

Dear NATS Members,

We had a great day at PLU. At our Chapter meeting on Saturday, those in attendance unanimously voted to raise our adjudication fees from \$15.00 to \$20.00. A ballot will be coming in the mail for those of you who didn't attend. Also, it is urgent that chapter dues be paid immediately which also is a requirement for entering students in the chapter adjudications. Return the dues sheet to Peggy Kurtz our Treasurer and the volunteer sheet to Cherry Van Overstraeten. There are only 27 members who have sent in their membership dues. **The deadline was October 11, 2008.**

This year our adjudication will be organized differently. The adjudications are divided into the following 7 committees. There are several committees that need your help.

1. Application Committee:
Natalie Lerch, Kathleen Goff, Cherie Hughes
2. Repertoire Committee :
Charles Peterson, Nedra Gaskill,
Cherry Van Overstraeten, Sheri Erickson.
3. Scheduling of Students Committee:
Cherry Van Overstraeten, Margaret Graham,
Nikki Blackmer
4. Committee for Scheduling of Judges and Monitors:
Kari Ragan. Andrea Frey, Nancy Bos, Nancy Rustad
5. Data Entry Committee :
Brian Watson, Marcia Smith-Hill
Need 1-3 more people
6. Honors Recital Committee :
Peggy Kurtz, Marriane Weltman
Need 2 - 4 more people
7. Hospitality Committee:
Susan Dolacky, Laurie Reimer, Linda Kappus,
Meg Thorsen, Valerie Williams, Nancy Rustad
Need 3-6 more people

As stated in other correspondence, the board has agreed that if we do not get adequate help, we will have to cancel adjudications. As you know, for every student entered it requires over 3 hours of volunteer work per student. We had over 300 applicants last year. This means it took over 900 hours to hold our adjudications. If we cannot find enough volunteers, we will have to cancel our 2009 Student Adjudications. This is in addition to your professional responsibility as adjudicators as well as Monitors. Please contact Jackie Koreski with any questions regarding adjudications.

Our Chapter still needs someone to step up and take over our Hospitality Committee for our Chapter meetings.

1. Organizing refreshments,
2. Name Tags
3. Set up and clean up

Thank you to Gary Jordan for serving as Communications Director. Sally Palmer has been appointed our Communications Director. She will keep our roster updated, so if you change your contact information please alert her to the changes. If you have any announcements or information, please send through Sally.

Sincerely,

Meg Stecker-Thorsen, President
Puget Sound Chapter