



## *M.L.F.A. Category Committee Report*

2011 Season

### Changes to Rules or Rubrics for 2011 Season:

1. Moments in History  
Time period: 1855-1875
2. Solo Humorous/Serious  
Pilot time (3 to 8 minutes) becomes permanent
3. Special Events
  - A. Situations will not change so remove line 2 from Rule # 1
  - B. Rule # 5: change 'provides opportunity' to 'requires' and drop last line.  
Add: 'One person's contribution should not appear to be significantly greater than the other (s).'
4. Prose, Poetry
  - A. Remove all reference to 'podium/reading stand, etc.' in Rule # 3.
  - B. Add to Rule #4: "Items found in the room like desks, chairs, podiums, stands, etc. . , are considered props and may NOT be used.
5. Storytelling:
  - A. Add to last sentence of Description of Category " and since storytelling styles vary , the storytellers may choose to sit or stand while telling their story, but they may not switch between sitting and standing as that would constitute using the chair as a prop."
  - B. Rule # 4: Add "Storytellers who choose to stand may move around freely when telling their stories."
6. Non-Original.
  - A. Insert 'and/or' for 'and' in line 1 of Description of Category, and also in line 2 'and/or' for and. It will now read: A presentation in this category will consist of one or more persuasive or inspirational speeches that have been written and/or delivered by someone other than the participant.

The speech may be presented from memory, and/or read from a manuscript. . . .

- B. Rule # 1: Add after the first sentence – “The speaker may read from or refer to the manuscript during the speech without penalty.”
- C. Rule # 4: Add 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence – “ Items found in the room like desks, chairs, podiums, stands, etc. . , are considered props and may NOT be used.

7. Informative:

Pilot of using visual aid becomes permanent.

8. Demonstration:

- A. Change time limit from 5-10 minutes to 4-8 minutes.
- B. Remove set-up and teardown from time limit
- C. Under Category title insert: Only time the actual speech, not the set-up and tear down.

9. Group Interpretation

Change time from 6-12 minutes to 5-10 minutes

10. Infomercial

Rule 5 – change ‘provides opportunity’ to ‘requires’ in first sentence, and drop last line. Add instead, ‘One person’s contribution should not appear to be significantly greater than the other.’

11. Special Events Presentation

A. Rule 2 now reads:

Prior to the presentation, the participant/s must announce their chosen situation. (ex: “We have chosen situation A, a vacation blog to Remulak”) This announcement must be brief and is not part of the presentation. The criteria for the chosen situation MUST be followed. (See Situation sheet for specific criteria for each situation)

B. Rubric now has a place to enter the situation chosen

C. The Special Events Presentation Situation Sheet must be included in all judging folders