

## **2015 MFEA COACHES CONFERENCE**

The MFEA spring meeting will take place March 5-7, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman (5 East Baxter Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715; Phone: 406.587.4561; Fax: 406.587.0927). A block of rooms has been set aside for MFEA at the rate of \$91 per room. Please call (406) 587-4561 to make your room reservation by February 26th.

The basic schedule remains the same as we have used in recent years. On Thursday, March 5 we will begin registration and Class AA, A, and B-C interim meetings as well as our statewide scheduling meeting. The purpose of the interim meetings is to nominate committee members for the weekend. The most updated committee list can be found on the MHSAA Speech and Drama page.

The interim meeting should also recap the season, discuss whether to endorse the items on the agenda, and offer 2015-16 tournament dates for the schedule.

On Friday morning, the general session will convene and then we'll break into committee meetings for the majority of the day. State hosts; please remember you'll be asked to make a report on the State tournament you hosted. Please include the names of Division Coaches of the Year, winners of State trophies, and any protests or problems you encountered as well as general entry information.

Friday evening we will honor our 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees, Fritzie Walker and Lou Anne Foley and the "2015 Coaches of the Year" at a reception rather than a "sit down meal." We'll have a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts at 7:00pm and the program will begin at 7:30pm.

MFEA Treasurer Kari Blaylock will handle the reception costs through an online registration (in conjunction with the Coach of the Year Ballots). The cost will again be \$15; however reservations must be made in advance in order to ensure we have enough food. As far as the reception, I just want to reiterate to all members that if they sign up for the reception then payment is required. It has been a hassle the last couple of years with people just not paying or changing their minds at the meeting. If you do not receive an online registration you can contact Kari Blaylock, MFEA Treasurer. All reservations must be made by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Her mailing address is Sweet Grass Co. High School, PO Box 886, Big Timber, MT 59011, and her email address is [blaylockk@sgchs.com](mailto:blaylockk@sgchs.com). You must pay her either before the conference or at registration.

The general session reconvenes Saturday morning and continues until our business has been completed.

Please use the fill-in agenda items form found on the MHSA Speech & Drama website and send items for the official agenda to me by February 26<sup>th</sup> via email at [doug@corvallis.k12.mt.us](mailto:doug@corvallis.k12.mt.us).

All necessary materials for the meeting will be posted on the MHSA website ([www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org)). We are also conducting a call for future potential MFEA Hall of Fame inductees. Please fill out the form found at the MHSA site to have nominations considered.

Thanks. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring meeting! Please let me know if you have any questions!

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## **2015 MFEA AGENDA:**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

5:00 – Financial/MFEA Leadership Committee meeting

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Registration

7:00 – Interim Meetings (AA, A, BC) Break into 3 Rooms!

8:30 – AA, A, BC Scheduling Meeting (Gallatin/Jefferson)

*Please come prepared to commit to a meet date. Remember that programs plan their budgets and schedules based on the scheduling that happens at this Spring meeting. We will have further discussion regarding the schedule during the general session Friday.*

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

7:30 am – Registration continues

8:30 am – General session convenes (Introductions and Protocol)

8:45 am – Committee meetings begin in rooms TBA

(times may change if necessary)

- ◆ Rules – 8:45
- ◆ Drama – 10:45
- ◆ Debate – 12:45
- ◆ Scholarship – 1:30
- ◆ Memorized – 2:00
- ◆ Short Prep – 2:30
- ◆ Interp – 3:00
- ◆ Hall of Fame– 3:15
- ◆ Education– 3:30
- ◆ Nominations – 4:00

4:30 – General session reconvenes (Interim AA, ABC Reports, State Tournament Reports)

6:00 – Recess

7:00 pm – Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year reception. Hall of Fame inductees: Fritzie Walker and Lou Anne Foley

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

8:30 am – General session reconvenes (Committee Reports)