Convention Delegate Issues Submission
Due: March 1

Submission Rules:
1. Issues must be submitted by March 1.
2. All three steps of this form must be submitted together.
3. Issues must be clear so the committee knows the objective of the motion.
4. The submitting chapter must provide a rationale for the motion or the motion will be considered out of order. The rationale will be used by the state staff.
5. This form must be signed by the Chapter President, Secretary, Delegate and Advisor(s).
6. Chapters may submit more than one issue.
7. Any questions should be addressed to Abbie DeMeerleer: abbie@washingtonffa.org

Issues Cover Page (Step 1 of 3).

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Chapter: Washington FFA Association

We the undersigned respectfully submit the following issue to be considered at the Washington FFA Convention:

Topic Title: Adjustment to SOC Speech scoring

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Chapter President          Chapter Secretary

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Chapter Advisor            Chapter Delegate

UPDATED ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
This application and all components are due as PDF file(s) by March 1 via email to:
applications@washingtonffa.org Subject Line MUST be: [Delegate Issue - CHAPTER]
Submissions that are mailed in hard-copy or non-PDF format will not be accepted.
Recommendation (Step 2 of 3):
Who? What? When? How?

In order to create a more balanced SOC election process, it would be in the best interest of the Association to have an adjustment made to the current process. The adjustment suggested would be to add a mathematical factor to the Top10 speech score that ensures the speech is not more than 25% of the total possible process points (1200 total; so the factor would ensure the speech is never worth more than 300 points).

Rationale (Step 3 of 3):
Why?

Currently, 3/4ths of the process is worth 1200 points as allocated in the constitution. The Top 10 scoring candidates out of these 1200 points then give speeches to the voting delegate, who then cast votes that are combined in total with the earlier earned points and the highest scoring individual is elected as state president, and so forth. The votes the delegates cast are 6 points for president, 5 points for VP, etc. which means that the total number of points possible in the speech portion of the process is dictated and potentially overly influenced by the number of seated delegates. The more delegates, the more weight the speech has over the election process (100 delegates x 6 points = 600 points...more than any other single factor in the process).

By implementing a mathematical factor - it will ensure a balanced process, regardless of the number of delegates.
It will, in effect, prevent a popularity vote from occurring.