

Air Cadet League of Canada National Effective Speaking

Instruction Memo 2020-2021

On March 15, 2020, the Air Cadet Program was ordered to stand down for the safety of cadets, officers and volunteers, while the COVID-19 pandemic swept the world. By this point, only one province had held their provincial Effective Speaking competition. Provisions were not in place to proceed with virtual competitions. The in-person Air Cadet League Annual General Meeting scheduled for June in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, was cancelled. After seeking consultation, it was decided to cancel the 2020 National Effective Speaking Competition.

The Board of Governors has endorsed the following topics for the **2021 Effective Speaking Program**.

1. How should we remember and honour the sacrifices made by those who serve our nation?
2. What are the greatest challenges facing the aviation industry today?
3. Describe an historical event and what it meant to Canada?
4. Describe a Canadian hero and the impact they made or are making on our society.
5. What does bravery mean to you?
6. What have you learned from the COVID-19 pandemic?
7. What does diversity mean to you?
8. What can you do to be a good environmental steward?
9. Cadet Choice: Science & Technology, Aviation, Canadian History, Citizenship

The in-person Air Cadet League National Annual General Meeting that was scheduled for June 2021 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been cancelled. As a result, an in-person National Effective Speaking competition is impractical. A subcommittee of the National Effective Speaking Committee is currently working on guidelines and logistics to hold an online speaking competition. The significant value of live presentation is undisputed, but given the current environment we find ourselves in, if we do not explore the option of organizing virtual competition, the alternative may be no competition(s) once again. This year, Toastmasters International held their International Speaking Competition virtually and it was very successful.

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