

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors
Spring Meeting
29 Apr 2017
0900 - 1100

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invited	present?
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	yes
Jay Louthback (Vice Chair)	yes
Judy Mannard	yes
Scott McComb (Chair)	yes
Michele Moore	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
Diana Rhodes	yes
Kathy Sheehan	no
Chemay Shola (Student Advisor)	no
Jessica Tafolla	no
Christy Wood (Secretary)	no
Alicia Judd (Student Advisor)	no
Reanne Aquinde (Student Advisor)	no

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from last Board Meeting ([2017 01 07](#))
 - A. Diana moves to approve, Judy seconds
 - B. Motion carries
- V. Update on [Action item update](#)

- A. Bring ideas re: longer-term goals for WA Sci Oly to summer meeting
 1. Stakeholders
 2. What are our goals?
 - a) E.g., awareness
 - b) E.g., participation
 - c) E.g., mentors
 3. Resources / Barriers
 4. Strategies to reach goals
 - a) Publicity and marketing
- B. Brainstorm S(strengths) W(weaknesses) O(opportunities) T(threats) analysis

VI. Reports

A. Treasurer

Checking [spreadsheet](#): Balance \$13,299.29 (with approx. \$3000 in expenses expected prior to FY18 revenue comes in)

- FY17 Expenses to date: \$33,277.85
- FY17 Revenue: \$35,260 (all payments received)
- \$10,000 will be transferred to savings

Savings: Balance \$15,078.08

- FY17 Revenue \$4,011.92 (\$3500 from SPEEA grant)
- \$1,861 reserved for eastern WA region ... \$13,217.08 available for WSO

B. State Director

81 B (4 from Oregon, 12 new); 75 C (3 new, 3 lost)

Business Registration: Registered, no late fee

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

Tournament @ Spokane

Went well, good job, Heather and Erin!

2018: regional @ Spokane Falls

2018: State @EWU

Sue's current boss not permitting her participation

Heather talked with new dean, very conscious of money

New dean seems supportive

Tentative Saturday, 14 April

Dean: Where is money coming from?

STEM department very supportive

Coordination: \$5000 (likely from other budget)

Facilities (\$3000) and food (\$5000)

2. Northwest

a) Seattle:

Tournament went reasonably well

Tom is on the fence re: retiring this year or next

Susan Tsoglin meeting on 4 May with team for sustainable game plan re: room reservation and supervisor recruitment

2018 date not yet official

OSHA says ≤ 24 students per chem lab ≤ 12 teams or fewer

XYZ rotation to allow for more students?

Start award ceremony <all results are in
= so very long

Decision not to distribute 4th place ribbons

Award ceremony needs more attention
Including activity or dinner break or ...?

b) UW:

(1) C-division only, 18 teams

(2) Tournament went fairly smoothly

(a) Pleased with UW students effective at fundraising, esp. room costs

(b) Only cost WSO just over \$1500

(3) Brought the phoenix out of the ashes

(4) ACTION: state to send some sort of acknowledgement: Trevor, George, Ravi, Katie, Alison

(a) Scott to draft letter with Sue's signature and mine

(b)

(5) Recommend bringing faculty member on board as tournament director

- (6) Lots of support from Chaun Taylor @ Clean Energy Institute
- (7) ACTION: May 4 Sheila, Judy, Scott to talk about next steps
 - (a) Clear delegation of responsibilities
 - (b) Sheila to invite someone(s) from UW committee

c) Highline (State):

- (1) Went well
- (2) Hosted 44 teams that we expected
- (3) Fabulous support from community and event supervisors
- (4) Tried concessions stand
 - (a) Broke even
 - (b) Sold everything for \$1
- (5) Not as efficient with scoring
- (6) Unusual number of arbitrations
 - (a) Three from same school
 - (b) LEAF included in team scores?
- (7) Consider longer passing period at some sites
- (8) FYI: Tony Hickerson, new regional director for SPEEA came with Dennis Davaz and left very enthusiastic
- (9) Consider more efficient way to get scores to announcer that does not involve running back and forth
- (10) Tournament director <> announcer
 - (a) ACTION: make a list of responsibilities for, e.g., announcer
 - (b) ACTION: require teams to bring volunteer (3-4 hours) to tournament

3. South Central:

- a. Well-oiled machine!
- b. 6 teams from western (5 arrived); 17 teams registered, 14 showed
 - i. Level of competition raised
- c. One set of westside schools had parents that were way too involved

- d. Glitch at award ceremony
 - i. 1st place announced as 4th for first several events
- e. Thought of bringing C-division?
 - i. 3 years ago, not much interest
 - 1. Team space may be an issue
 - ii. Tri-Cities area sends C-division to Spokane

4. Southwest:

- a) Met this week, but haven't yet communicated with Sue
- b) ACTION: Sue to follow up

VII. Old Business

A. SPEAA grant

- 1. Judy to set up meeting with Dennis and Tony to talk about longer term support

B. Centers of Excellence

VIII. New Business

A. 2017 Election

- a. 3 members whose terms expire
 - i. Michele: busy
 - ii. Judy: still thinking about it
 - iii. Jay: will re-apply
- b. Two applicants so far: Nick Stephens, Trevor McAllister-Day

B. Supporting trial events

C. Teams with unsportsmanlike conduct

@ State: Two teams from Evergreen

Spectating parent: other team's tower out of spec, competing team should be disqualified

Bringing notes into experimental design, arbitration and then re-arbitration

Unfair to enforce rules that were not enforced at Regionals

In years past, parents too involved, moved to team space where they were not permitted

@ Yakima: team from Redmond

ACTION: update code of ethics?

ACTION: arbitration form language "Decision is final"

ACTION: Explicit reminder to coaches before tournament.

ACTION: Judy to send info to Sue from Redmond and Evergreen

ACTION: Judy to let Tom know we need arbitration 2015-16

ACTION: Diana to find arbitration

ACTION: Sue to draft email, Scott to edit and send

ACTION: Sue to contact tournament directors re: reinforce ethics

D. Maximum number of teams from one school

Tabled until June

What is the maximum number?

If there is still room, you may add extra teams (?)

IX. Next meeting (Annual Meeting)

Availability? Fill out [this poll](#).

2017 July 15

Location: TBD

ACTION: Diana to fill out request form

X. Adjournment