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Sue Murphy, State Director
Washington Science Olympiad
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Dear WSO State Board of Directors,

I would like to be considered for one of the open positions on the Washington Science Olympiad State Board of Directors in the upcoming elections.

My involvement with Science Olympiad began when I was an involved parent assistant coach for my daughter's Science Olympiad teams for four years while we lived in Missouri. When we moved from Missouri to Washington, I noted that there was a lack of a regional tournament in Central Washington, and thus I spearhead a movement to set up such a regional tournament. Thus, for the past 5 years, we have had a regional tournament here in Yakima, which is a collaboration between three institutions of higher education, Yakima Valley College, Heritage University, and Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences. I, along with some very dedicated individuals from each of these institutions, have served as co-tournament director for these tournaments. Also during this time, I have been a member of the Washington Science Olympiad State Board of Directors. Thus, I believe I have a bit of a perspective from various angles, i.e. as a parent, coach, tournament director, and board member.

I would welcome the opportunity to continue to work closely with the WSO State Board as a representative from the South Central Region.

Sincerely,

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