

## WSO State Board General Assembly Meeting

July 25, 2005

### Attendance:

Board Members: Lee Nilson, Priscila Martins-Read, April Takashima, Heather McKean, Jean Cavanaugh (Director), Sally van Neil, Brett Thomsen, Scott Rockey,

Other attendees: Jo Shannahan, Izi Loveluck, Jan van Neil, Kirk VanGelder, Jodi VanGelder, Ann Williams, Craig Williams, Tom Schultz

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:30PM by Chair Lee Nilson.
2. Acceptance of minutes:  
Oct. 6, 2004 -These minutes were not available but the assembly voted to pass the minutes upon review via email. Lee will produce these from his notes.  
Nov.3, Jan. 5, and Feb 2 minutes were accepted with amendments.  
April 15 minutes will be submitted by Jean Cavanaugh to the board via email.
3. A plaque was presented to Sally van Neil for her years of contribution to the board and Washington Science Olympiad and heartily thanked along with Jan. She was given board emeritus status.
4. Jean went over the submitted director's report that included the final numbers of participating teams, the status of new teams and a summary of participation in individual events. She had taken the later information forward to Nationals. She also reported on the 2006 slate of events and described the process by which these are determined. She said that after Oct. 1st, that the trial event descriptions will be final on the national website.
5. Jean gave the financial report. She is still waiting for payment from a couple of schools but has made contact with them. Discussion ensued regarding the need to raise more funds to cover the functioning of the state organization.
6. State of the Union Address by Lee Nilson. He congratulated all regarding the success of tournaments. Among those are Tom Schultz for his first directorship of the Everett regional tournament, April for her lead on the Hudson Bay regional tournament and Priscilla for her lead on the first state tournament at Clark College. Also congratulations to teams that competed at the national level with Prairie High School taking third in the nation, Lakeside High School, Excel Home School who took 13th and Port Susan who took 20th. Well done all.
7. Priscilla discussed Clark,s interest in holding a future national tournament. She mentioned that she had already been talking to administrators and thought WSU of Vancouver would be interested in supporting as well as industries in area. She will continue to pursue the idea and may bring a formal request of support at a future board meeting. Heather and Jean offered to give insights form their experience in hosting the 2000 National tournament.
8. Nominations were stated according to the by-laws and the assemblage voted to bring on to the board: Scott Rockey for a second year, Izi Loveluck, Tom Schultz, April Takashima and Priscila Martins-Read
9. There was no new business.
10. The meeting adjourned at 1:55PM.

Executive Session to elect officers of the board:

President: Scott Rockey

Vice President: Priscila Martins-Read

Secretary: Heather McKean

Treasurer: April Takashima

Other business of executive session:

1. Report on regional tournament sites for next year.
2. Discussion of coach,s clinics planned for about the 3rd week of October. Each regional board will instigate these.
3. Newsletter - Jean will continue to do these.
4. We need photos of kids doing SO for WSTA article. Jean will contact D. Lemberg.
5. We moved to grant Fran Grove board emeritus status.
6. Next conference call meeting slated for Oct. 5th at 5:00PM.
7. Board broke into task groups and were joined by members of the assemblage. Reports follow:
  - A. Board guidelines - Jean and Priscila. They will construct a board member book that will be given to each new board member with do's and don'ts, by-laws, etc.
  - B. Home school Scott and April. Further discussion regarding policies. The group will look at the size of the home school population as well as what other states are doing.
  - C. Schedule - Brett and Tom produced a proposed schedule and will put it up on the website for review. We will vote on it Oct. 5th.
  - D. Long term plans: Izi, Lee and Heather . It was recommended that we use last year's budget. Discussion ensued regarding other sources of funding. It was suggested by Craig Williams that we send out a gift envelope with registrations for volunteer donations to help fund the work of the state organization. It was agreed that the regionals would continue with funding through their institution partners for the time being but that we would look at this in the future. Also we will update the webpage alumni button to request donations.
8. Next year's annual meeting will be June 24th .
9. Formal hand-off to Scott.
10. Adjournment 5:10