now moved to hire 20 judges) will make it slightly more difficult to find judges for the conference speech meet if we move to 20 judges. Cost: No cost to the conference, but a school would have to give up a school day once every 17 years.

- E. **Conference Academic Contest:** Propose for the conference to purchase two time trackers (a visual timer and clock).

**Rationale:** Students need to be able to see how much time is left. The one that the directors choose has a timer with three colors to show progress of time: green, yellow and red. The cost per unit is \$38.95 for a total of \$77.90.

## VIII. Discussion Items

- A. New Rotation for the Semi-Finals

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
2016-17	Winnebago	Ponca
2017-18	Randolph	Hartington
2018-19	Hartington	Randolph
2019-20	Ponca	Winnebago
2020-21	Hartington	Ponca
2021-22	Winnebago	Randolph

- B. Conference tournament seeding for volleyball and boys and girls basketball. Change seeding from straight power points to adjusted power points subtracting any bonus points for playing up classification levels.

Seeds on an equitable level. The way it sets now, a C2 team and a D2 team can both beat the same C2 team. The D2 team gets 3 extra points. Is that fair in our scenario?

- C. Hosting semi-final games in the conference tournament Hosting sites for conference tournament gym size and locker room issues

- D. Need to setup special meeting to setup schedules etc. for the 2018-2019 school year. Two divisions

IX. VIII. Reports

- A. Conference Speech Contest (AJ Johnson or host school Wakefield)
- B. All conference basketball (Allen and Wakefield)
- C. Conference Track Meet (Hartington)
- D. Conference Golf (Hartington)
- E. Reimbursement of 2015-16 activity directors and conference secretary as stated in constitution. (Winnebago)
- F. Constitution Revision Report (Osmond)

**Reminder:**

The next administrative meeting will be held September 14, at 4:30p.m. at Geno's in Wayne.

- X. Meeting Adjourned

**Attachments:**

- A. Exhibit A: 2016-2017 Calendar
- B. Exhibit B: Vocal survey for time change

# LEWIS AND CLARK CONFERENCE ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## 2016-2017

(Updated April 7, 2016)

DATE	EVENT	TIME
8/17/2016 (Wed.)	Activity Sponsors Annual Dinner (Randolph to decide)	6:30 p.m.
	Activity Sponsors Annual Meeting Randolph to decide)	7:00 p.m.
9/14/2016 (Wed.)	Administrators Meeting - Geno's in Wayne.	4:30 p.m.
10/7/2016 (Fri.)	Conference Cross Country Meet at Wausa (Rolling Hills Country Club)	4:00 p.m.
10/12/2016 (Wed.)	Conference Instrumental Directors Meeting at Laurel	2:30 p.m.
10/22/2016 (Sat.)	Conference Volleyball Tournament - 1st Rd. and Consolation Rd. (4 or 5 games at each site)	2:00 p.m.
10/24/2016 (Mon.)	Conference Volleyball Tournament - 2nd Round at Hartington	5:30 p.m.
10/25/2016 (Tues.)	Conference Volleyball Tournament - Consolation and Finals at L.C.C.	5:30 p.m.
11/7/2016 (Mon.)	Vocal Music Clinic - (Lewis at Ponca) - (Clark at Plainview)	7:00 p.m.
11/9/2016 (Wed.)	Academic Contest - at Wayne State (Winside, Plainview, Ponca and Wakefield)	TBA
11/15/2016 (Tues.)	All Conference Volleyball Selection - at Wakefield	7:00 p.m.
11/15/2016 (Tues.)	One Act Play - (Lewis at LCC) - (Clark at Wausa)	8:30 a.m.
11/30/2016 (Wed.)	Administrators Meeting - Geno's in Wayne.	4:30 p.m.
12/15/2016 (Thur.)	Jim Winch Award Winner Names and Bio Given to Conference President	8:00 a.m.
1/19/2017 (Thur.)	Conference Wrestling Meet at Winside	1:00 p.m.
1/21/2017 (Sat.)	Instrumental Music Clinic at Wayne State College (E-H / Bloomfield)	4:30 p.m.
1/27/2017 (Fri.)	Conf. Girl/Boy Basketball Play in Round (Girls 16th seed to host)	6:00 p.m.
1/28/2017 (Sat.)	Conf. Girls Basketball Tournament - 1st Rnd - TBA	6:00 p.m.
1/30/2017 (Mon.)	Conf. Boys Basketball Tournament - 1st Rnd - TBA	6:00 p.m.
1/31/2017 (Tues.)	Conf. Girls Basketball Tournament - 2nd Rnd at Wakefield / Winside	6:00 p.m.
1/31/2017 (Tues.)	Conf. Girls Basketball Tournament Consolation Rnd at Homer / Creighton	6:00 p.m.
2/2/2017 (Thurs.)	Conf. Boys Basketball Tournament - 2nd Rnd at Hartington / Homer	6:00 p.m.
2/2/2017 (Thurs.)	Conf. Boys Basketball Tournament Consolation Rd at LCC / Allen	6:00 p.m.
2/3/2017 (Fri.)	Conf. Girls Basketball Tournament Semi-Final Rd at Winnebago	6:00 p.m.
2/4/2017 (Sat.)	Conf. Boys Basketball Tournament Semi-Final Rd at Ponca	6:00 p.m.
2/6/2017 (Mon.)	Conf. Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament Championship - Laurel	6:00 p.m.
2/8/2017 (Wed.)	Snow Date for the Basketball Tournament Championship	6:00 p.m.
2/15/2017 (Wed.)	Administrators Meeting - Geno's in Wayne.	4:30 p.m.
2/20-24/2017 (M-F)	Conference Art Show at Wayne State College (Plainview)	12:00 p.m.
2/25/2017 (Sat.)	Conference Speech at Plainview	9:30 a.m.
3/6/2017 (Mon.)	(Snow Date for Conference Speech Contest)	9:30 a.m.
3/6/2017 (Mon.)	All Conference Basketball Selection at Allen	7:00 p.m.
4/5/2017 (Wed.)	Superintendent and Principal Award Winners Given to Conference President	8:00 a.m.
4/12/2017 (Wed.)	Administrators Meeting - Geno's in Wayne.	4:30 p.m.
4/29/2017 (Sat.)	Conference Track Meet at LCC	9:30 a.m.
5/1/2017 (Mon.)	Rain Date -- Conference Track Meet at LCC	9:30 a.m.
5/1/2017 (Mon.)	Conference Golf Meet at Hartington	10:00 a.m.
5/10/2017 (Wed.)	Music Directors Meeting (at Laurel)	2:30 p.m.

