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Dear Dr. Hinrichsen:

I am afraid that this matter of high school contests is something that many persons talk about but no one does much about it. I am enclosing a copy of a portion of the minutes of the April 1958 section meeting, which includes a report of the committee on contests. I, also, am including a copy of the letter which I wrote to Professor Fagerstrom in July of 1958. I do not recall that Chairman Oberg took any formal action on this matter.

Oberg and I talked about this at Iowa City a year ago and I believe it was his feeling at that time that he would indicate permission to Fagerstrom to go ahead and contact individual schools in Iowa, regarding participation this past year. I think we have not moved beyond that point officially and to my knowledge the matter was not raised or discussed at the April meeting last spring.

I plan to be in Iowa City Friday, October 16, if I can get away. If there is anything that I can do specifically towards talking to people at that meeting, in case you are not going, I will be glad to do so.

I have made the point all along that I feel that this business of overseeing contests should not fall on the regular officers of the section and would necessitate there being a special committee. Perhaps you will not agree with this feeling on my part, however.

I expect that all of this is not of much help to you, but it is my feeling that the Iowa section members were not at all overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the contest idea. Again, this is my personal reaction to the various discussions that have come along on this matter.

Best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Earle L. Canfield
Dean

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