

## AFA-NIET NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

**From:** American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament  
**To:** American Forensics Association National Speech Tournament

**Proposal:** To change the name of the AFA Charter Committee and Tournament from the American Forensics Association's National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) to the American Forensics Association's National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST).

**Rational:** The name of the National Individual Events Tournament is confusing to those outside of the speech community. The National Speech Tournament is a name easily understood by those within and outside the speech community. The AFA-National Speech Tournament name mirrors the AFA-National Debate Tournament.

### AFA Bylaw Changes:

Section VII: Committees

Subsection ii: Chartered Committees

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The following are Chartered Committees of this Association:

- **National Debate Tournament** The National Debate Tournament Committee shall have the responsibility for planning and conducting the National Debate Tournament.
- **National Debate Tournament Board of Trustees** The National Debate Tournament Board of Trustees shall be responsible for all financial matters pertaining to the National Debate Tournament including establishing a budget for each Tournament, establishing assessments and fees for subscribing schools, and negotiating and approving any agreements with hosting or sponsoring institutions contingent upon approval by the National Debate Tournament Committee. The Board shall have sole responsibility for all negotiations with any agent(s) financing the National Debate Tournament, and for establishing the legal framework appropriate for the execution of its duties. This Board shall consist of five members appointed by the President of this Association for five-year, staggered terms.
- **National Individual Events Speech Tournament** The National Individual Events Speech Tournament Committee shall have the responsibility for planning and conducting the National Individual Events Speech Tournament.
- **National Individual Events Speech Tournament Board of Trustees** The National Individual Events Speech Tournament Board of Trustees shall be responsible for all financial matters pertaining to the National Individual Events Tournament including establishing a budget for each Tournament, establishing assessments and fees for subscribing schools, and negotiating and approving any agreements with hosting or sponsoring institutions contingent upon approval by the National Individual Events Speech Tournament Committee. The Board shall have sole responsibility for all negotiations with any agent(s) financing the National Individual Events Speech Tournament, and for establishing the legal framework appropriate for the execution of its duties. This Board shall consist of five members appointed by the President of this Association for five-year, staggered terms.