

MINUTES CCCFA STATE MEETING – CONCORD, CA

MARCH 13TH 2026

COACHES ATTENDING (SIGNED IN):

Ryan Guy – Modesto
Christiaan Pipion – Irvine Valley
Rolland Petrello – Moorpark
Paul Villa – Diablo Valley
Nick Matthews – Cerritos
Thuy Pham – Mt SAC
Blake Longfellow – Orange Coast
Sean Connor – Orange Coast
Kyle Rivkin – Orange Coast
Justin Perkins – Cypress

Jen Page – Cypress
Kelly Hutchinson – Cypress
Zack Waters- Solano
Dewi Hokett – Palomar
Jordan Kay - Palomar
Josh Hamzehee – Santa Rosa
Robert Hawkins – Diablo Valley
Andrew Morgan – Diablo Valley
Grant Tovmassian – Rio Hondo
Patricia Hughes – Rio Hondo

August Jones – Rio Hondo
Adam Kaminsky – Canyons
Nathan Lawless-Steele – CCSF
Mack Sermon – Chabot
Caitlin Drees – Irvine Valley
Taure Shimp – Modesto
Eric Fletcher – Fresno City
Adriana La Fuente – Cerritos
Andrew Salazar – Chaffey
Steve Robertson – Contra Costa

- I. **Call to Order** – Ryan Guy, President
- II. **Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes** - Rolland Petrello, Secretary-Treasurer
- III. **Financial Report** - Rolland Petrello, Secretary-Treasurer
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **Discussion Item – Safety for Undocumented Students – Fletcher/Tovmasian**
President appointed an Ad Hoc committee to discuss safety at future tournaments
 - b. **CCCFA Honorary – Guy/Perkins – MSP**
Charter Ratified
 - c. **Tournament Location – Petrello/Longfellow - MSP**
Rotate the State Tournament between the northern and southern areas of the state. **If an acceptable bid** is not received from the area of the state whose turn it is to host, bids from other areas of the state shall be accepted.
 - d. **Tournament Schedule - Matthews/Villa – MSP**
The tournament director shall avoid scheduling a particular format of debate or interpreter's theatre in consecutive schedule blockson the same competition day, except when those rounds are randomly paired (i.e., rounds 1 and 2).
 - e. **Judge Philosophies - Tovmasian/Villa – MSP**
These philosophies will be made available on the Tournament Registration website. The Director(s) of Forensics at participating colleges will be responsible for completion of this mandatory requirement.
 - f. **Notecards - Tovmasian/Villa – MSP**
The size of notes/note cards used by the student should not be used as a means of evaluation of the student's speech. *(This is referencing RFD's, not ballot feedback)*
 - g. **Tabroom Staffing - Tovmasian/Villa – MSF**
Tournament Director shall insure that at least 1/2 of the tournament personnel were not in the tab room the previous year.
 - h. **Speed in Debate – Tovmasian/Villa – MSF**
Rate of speech in debate rounds should not have a deleterious effect on either student's ability to engage in this activity. Violations of this principle may result in the loss of a round in which the violation occurs.
 - i. **Canning – Tovmasian/Pham – MSF**
Add to canning prohibition - Examples should be varied to avoid self-plagiarism. Examples should not be used more than once during the tournament."
 - j. **Self Timing in LP - Hamzehee/Villa – MSF**
Notes on Timing a. Students may use their own timers to time themselves. Students can still request time signals from judges, and judges can still offer time signals if they choose. b. There shall be timing of these events in the final round.

k. Triple Entry - Hamzehee/Villa – MSP

Students shall not be entered in more than two events during the same scheduled timeslot and pattern. If two patterns are collapsed into one pattern (like B and D), 3 total events will be allowed in the collapsed pattern. Then, a student may select up to two events in one pattern and one event in the other. However, if a student is entered in extemporaneous speaking, the two event maximum will remain.

v. Bid for 2027 State – Petrello/Villa - MSP

Concord Hilton – March 10-14, 2026 - \$177 plus tax

vi. Elections - President-Elect – Joey Barrows San Joaquin Delta – Accepted by Acclamation