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Change is an inevitability, but it is with a sense of personal loss that I see Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha close its doors. As a member I have fond memories of taking my team to the DSR-TKA national tournaments. I am saddened to know that others will not get to have that same experience. However, our community is filled with wonderful people and wonderful organizations that will no doubt step up to fill the void. I am also a member of Pi Kappa Delta and Phi Rho Pi and I have fond memories of taking my teams to those respective national tournaments as well. Some of my fondest memories of competition are from the PKD national tournament in Fayetteville Arkansas. These are great organizations with strong leaders and long histories. Because of them, I am certain the activity of collegiate forensics will continue and thrive.

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Speaker & Gavel will also continue. When I was informed that DSR-TKA was going to close its doors it wasn't long before another organization approached me about serving as a parent organization to house *Speaker & Gavel*. The Novice National Forensic Association will serve as host for *S&G*. This is a particularly good fit because, in addition to publishing works from noted communication scholars and forensic dignitaries, *S&G* has often been a starting point for fledgling scholars seeking their first publication. Our editorial board is filled with current and former coaches who bring their love for coaching and years of experience mentoring students to the academic publishing process. Many of the people who have submitted manuscripts to *S&G* have told me that the feedback they received from our editors didn't just improve the articles they were submitting, it improved them as scholars. That is a trait that the editorial board and the members of the NNFA have in common.

I have worked with many of the members of the NNFA. I have known some of them since I was a competitor decades ago. Others are people I have known since they were competitors fewer decades ago. The thing we all share is the desire to help people improve, achieve, and become successful. The members of NNFA have some exciting ideas for ways *Speaker & Gavel* can evolve and grow. I look forward to working with them for as long as they are willing to let me sit in the editor's chair. While the loss of DSR-TKA is a big change, little will change for *Speaker & Gavel*.



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