

of those who are to take part and the subjects for debate or topics for discussion. The programs should all be arranged for at the beginning of the winter if possible, and no one should be expected to take any important part unless he or she has had at least three weeks' notice.

Critic

Every society should have a critic, but he will likely be appointed each night of meeting and will be selected either from the membership or from the visitors. His duty will be to review briefly the program of the evening, to call attention to merit wherever he sees it, and to make suggestions for improvement. It will be quite within his province to comment on the good order and decorum of the meeting.

Membership Fee

The Club will likely charge a membership fee. It need not be a large fee, but should be sufficient to cover the necessary expenditure of the Club.

How Debates are Judged

Sometimes debates are judged by the audience. The chairman puts it to the meeting for a vote—that is, the debate is decided by a popular vote. Generally, however, three judges are named beforehand, and these make the award. This may be done either by each judge handing in an independent score and the chairman announcing the decision according to the decision of the majority of judges, or the judges may come together after the debate and give in their decision jointly, the chairman of the judges announcing their decision. The objection to the latter method is that the judges often debate the subject all over again and keep the meeting waiting for the decision.

The Score Card

The score card submitted is one much used, and has given general satisfaction. One hundred points are possible to each speaker for his first speech and twenty for reply.

Names of Debaters	Argument 50	Delivery 50	Reply 20	Totals
Affirmative				
1.				
2.				
3.				
			Total	
Negative				
1.				
2.				
3.				
			Total	
Decision		Judge's Signature		