

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors – Fall Meeting

25 September 2021

9:00 - 11:00 PST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5092995394>

Meeting ID: 509 299 5394

Attendance

Invited	Present?
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	no
Jay Louterback	yes
Judy Mannard	yes
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
George Sun (Secretary)	yes
Nick Stephens (Chair)	yes
Tim Weber	yes
David Rosi	no
Tanya LaPier	yes
Ansel LaPier	yes
Christine Ye	yes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. PASSED: Approval of [minutes](#) from 7/17/21 meeting.
 - A. Scott motions to approve minutes, motion passes unanimously.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 1. [Checking](#)
 - a) Balance: \$1241.19
 - b) Revenue: \$751.23 (3 team registrations)
 - c) Expenses: \$2107.8
 2. [Savings](#)
 - a) Balance: \$29,093.48
 - (1) With \$1,744.01 earmarked for EWSO
 - (2) \$27,349.47 available for WSO
 - b) Deposits: \$5.24
 - (1) \$333.13 from UW returned funds
 - c) Fees (one time charge, changed to e-statements): \$3
 - B. State Director
 1. Registration:
 - a) Initially prepared web site info for 9/1 start of registration, but rec'd notice from Scilympiad that they were revising site 9/7 following release of national rules; so notified coaches registration would start 9/15.
 - b) Completed updates by 9/13 with 1/1/0001 as tournament date for each of the geographic regionals with 18 schools registered.
 - c) To date only 3 teams have finalized registration via payment
 - (1) transferred from PayPal to checking acct 9/22 to cover Sept expenses, so no need to transfer funds from savings to cover
 2. Response from coaches appears to be enthusiastic for 2021-22, ESPECIALLY if in-person tournaments. LOTS of questions from coaches for specifics about 2021-22.
 3. Tournament Directors:
 - a) Requested availability/willingness to host 2022 in-person tournament.
 - b) Responses as of noon 9/23:
 - (1) SCC (eastern B/C) that most likely cannot host EVER given escalating issues with administration over last 5-6 yrs;

(2) Curtis HS (NW/B Division) indicates at this time the school will not allow volunteers on campus, so would not be able to host a tournament unless entirely staffed by school personnel/students

4. WSO Meeting Minutes: Updated WSO web site to include minutes 2009-2021. Missing some mtgs and will follow up, as able, to post.
5. WSO Archived Records: In 2016 WSO founders, Dick & Shirley Prouty, gave me boxes of documents & memorabilia to store. Knowing that I couldn't adequately save/provide access to others, I contacted EWU Archive Dept to see if they were interested. They eagerly agreed to accept the records & archive. Besides pictures (generally don't have captions), they have WSO Articles of Incorporation, meeting minutes & official documents. I'd like to say these are accessible online, but so far these documents are only available in person at EWU. I am working with them to see whether they can be made available electronically. Will provide link to archived info if/when available.
 - a) Physical memorabilia (which EWU Archive Dept cannot store) include flags, plaques, buttons & other items; currently in storage in EWU Biology Dept. I currently have access, but may not in perpetuity, so if any ideas about permanent storage/disposition, please identify.

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern
 - a) Sue covers future of tournaments with Spokane
 - b) Central Valley probably not a viable tournament host
2. Northwest
 - a) Raisbeck
 - (1) Last week submitted facility use request to district for tournaments, expect to hear back in a week
 - (a) 4 Dec 2021: C
 - (b) 11 Dec 2021: B
 - (2) Will require eligible guests to be vaccinated
 - (3) May operate at reduced team capacity (25 to 20 teams)
 - b) Northshore
 - (1) Edie inquired about dates for B tournaments
 - (2) Northshore NOT hosting: per email 25 Sept "I was thinking we would pass this year. Too many other commitments."

- c) Pierce College is not a viable tournament host site this particular year—due to uncertainty of COVID restrictions and site director unable for this year, revisit for future years
 - d) Bothell
 - (1) Sheila secured building for Division B regionals for either March 12 or March 19
 - e) University of Washington
 - (1) George will check in with new students at UW who expressed interest in helping run tournaments
3. Southwest
- a) Camas
 - (1) TENTATIVELY 15 Jan (B & C)
 - (2) Staff only as volunteers
 - (3) Per Matt (9/25/21): “We plan for January 15 or the second weekend in December. Dec 4 or 11 would also work. We cannot do In Person. We planned to do Satellite. It will be more of a rush to do the December date. We hope to do a B/C on the same date, because we will need more district personnel on campus. District is willing to help cover the cost for one day.”

