

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors
Winter Meeting
20 Jan 2018
0900 - 1100

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – see above
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 9/16/17 (tabled to next meeting -NO quorum)
- V. Update on [Action item update](#)
- VI. Reports

A. Treasurer

Checking: Balance - \$20,263.25 [after \$10,000 transfer to savings]

Revenue - \$26,275

Expenses - **\$19,881.88** (actual FY18 expenses to date - \$8,381.88)

Savings: Balance - \$27,620.77 (with \$1861 reserved for eastern WA = \$25,759.77 available for WSO)

Revenue - \$2,515.41 (including 5.82 interest - \$2500 from SPEEA)

B. State Director

1. Registration - 154 teams - 82B (with 5 from OR), 72C (1 from Canada) - so #s for determining # teams advancing to state = 77B & 71C

	Lower Columbia	Seattle	Spokane	UW	Yakima Valley	Total
B	22 (1 new)	22 (1 new)	18 (2 new)	12	11	82
C	21	24 (2 new)	8 (1 new)	19 (2 new)	NA	72
Total	43	46	26	31	11	154

#s up slightly for B; down for C, but lost quite a few teams.

2. Not assigning rotations initially worked well.
3. Electronic rules sped up processing of registrations.
4. 1/15 registration deadline difficult with start of new term.
5. May want to address issue of schools registering for other region's tournaments (scaring away locals, limiting # spots for locals).

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:
 - a) Spokane Community (coordinated by SFCC) - 10 March (proceeding well)
 - b) State tournament at EWU on April 14: (proceeding well)
2. Northwest
 - a) Seattle: 3 March tournament (proceeding well)
 - b) UW: 24 Feb tournament (proceeding well - Trevor had inquired about a risk-management form) from Sue: Science Olympiad policy should cover.
 - c) Invitationals
 - (1) 2 Dec @ RAHS (C Division)
 - (2) 13 Jan Curtis (C Division)
 - (3) 20 Jan @ Northshore (B Division)
 - (4) 10 Feb Chinook (B Division)
3. South Central:
 - a) 10 Feb tournament: (lots of help from YVC, using model from last year)
 - b) Expressed concern about schools registering lots of teams (from a different region). Reminder: Tournament is supported by funds intended to support Science Olympiad in local schools with high levels of needy tournament

- c) Would like to visit the possibility of an A tournament...Fees, who coordinates, etc? Sue shared that A tournaments are set through that school (participants would not need to register with state, and funds would need to be procured locally)

4. Southwest:

- a) 3 March tournament: (no update available - Judy has heard from Dave regarding materials, etc – seems ok)
- b) Invitationals: Feb 3 @ Camas HS (C Division); B Division took place in December.
- c) A-tournament model: Set up by Camas HS for their district's elementary schools. Clark College also has a SW A Tournament.

VII. Old Business

- A. Scholarships to teams in need: SPEEA Grant (provides waiver of registration fee and up to \$200 supply reimbursement - coaches don't generally follow up with second amount). Jessica (?) looking into whether veteran teams could use \$\$ for support (added as an action item)
- B. Sehome: Held an internal invitational that went well. Tentative talks for a new regional tournament.

VIII. New Business

A. Fundraising

- a. Amazon Smile? <https://org.amazon.com/>

Diana shared link as a possible source- NO COST to sign up.

Judy/Sue will look into this. (Abigail to work with flyers, etc)

B. Supporting trial events:

“Interrogating the Brain”: Email went out last week to coaches about. Run at UW and at state (maybe Seattle).

FOLLOW UP LEAF & trial events: Feedback forms for students/supervisors

IX. Next meeting

A. POSSIBLE DATES: 5 May

B. Build on strengths, minimize weaknesses

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