

WSO Board Meeting

January 10, 2015

Teleconference

Members present: Sheila Guard (Treasurer), Jay Louterback, Judy Mannard, Scott McComb (Vice-Chair), Sue Murphy (State Director), Diana Rhodes, Clarene Ricarte (Secretary).

Student Advisors present: Christine Phan.

Members absent: Scott Evoy, Michele Moore, Jack Stump (Chair).

Student Advisors absent: Jonas LaPier, Ashley Rochlitzer, Chemay Shola.

- I. 9:05 a.m. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Scott McComb.
- II. Roll call (see above).
- III. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Minutes from Annual Meeting 6/28/14 and Fall meeting 9/27/14 were approved as distributed by proper motion, second, and vote.
- IV. Reports

Treasurer (Sheila): Sheila reported checking account balance of \$18,441 (\$24,520 revenue and \$16,326 in expenses to date). Anticipated expenses of ribbons, payment to nationals, regional tournament support, school national tournament support, state director salary – which should use all/most. Savings account balance of \$11,286 that includes \$1,000 SPEEA grant (with \$7,000 earmarked for state tournament, \$11 earmarked for eastern Washington regional tournaments; possibility that money for new and SPEEA-grant-funded teams will need to be transferred to checking to cover fee to nationals).

State Director (Sue): Registration. Currently 134 teams have registered, with 14 new B & 5 new C teams – total 65 B (6 from Oregon) and 69 C. Schools normally registering multiple teams are cutting back this year. Scott M requested the list of new teams/contacts so board members could reach out and see if they need assistance.

Regional Reports

- (1) **Eastern (Jay/Michele/Sue)**: The regional tournament will be March 7 at Spokane Community College. Most event supervisor positions have been filled.
- (2) **Northwest (/Scott E/Sheila/Judy/Scott M/Clarene)**: Regionals at Seattle Central College will be February 28, accommodating 24 teams. The gym will not be available until 10AM (so cannot start Wright Stuff at 9AM). One supervisor still needed. Canyon Park JHS B invitational January 17 and Raisbeck Aviation HS C invitational on February 7. The Highline College regional will be March 7.
- (3) **South Central (Diana)**: Regional tournament at Yakima Valley Community College is February 7. All event supervisors secured. Grant funds have been used up.
- (4) **Southwest (Jack)**: The regional tournament at Lower Columbia College is March 7.

Committees

(1) **Funding/Fundraising (Sue)**: (a) SPEEA grant for \$1,000 being used to support new team registrations; unused funds will be set aside for 2015-16 registrations. (b) Fundraising items noted at Fall board meeting will be sent to coaches. Jay indicated Les Schwab was a good possibility for local funding and encouraged members to submit a grant request. Other options suggested for securing WSO funding: Online donations (Judy will follow up); Requests made at each regional tournament (e.g., cash box).

(2) Old Business

WSO Policy on Teams Advancing to State (Sue): It was approved by proper motion, second, and vote to accept the wording that was e-mailed to coaches/posted to web site.

State Tournament (Sue/Judy/Jack): University of Washington has not ruled out interest in hosting WSO tournaments, but has dismissed for 2014-15. They will visit 2015 tournament/s and see if this is something they are interested in pursuing. Beyond immediate 2015 state tournament need, there are long-term issues for eastern and western WA. For eastern WA, Heather McKean's impending retirement in 2018 puts EWU hosting in question ... but with new eastern regional model, hopefully EWU tournament will continue. For western WA, we need to determine if there are NW regional sites that will assume responsibility – especially in light of Tom Schultz' departure from Seattle Central.

Test Bank Update (Judy): All test questions that have been received have been updated on web site and sent to tournament directors.

Event Supervisor Preparation (Scott): There is still a lot of work needing to be done. Each supervisor should be provided with contact person to help answer questions plus PPTs for each event posted to web site will provide basic info.

Electronic Balloting (Sue): Sue will send ballots to SW/NW/E tournament directors to distribute to coaches/to be returned to Sue via mail and will snail mail to SC coaches to be returned via mail to determine whether membership approves changing bylaws to allow for electronic balloting.

Plaque Recognition. Since Jack wasn't at board meeting to put forward formal request for consideration of Rick Grote nomination, it was identified that Jack would need to formally propose Rick's nomination via e-mail. Sue would follow up with Jack to get formal nomination. Judy would also like to see Tom Schultz nominated for plaque recognition.

V. New Business

3-year Board of Director Terms: Membership voted to change BoD terms to 3 years. Wordsmithing for actual wording to by-laws will occur via e-mail. Plan for implementation will also be via e-mail.

Tips to Pass on to Tournament Directors (lessons learned/scheduling issues/etc.): One issue that was mentioned is that event supervisors should demonstrate safety by wearing eye protection students are expected to wear. Mention of the information available on Google Drive should be made.

VII. Adjournment & Annual Meeting. The date for the Spring meeting is Saturday, May 2, 9-11AM via teleconference. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Clarene Ricarte, Secretary