Exhibit A

Timestamp	What school are you voting for	Are you in favor of moving up the time of the Conference vocal concert?	Are there any other concerns that should be brought up with the possible changes?
3/22/2016 9:19:52	creighton	Yes, 5:00pm	There is too much down time for kids at the 7:00 time.
3/22/2016 9:40:17	Hartington-Newcastle	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/22/2016 9:42:52	Bloomfield	Yes, 5:30pm	The only concern I have received from administration is parent ability to attend the concert. My feeling, if parents are given sufficient warning in advance of the concert times and the date of the honor choir, most parents will be able to make accommodations.
3/22/2016 10:13:47	Osmond	Yes, 5:00pm	Starting the day later.
3/22/2016 10:29:16	Homer	Yes, 5:00pm	It would allow schools to remove the extra work of feeding choir kids supper, help traveling students return back home at a reasonable time, and eliminate the wasted time in between the last rehearsal, supper, and the concert.
3/22/2016 11:12:48	Winnebago and Walthill	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/22/2016 14:04:29	Ponca	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/22/2016 14:18:06	Walthill	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/22/2016 20:53:49	Randolph	Yes, 5:30pm	There is so much time between concert performance and the last rehearsal. The day is too long. It is hard to find a clinician that will travel from a distance perform a concert at 7 pm then get home for work the next day. 5:30 would be better than 5 because it would allow parents to travel to event. It would be nice if it was held at WSC. Schools would not have to plan meals for the event. The day is just too long. There is too much down time. Schools hosting the event have to plan for 2 big meals for 250 people.
3/23/2016 8:53:18	Wausa	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/27/2016 23:17:57	Emerson -Hubbard	Yes, 5:00pm	Either 5:00 or 5:30 for me - Since I could not mark both.
3/28/2016 17:18:35	Wakefield Community	Yes, 5:30pm	
3/29/2016 14:02:03	Plainview	Yes, 5:00pm	Possibly even have a shorter day by having the start time be 10 or 11.
3/30/2016 7:05:25	Laurel Concord Coleridge	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/30/2016 7:33:29	Wynot	Yes, 5:00pm	
3/31/2016 8:49:35	Allen Consolidated	No, keep the concert at 7pm	

