

**Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors
Summer Meeting
16 Sept 2017
0900 - 1100**

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invited	present?
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	yes
Jay Loutherback (Vice Chair)	yes
Judy Mannard	yes
Scott McComb (Chair)	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
Diana Rhodes	yes
Kathy Sheehan	no
Abigail Jiang	yes
Sharlene Shirali (Interlake)	yes
Christy Wood	yes
Jessica Tafolla	no
Dave Rosi (Secretary)	no

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from [last Board Meeting](#)
 - A. Update to treasurer's report

1. Entries are correct, but reported balance from May was not carried to June
 2. Accurate numbers
 - a) Checking: NOT \$13,278.12, ACTUALLY \$11,831.44,
- B. Motion to approve w/ correction
1. Judy moves
 2. Christy seconds
 3. Motion carries

V. Update on [Action item update](#)

VI. Reports

A. Treasurer

Checking [spreadsheet](#): (as of AUG 31, 2017)

- Balance - \$1,071.64
- Revenue - \$400
- Expenses - \$3,198.49 (even though showing \$13,198.49, the transferred \$10,000 is not an expense; this amt also includes \$2,038.69 FY17 unpaid expenses carried forward, including \$1500 YVC tournament support ck never cashed)

Savings: Balance - \$25,110.25

(\$1861 reserved for eastern region; \$23,249.25 available for WSO) Contributions - \$4.89

(Won't get 3rd qtr interest until end of Sept - will be interesting to see whether much difference with the additional \$10,000 in the acct ... but would only be for one month ... December interest may give cause to celebrate.)

PROPOSED BUDGET: Proposed budget attached to original minutes. Allow for up to \$2000 per team attending nationals (changes budget line item to 3@\$2000 = \$6000 (instead of \$4000))

Christy moves to approve proposed budget with identified change.

Jay seconds

Motion carries

B. State Director

1. Registration as of 9/13/17:

	Lower Columbia	Seattle	Spokane	UW	Yakima Valley	Total
B	5	3	8	0	1	17
C	4	7	0	2	n/a	14
Total	9	10	8	2	1	31

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

a) Spokane Falls (or SCC) - 10 March

(1) Gym is undergoing renovations

(2) Michele @ Spokane Falls has been in touch with Erin @ Spokane Community College and there is tentative agreement for SCC to host but Michele (SFCC) will be tournament director

(a) Michelle to coordinate with SFCC dean & Erin at Spokane Community College to reconcile budget

(3) State tournament at EWU on April 14: Moving forward with CSTEM dean and associate dean taking lead to secure replacements for Heather and Sue.

2. Northwest

a) Seattle: 3 March tournament

b) UW: 24 Feb tournament

(1) Notes from [Aug meeting](#)

(2) May not be able to run Wright Stuff (B division)

(3) Looking at sustainability as college students graduate

c) Highline: Highline will not be running a tournament this year

d) Invitationals

(1) 2 Dec @ RAHS (C)

(2) 13 Jan Curtis (C Division)

(3) 10 Feb Chinook (B division)

e) NW region will be allowed to reserve funds in the Science Olympiad budget spreadsheet for their tournaments, if/when submit deposits to State Director.

3. South Central:

a) 10 Feb tournament

4. Southwest:

a) 3 March tournament

VII. Old Business

A. SPEAA grant

1. Sue submitted 1 Aug (15 Aug deadline). Committee to meet mid-September and should be notified by 1 Oct.

B. Scholarships to teams in need... table until next meeting

VIII. New Business

A. Fundraising

a. Amazon Smile?

B. Supporting trial events

- a. New trial event proposal update: “Cogito-Ergo-Sum” changed to “Interrogating the Brain”
 - i. [Rules](#)
- b. LEAF Challenge – See <http://www.leafchallenge.com/p/resources.html> for rules and scoring rubrics. This is pilot event that will be included in all WA tournaments and event score will figure into total team scores.
- c. Indoor bottle rocket (B & C)
- d. Buoy o Buoy (B) – subsequently called “Density Lab”

C. [Strengths - Weaknesses - Opportunities - Threats](#)

D. Maximum number of teams from one school

- a. Sehome indicates WSO BoD policy severely impacts their program. They have 14 or more teams that want to compete ... but realize limited to at most 12 teams.
- b. Would like to schedule 2017-18 invitational tournament with plans to have 2018-19 regional tournament.
- c. Board needs to consider needs of all teams in state.
- d. Sue to send note re: meet with Judy in a couple of weeks, when she will be in Bellingham.

- E. If Sue receives team registrations between Jan 15 and the end of January, she will coordinate with the tournament director to see if they have room and can accept the additional teams.

IX. Next meeting

Fill out [this poll](#).

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X. Adjournment

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support from numerous tournament sites ● Well established ● Fits well with STEM emphasis nationally ● Enthusiastic support from students and families ● Opportunities to dive deep into areas of interest ● Collaborative atmosphere between different stakeholders - students, teachers, university faculty and administrators/staff ● Dedicated volunteers/event supervisors/board members/coaches. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hard to “convince” new coaches/teams to get started. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time ○ money ● Challenging for teams to travel to invitations. Creates a lack of balance for teams that are in regionals that do not have invitationals. ● Funding difficult to come by (Both as an organization and schools) ● Events are getting REALLY expensive! ● Visibility lacking in some communities ● Difficult to convince younger faculty to get involved. ● Difficult to share resources (including lessons learned at tournaments and specific events) between regions. ● Lack of alternatives to face-to-face competitions ● Science Olympiad is prioritized below sports and other school events so things are difficult to schedule. ● Requirement for “gym-type” location for some of the events.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start at elementary level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g., Camas ● Provides a WIDE variety of STEM opportunities to students throughout Washington ● Provides opportunities for Science Olympiad alumni to give back to community. ● Outreach to other audiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Science nights ○ Legislators ○ Industry ○ State agencies ● Activating strong and growing alumni base ● More robust marketing ● New tournament sites ● Systematic fundraising or shared fundraising strategies / materials ● Seek support at national level for resources to support our efforts at the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When Judy, Tom, Heather, etc. are no longer affiliated with Highline, Seattle Central, Eastern who hosts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What systems do we have in place to make Sci Oly successful in the long-term? ○ How do we build and sustain relationships? ● Tournament sites’ reliance on stable personnel, facilities, and fiscal aspects ● Other competitions and extracurricular limit availability (e.g., DECA, sports, FIRST, band, etc.) both for students and for site availability.

state level (sample videos, templates for fund raisers).	
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