V. Old Business

A. Action Items Follow-up:

1. Scott is working with an organization that is willing to provide solar kits. Learn more about his work with this and how it would relate to the national Solar Power trial event.
 - a) Link to national trial event rules for Solar Power: https://www.soinc.org/sites/default/files/uploaded_files/TrialSolarPowerB21.pdf
 - b) Revisit in future years, organization shows interest but needs more ROI
2. Central Washington University tournament site? Jay and/or Sue will contact designated outreach specialist
 - a) Jay reached out to their last contacts, unsure if they're still there and seems not to have heard back
 - b) Nick will see if his wife has a contact at CWU
3. Pierce College tournament site? Nick follow up with Hillary Stephens to see if still a viable partner
 - a) Not an option for this year, see above in “Regional Boards”

4. Bylaws change approved to move deadline to notify membership of Annual Meeting from 2 weeks after state tournament to 4 weeks. Sue will update the bylaws document on the state website with this change (<https://washingtonscienceolympiad.com/bylaws.html>)
5. Modify rules to Egg-O-Naut and Code Analysis before Fall Meeting (September 2021)
 - a) George volunteers to take lead on Egg-O-Naut modifications, focus on safety and verifying sizes for compatibility with launchers
 - (1) ACTION: George has edited Egg-O-Naut rules from 2010 using new Ping Pong Parachute rules for 2022, will send around draft rules for input on specifications like indoor/outdoor, water/no water, bottle size, number of rockets
 - (2) Scott says Egg-O-Naut outdoors is difficult in Eastern Washington winters
 - b) David will revisit Code Analysis rules and seek recommendations for changes
 - (1) No word, will need to check in with David on status
6. Sheila will draft a unified schedule ahead of Fall Meeting
 - a) ACTION: Nick will check in with Sheila on status of draft schedule

VI. New Business

A. PASSED: [Proposed FY22 Budget](#)

1. Mentioned that 145 team estimate may be high, last season saw ~105 teams and historically expect ~10 new teams each season
2. Scott moves to approve proposed budget, Tim seconds, approved unanimously

B. Report from August Visioning meeting

1. Judy reports with meeting summary, document [here](#)
2. Student and parent present were focused on improving test quality and building a volunteer database
3. Coaches' attention seems to be more on keeping current teams afloat, working through COVID hurdles, administrative changes/restructuring vs. long term visioning
4. Judy proposes tabling visioning for now to focus on current season, but wants to continue work with George and Jay Gianan (Camas class of 2022, now UW) on creating alumni database and alumni engagement

C. 2021-22 Tournament Season

1. Team registrations will depend on tournament format, need to gauge team interest in participating if in-person vs. Satellite formats
 2. Tournament format will depend on availability of host sites
 3. Some Event Supervisors may be uncomfortable with helping out in-person, will want to gauge ES comfort in deciding tournament format
 - a) Venue vaccination requirements for volunteers, esp. in Eastern WA
 4. Current status of tournaments: one Division B site (Bothell), no state site
 5. Tournament format
 - a) Will start by trying to secure in-person sites and if that falls through will switch to Satellite format
 - b) Will notify teams of in-person vs. Satellite by October 31
 - c) Judy proposes a unified regional test
 - (1) Nick agrees with this but strongly preferred if all tournaments on same day
 - (2) Would allow less experienced volunteers to run events but may require more easy to grade questions
 - (3) Coordinating unification of tests: along with tournament directors could continue with event area coordinators like last season
 - d) Unified schedule draft by October 15 and finalized by October 31
 6. Venue
 - a) Scott offers possibility of hosting a tournament at Aviation though would prefer UW with faculty involvement
 - b) George will continue to gauge interest from UW students and whether a UW tournament is viable
 - c) ACTION: Jay is checking with Big Bend for running Division B/C
 - d) ACTION: Redmond has interest in hosting a tournament this year, Sue will reach out to them
 - e) ACTION: Christine suggests Tesla STEM which has enthusiastic students, Eastlake probably not possible because has a small team
- D. Trial events (tabled from summer board meeting)
1. Nick proposes leaving as TBD until format and schedule are finalized, general agreement from other board members
 2. Trial events will only be at the state level so not a pressing issue

- VII. Next Meeting -- [please indicate availability](#)
 - A. ACTION: Nick will review availabilities and email Board with a date
 - B. NOTE: avoid Camas tournament date (8 or 15 Jan, TBD)
- VIII. Adjourn -- Meeting adjourned at 10:51 PDT