

Illinois Speech and Theatre Association

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The 2007 state convention will be held October 18-20 in East Peoria, IL.

The 2008 state convention will be held October 16-18 in Bloomington, IL.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE: ISTA currently enrolls 296 members. 75% of the members are high school faculty, 10% are community and higher education faculty and 15% are students. Our membership has shown growth over the past two years after dropping to 200 members in 2004. Long term membership trends (10 years plus), show moderate growth since the losses of the late 90's to 2004 have been recently recovered. ISTA is financially stable and able to sponsor additional activities as noted later in this report.

ISTA nominated three panels from the 2006 convention to the States Advisory Council at NCA for consideration as part of the CSCA program selection. All three offerings were selected with "Communicating in 'MySpace': Challenges of Computer Mediated Communication" named as top program.

The Executive Board of ISTA nominated their 2006 winner of the Jerry Mathis Young Teacher of the Year, Anna Oxborrow, Washington High School, for the CSCA Outstanding New Teacher of the Year for 2007. ISTA provided Anna with a small travel grant to assist her in attending CSCA.

Additional Activities sponsored by ISTA:

High School I.E. Coaching Workshop, September 2006, at Illinois State University. This full day workshop had 30 attendees and focused on providing assistance to new coaches.

SCOTIE. Individual events tournament of champions for high school students. 300 students and 100 coaches attended this two day event at Illinois State University in February 2007. Students earned participation medals and 15 students earned scholarships to summer forensics camps.

SDTC. Debate tournament for high schools. Teams from 26 schools attended this statewide tournament in Chicago, March 2007.

The ISTA Board of Directors meets quarterly in January, April, August and October (2 meetings at convention). Requests for information should be sent to communication@ilstu.edu.

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