

WSO Board Meeting

January 4, 2014

Teleconference

Members present: Susan Britain, Scott Evoy, Sheila Guard (Treasurer), Garry Lee (Chair), Michele Lumetta, Scott McComb (Vice-Chair), Sue Murphy (State Director), Diana Rhodes, Clarene Ricarte (Secretary), Jack Stump.

Student Advisors present: Chemay Shola

Members absent: (None) Student Advisors absent: Jonas LaPier

- I. 9:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by Chair, Garry Lee.
- II. Roll call (see above).
- III. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Minutes of 9/28/2013 Board Meeting were approved as distributed by proper motion, second and vote.
- IV. Reports

Treasurer (Sheila): Sheila reported checking account balance of \$14,416.64 (\$21,255 revenue and \$9,596.52 in expenses to date). Savings account balance of \$11,719.29 (with \$1,261 earmarked for eastern Washington regional tournaments).

State Director (Sue): Sue reported that we have 118 teams registered – 52 B and 66 C. Highline has 12 B and 13C; Lower Columbia has 6 B and 18 C; Seattle has 10 B and 20 C (with a cap of 20, but one more team wants to add); Spokane Falls has 14 B and 12 C; and Yakima has 10 B. There are 11 new B teams and 8 new C teams, but registration is down for returning teams, so it doesn't look like we will increase numbers substantially. Team registration goes through January 31, so more teams may add.

Regional Reports

- (1) **Eastern (Sue/Michele)**: (Spokane Falls Community College and Eastern Washington University). Plan is to secure event supervisors early and have them do both tournaments.
- (2) **Northwest (Susan/Scott E/Sheila/Scott M/Clarene)**: (Seattle Central Community College and Highline Community College). There has been an attempt to share event supervisors between the two tournaments. Approximately 75% are secured at this point.
- (3) **South Central (Diana)**: (Yakima Valley Community College). With February tournament, all supervisors have been secured. Feedback on the tests will be provided to event supervisors next week as well as getting list of needed supplies and materials.
- (4) **Southwest (Garry/Jack)**: (Lower Columbia College). Elementary tournament was held in November – that program is going strong. B invitational in Camas in December went well. C invitational will be on January 18.

Committees

- (1) **Funding (Scott M, Garry, Sue)**: (a) Updates on grants. SPEEA gave a \$200 grant, with no restrictions (e.g., must be used for new team supplies). (b) Donation requests. Michele sent

information from a Richland source which may be able to offer a donation between \$200-\$1000. Information will be forwarded to Garry to follow up.

V. Old Business

Proposed By-Laws Change: It was voted on in September to go to a rotation of 3-year board terms. Since balloting needs to be done by mail, the ballot would be sent out in mid-May. Wording must be approved before then. Garry asked about appointing a sub-committee to work on the transition to see how implementation would require revision of the by-laws. It was identified that implementation could be covered by the board and all that needed to change in the by-laws was the change of term. The implementation would be explained on the ballot. There was a question about quorum and it is a majority of the voting membership to make the change. We will work on this via e-mail until April.

Test Bank Update: Judy has converted from Drop Box to Google Drive. This will be shared with other tournament directors.

Enhanced Event Supervisor Preparation Update: In addition to work done by Rich, supervisors will be recruited early, given sample tests, and encouraged to attend invitationals.

Team Recruitment: Garry reported that he has not had any response from the recruiting letters he sent out. If any board members have schools that could be leads, send information to Garry or Sue to follow up.

Web Site Issues: Sue reported that more and more issues are cropping up. Even using the Go Daddy e-mail account is now becoming problematic. Garry has an idea of a different web host and will talk to Sue about it after the meeting.

Plaque Recognition: Proposal to recognize Ron Wright was moved, seconded and voted upon. Motion passed. Presentation will be made at the state tournament.

VI. New Business

(None identified)

VII. Adjournment & Next Meeting. By proper motion, second, and vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting is April 19, 2014, 9-11AM via teleconference.

Clarene Ricarte, Secretary