

Alabama Forensic Educators Association  
Speech and Debate Coaches Workshop and Annual Meeting  
August 25, 2007  
Minutes

-Jeff Roberts opened the session and introduced Jay Rye, the teachers in attendance, and the NFL Regional Coordinator

-NFL Regional Coordinator spoke on NFL policy changes, Website redesign, free information online from the NFL and a free CD offered by the NFL

-Jay Rye provide a summary of planning on the National Debate Tournament in 2009 to be held in Birmingham, and explained committees, an overview of facilities, and activities.

-Jeff Roberts then presented a program on the state website: [www.deepsouthdebate.com](http://www.deepsouthdebate.com)

-The 2007-2008 calendar was then scheduled:

Sept. 14-15 Wake forest and Ole Miss  
Sept 22 – VHHS Novice  
Sept.28-29 – St. James  
Oct. 5-6 – Calhoun, GA  
Oct. 12-13 – Samford University  
Oct. 19-20 – St. Mark's, Dallas TX  
Oct. 26-27 – Blue Key  
Nov. 2-3 – Apple Valley, MN  
Nov.9-10 – Homewood  
Nov. 16-17 – Glenbrooks  
Carrolton, GA  
Nov. 30-Dec. 1 – Oak Mountain  
Dec 7-8 Isador Newman  
Jan 4-5- Montgomery Bell  
Myers Park, NC  
Jan. 12 – LAMP  
Jan. 18-19 University of Alabama  
Jan. 25-26 – Barkley Forum @ Emory University  
Feb. 1-2 Mt. Brook  
Feb. 15-17 Harvard  
Berkley  
Feb. 22-23 – Vestavia Hills  
Feb. 29- March 1 – Districts – Spainn Park  
March 28-29 – Woodward  
April 11-12- State (LAMP or Selma TBA)  
May 2-4- TOC

-Ben Osborne suggested discussion at a later date about rule changes to bring equality between forensics and debate (to keep one school from dominating one event and winning the entire tournament as a result)

-Jay Rye spoke on encouraging original oratory in Alabama

-Ben Osborne gave a brief introduction to policy debate and why now is the ideal time to start a policy debate program

**DISMISSAL OF MEETING**