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Washington Science Olympiad

To the WSO community,

I would like to submit myself for consideration for the state Board of Directors. This year marks my 10th year of involvement with Science Olympiad. I competed for Canyon Park Junior High and Bothell High, and since graduation from Bothell, I have worked at all levels of state competition.

This year was the second year the UW hosted a regional competition. I was a major contributor to the organization of the first year of competition (C division only), and served as the tournament director for the 2018 competition (B and C divisions)

I have an excellent knowledge of the rules, goals, and idiosyncrasies of Science Olympiad, and I believe I would be a knowledgeable board member, drawing on my recent experience as a student and time spent contributing to competitions of all levels. I would continue writing tests and helping at competitions if selected for the board.

In my day job, I am a Research Scientist at the Integrated Brain Imaging Center at the UW, specializing in fMRI and EEG processing and analysis. This means that, as an employee, I will have access to a range of resources at the UW that can work in concert with resources students — like Science Olympiad at the UW — have access to. I think the UW is a good candidate for the state tournament in 2020 and beyond, and I hope to prepare it for that responsibility over the next year. If the WSO community would like to see the state tournament brought to the UW, it's important to have on the board someone with knowledge of the unique challenges of interacting with such a large institution.

Science Olympiad was a major influence on my life, and I believe it is a major contributor to my successes in college. I would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the program over the next few years as a board member.

In the interest of full disclosure, I hope to start graduate school in the fall of 2019, most likely out of state. That said, I plan to see my term through and perhaps increase collaboration between WSO and the state organization wherever I end up.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with the board, regardless of whether I'm selected, on next year's UW tournament.

Sincerely,

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