

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors
Spring Meeting
11 May 2019
0900 - 1100

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

I. Call to Order

- II. Roll Call
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of [Minutes from last Board meeting](#)
 - A. Jay moves
 - B. Sheila and Diana second
 - C. Motion carries.
- V. Update on [Action item update](#)
- VI. Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 - 1. Checking ([link here](#)):
 - a) Balance (as of 6 May): \$1,024
 - (1) Received back \$110
 - (2) YVC
 - (a) not cash \$2000 check for tournament support
 - (b) ~\$3000 unspent and will send to WSO
 - b) Revenue - \$34,625.19 – all registrations rec'd
 - c) Expenses - \$36,133.71 – for remainder of FY will have national travel (~\$350) & SD
 - (1) 12 SPEEA teams pay reduced registration rates
 - (a) Extend “new team” waiver to Sammamish which was not able participate
 - d) pay - \$1000 (but will need to cover \$1500 July-Sept before revenue comes in
 - 2. Savings ([link here](#)):
 - a) Balance – \$27,601.63 (\$1744.01 earmarked for EWSO)
 - b) Contributions to date - \$2,945.75
 - (1) Expecting donation from Microsoft <end of fiscal quarter (Jun)
 - c) Interest to date - \$19.19

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	84	73

Had to turn away ~12 - 14 B division teams

Three states away from being able to send 2 B teams to nationals

FYI: ~10 states away from being able to send 2 C teams to nationals (need an additional 25 teams)

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

a) 9 March @ Spokane Falls CC

Great!

Only one almost appeal

b) possibly hosting at Central Washington University

2. Northwest

a) UW: 9 March ©

(1) Everything went pretty well

(2) No major issues that required director attention

(3) Labs wanted lab coats for everyone, but not required by events

(a) Competitors need to bring their own

(4) Big enough for student organizations to host, but quite expensive!

(a) Funding came from protein modeling, clean energy institute, chemistry

(b) Rooms in HUB require student organization to sponsor

- (i) Camas alumni
 - (ii) Raisbeck alumni
 - (5) Struggled most with finding volunteers
 - (6) Preparing more detailed report for summer meeting
- b) Bothell HS: 16 March (B)
 - (1) Hosting at high school was good solution!
 - (a) Cost was reasonable
 - (b) Venue was super
 - (2) 34 teams was tight
 - (a) Not necessarily because of competitors but because of support
 - (3) Super number of volunteers
 - (4) Need to help our middle school teams understand what it means to be a Science Olympiad competitor
 - (a) Help teams that have been aggressive to find a place in Sci Oly OR disinvite them.
- c) Invitationals
 - (1) 8 Dec @ RAHS (C)
 - (2) 12 Jan @ Curtis (C)
 - (3) 19 Jan @ Northshore (B)
 - (4) 9 Feb @ Chinook (B)
- d) Highline
 - (1) 13 Apr 2019
 - (a) Mostly good things about tests and building events
 - (i) Most events went really well!
 - (b) Boomilever
 - (c) LEAF
 - (i) Power supply in gym made it challenging to run

3. South Central:

- a) 26 Jan 2019
 - (1) Basketball constraints, etc. required an early tournament
 - (2) 8 teams showed up from 4 local(ish) schools (2, 4, 1, 1)
 - (3) Low-key tournament
 - (4) Two qualified for state, one attended

4. Southwest:

a) Invitational

(1) 2 Feb @ Camas (C):

(a) Went fairly well

(2) 1 Dec @ Camas (B)

(a) Some parents and teams unsportsmanlike conduct

b) regional :

(1) 2 Mar @ Clark College

(a) Some trouble getting volunteers

VII. Old Business

A. Addressing inappropriate conduct

From Judy:

I still think it is appropriate to discuss putting schools on probation for poor sportsmanship. This has been discussed several times, but we haven't taken action. Yet, the problem continues to worsen. I'd like to suggest that, as a start, if a team is disqualified at any tournament, that school should go on probation for 3 years. While on probation schools we should have a clear set of restrictions, such as

- Can only send two teams to tournaments
- Cannot go to nationals

In order to make this work, we need to have a way to document issues that arise at tournaments. Documenting issues from tournaments would also be beneficial so that lessons learned at one tournament are passed on to others. It is important to be consistent across invitational, regional and state tournaments.

E.g., [Odle](#)

E.g., [Redmond](#)

From Trevor:

[proposal](#)

B. Odle, Redmond

1. May register a maximum of two teams for 2019 - 20.

2. If a team is EDQ'd in any event, uninvolved team members standings unaffected, team unranked at regionals and State.
3. If a team receives multiple DQs, team may be unranked at tournament directors' discretion.
4. Unranked teams are not eligible for State or Nationals.
5. To be revisited for 2020-21

MOTION: Dave moves; Diana seconds

Motion carries

ACTION Sue to send letter, c: principals; Scott to proof

C. Tracking appeals across tournaments

Trevor's notes [here](#)

D. Thank you notes to hosting institutions

From Judy:

In the past, we have sent letters to thank the institutions that hosted our tournaments. Are we doing this again for the 2018-2019 tournaments?

E.g.,

[Thank-you poster for Highline](#)

To me, Science Olympiad is... [all responses](#)

ACTION Scott to upload editable template on Google Drive <16 May

VIII. New Business

A. Regionals 2020

a. Eastern

- i. Spokane Community College slated to host
- ii. Will decide at Wednesday's meeting

b. South Central

- i. Fading local support
 1. Due to influx from better prepared teams?
 2. Four schools
 - a. After lots of outreach
 - b. Anticipate only 3 teams next year
- ii. Local board discouraged by low numbers

- iii. Coalition between Pacific NW, YVCC, Heritage
 - 1. Will likely continue, e.g., STEM day
- iv. **ACTION:** Dave re: SW to share elementary Sci Oly resources

c. NW

- i. Raisbeck Aviation
 - 1. host invitational
 - 2. Willing to host B regional
- ii. Bothell
 - 1. Willing to host B regional or invitational (can't get dates confirmed until fall)
- iii. Curtis
 - 1. Host invitational
- iv. UW
 - 1. C regional OR B/C State
 - 2. People who may help: George Sun, Bella Alexander, Judy (?)
 - 3. Dates reserved for both state regionals 2020 and 2021; will have to check which dates. We should release reservations for 2020 after July meeting.
- v. WWU
 - 1. Andrew Jokela working with them

d. SW

- i. March 7th 2020 Regional @ Lower Columbia College
- ii. Erin has new full-time science position =?= future at Clark
 - 1. Meeting 20 May will have more information
- iii. Camas
 - 1. Middle school: Dec
 - 2. High school: Feb or Dec

B. State 2020

- a. Probably not at Eastern!
 - i. Not just financial!
 - ii. Emailed twice
 - 1. Early April
 - 2. Early May
 - iii. No official response yet

IX. Next meeting
Jun 29, 1000 - 1400

Trevor to find location with call-in access

X. Adjournment 11:05AM

From 2017-18 meeting

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 	<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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 fundraisers). | |
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