

**Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors**  
**Winter Meeting**  
**5 Jan 2019**  
0900 - 1100

Call: 1-877-820-7831

When prompted, enter participant code: 756211

invited	present?
Shawn Barnett	yes
Trevor Day	Yes
Jessica Geer	No
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	yes
Abigail Jiang	no
Jay Louthback (Vice Chair)	yes
Judy Mannard	no
Scott McComb (Chair)	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
Diana Rhodes	yes
Dave Rosi (Secretary)	no
Christy Wood	no
Sharlene Shirali	no

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from [last Board meeting](#)
  - Motion to approve: Jay
  - Seconded by: Diana
  - Motion carries

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

VI. Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Checking: \$28,905.19 (income) -\$7421.11 (expenses)= \$21484.08  
(Current)
  - a) Checks have not been sent to regionals for tournaments
  - b) Sue will send (along with ribbons, medals, etc.) soon
2. Savings: \$27,535.55 (~\$1600 earmarked for Eastern Washington)

B. State Director

Registration as of ~Dec 31

region	B	C
NW	34	41 2 new teams
SW	20 3 new teams	15
SC	9 From 5 schools, all local	n/a
E	20 2 new teams	13 4 new teams
Total	83	63

Oregon teams? Not coming this year

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

- a) 9 March @ Spokane Falls CC
- b) Looking at possibility of B, C, or both invitational  
Scheduled for 12 Jan B & C, written tests, not building  
Hosted by Central Valley High School  
Current coach: employee of EWU

2. Northwest

- a) UW: 9 March (C)
  - (1) WXYZ schedule
    - (a) Smaller rooms
    - (b) Huge ask of supervisors
  - (2) Fine on space, grants are starting to come in

- (3) Trickier time recruiting supervisors
  - (a) **ACTION:** Scott to follow-up with Judy
    - (i) 10 Jan: Judy to follow-up with Trevor
- b) Bothell HS: 16 March (B)
  - (1) Follow up re: insurance
    - (a) Working with Sci Oly Nationals
  - (2) XYZ schedule B
    - (a) Once done, will connect with coaches
    - (b) Team space
  - (3) ~8 events left to cover
    - (a) **ACTION:** Judy to check in
- c) Invitationals
  - (1) 8 Dec @ RAHS (C)
    - (a) LEAF: when is test scheduled?
      - (i) 0830 = more flexibility, simplifies
    - (b) **ACTION:** Scott re: Lane, Ethan re: B level written tests
  - (2) 12 Jan @ Curtis (C)
  - (3) 9 Feb @ Chinook (B)
  - (4) 19 Jan @ Northshore (B)
- d) Highline
  - (1) 13 April
  - (2) Things looking very positive
    - (a) Names for ~40%
    - (b) Colleges on board
    - (c) Rooms assigned
    - (d) Investigating if there is \$ available for t-shirts
  - (3) **ACTION:** Scott re: Judy re: number of teams allowed per division
    - (a) 10 Jan 2019:
      - (i) up to 24 B & 24 C
      - (ii) Sue: you may cap at 22 each if your discretions

### 3. South Central:

- a) 26 Jan 2019
- b) limit : 10 teams
  - (1) 9 teams registered
    - (a) Wilson MS is bringing four teams
  - (2) How many will show up?
  - (3) Glad to keep it local!

4. Southwest:

a) Invitational

(1) 2 Feb @ Camas (C):

(a) XYZ = 33 teams

(b) **ACTION:** Trevor and Abigail to coordinate  
XYZ

(2) 1 Dec @ Camas (B)

b) regional :

(1) 2 Mar @ Clark College

VII. Old Business

A. Update re: tournaments and preparation

B. SPEAA grant!

1. \$2540

VIII. New Business

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IX. Next meeting

Fill out [this Doodle poll](#)

Saturday, 11 May 0900 - 1100

X. Adjournment 11:10AM

From last year's meeting

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

<p>fundraising strategies / materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Seek support at national level for resources to support our efforts at the state level (sample videos, templates for fundraisers).</li></ul>	
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