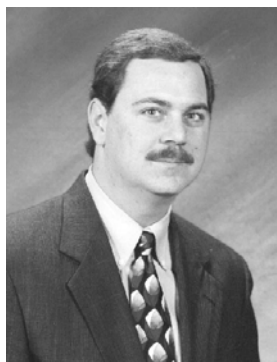
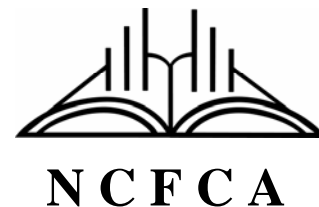


National Christian Forensics & Communications Association
President's Letter ♦ September 2006



Dear NCFCA Affiliate Families,

At many times in life, whether in sports or other endeavors, we are called upon to choose sides. We make many choices every day, and ultimately we do choose sides in some very important ways. Joshua Chapter 24 exhorts all of us to make good choices, and Verse 15 in particular tells us to "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve..." In context, Joshua is encouraging God's chosen people to make the ultimate choice between serving the Lord and serving evil. In our daily lives we really do make these types of choices, and we should be careful to make these choices well. Consider daily how to make the best choices possible, whether in pursuit of communications excellence or other pursuits. We would all be best served to follow Joshua's choice, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The affiliates have spoken, and the votes for the Individual Events Wildcard Event have been counted. In answer to the first question on whether to have an IE Wildcard, the affiliates have voted "YES". The Wildcard Event for the 2006-2007 season will be Thematic Interpretation. Look for addition of the Thematic Interpretation event documents to the NCFCA Speech Page in the near future.

Thanks to all of the NCFCA affiliates who participated in the Wildcard Event election, and thanks to the affiliates who took the time to send comments in to the IE Committee and to the Debate Committee. These comments have been forwarded to the appropriate committees for consideration in future program and rules reviews.

A new FAQ has been posted to the website to answer some of the commonly asked questions concerning NCFCA student eligibility issues. NCFCA maintains a committee which annually reviews the participation eligibility rules and considers requests for clarifications to those rules. The most common of these questions is answered in the Eligibility FAQ. If you have a situation which does not appear to be covered by the FAQ, please send an e-mail to the NCFCA office, office@NCFCA.org to get an answer.

And last but not least, plans are still being finalized for the National Opens and also the National Championship for this upcoming season. We had hoped to get definitive information out before Labor Day, but completing the review process has taken much longer than expected. Please be assured that as we finalize these plans the information will be posted to the website. Thanks for your patience.

Grace & Peace,

