

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors – Spring Meeting

Meeting Details

2023-05-06

09:00 – 11:00 PST / 12:00 – 14:00 EST

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

Meeting ID: 509 299 5394

Attendance

Invited	Region	Present?
Sue Murphy (State Director)	E	Yes
George Sun (Chair)	NW	yes
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	NW	yes
Tanya LaPier (Secretary)	E	No
David Rosi (Treasurer)	SW	No
Sheila Guard	NW	yes
Lei Jiang	SW	yes
Jay Loutherback	E	no
Judy Mannard	NW	no
Senthil Natesan	E	yes
Anabel Jiang (Student Advisor)	SW	yes
Iris Ta (Student Advisor)	SW	yes

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of minutes from [2022-06-18](#) and [2022-10-01](#) and [2023-01-07](#).
 - A. Minutes from 2022-06-18 previously not approved due to no quorum.
 - B. Minutes from 2022-10-01 not approved due to no quorum.
 - C. Scott moves to approve minutes, Sheila seconds.
 - D. Motion carries unanimously
- IV. Reports.
 - A. Treasurer
 1. Completed checking spreadsheet thru 4/30 statements.
 2. Balance: \$9,755 ... but April charges unsure final balance ... transferred \$15,000 in April to ensure all charges covered.
 3. Revenue (final): \$24,491.92.
 4. Expenses thru March/April covered ... but April expenses charged to cc will be paid in May.
 5. Savings Balance \$12,805.22 with \$4966.72 earmarked for eastern regional tournaments materials (\$1,744.01) and SW (\$3,242.71) regions = \$7,818.50 available for WSO
 6. All deposits made FY23 (except interest) are for SW region with no donations to date. \$4.13 in interest income.
 7. \$15,000 transferred to checking to cover WSO tournament expenses (SW region transfer taken from SW funds). Amt was best guess without having reconciled bank acct at that time. Current checking acct balance almost \$10,000 with majority of FY23 expenses posted to spreadsheet (would need to cover \$2500 State Director salary thru Sept – when FY24 revenue starts to come in) and a few other minor expenses) so should be able to transfer approx. \$7,000 back to savings.
 - B. State Director
 1. Recap
 - a) Registration 2023: 105
(1) <COVID: 175
 - b) New teams did not appear to be particularly active
(evidenced by score results)
 - c) Tournament sites
(1) Lots of effort to secure

2. Reimbursement for tournament expenses
 - a) ~\$2500 / tournament
 - b) Pending: \$1500 SCC site costs
 3. Priorities for 2023 - 24
 - a) Secure tournament sites by September
 - (1) Late site selection may have contributed to reduced registration
 - (2) Secure new B / C sites in NW
 - b) E
 - (1) Recruit more teams
 - (2) Hard to sustain with just 10 B / 7 C teams
 - c) SW
 - (1) B: 10 teams
 4. Upcoming state board elections
- C. Regional Boards
1. Eastern
 - a) SFCC regional: 2024
 - (1) ACTION: Sue to follow up
 - b) Spokane CC will likely not host again
 - (1) Admin does not seem to strongly support Sci Oly
 - (2) Erin Rutters (TD for many years): "I'm not doing it again" on account of getting grief every step of the way
 - c) Central Valley and Green Acres (formerly both strong) not competing this year
 - d) ACTION: Senthil to reach out
 - (1) Gonzaga
 - (2) Lewis & Clark
 2. Northwest
 - a) Appreciation gifts
 - b) Support received from a few parents, high school students helping with Division B
 - c) Redmond not returning at host, but another school in the area is an option
 - (1) Edie Li @ Northshore
 - (2) Potentially Timberline
 - d) Challenges finding supervisors and test writers, relied on some alums
 - e) Rerun alumni survey

- (1) **ACTION:** Scott ask coaches from NW
- (2) **ACTION:** Lei, Anabel ask coaches from SW
- (3) Link: <https://forms.gle/QUXc9oze9VQe26Xv9>

f) Sites

- (1) Haven't found UW Seattle alums to start up student group again
- (2) UW Bothell difficult to secure and space limited

g) B

- (1) Results
- (2) Lessons learned

h) C

- (1) Results
- (2) Lessons learned
 - (a) Where is the test bank?
- (3) Consider matching regional schedule with UW exam schedule
- (4) **ACTION:** Scott to reach out to Education department for test writers

3. Southwest

- a) Regional went well, had to do some last minute supervisor fixes
- b) Looking for fresh blood to continue the tradition
- c) Sites 2023 - 24
 - (1) Some question about how long LCCC will continue to host
 - (2) WSU - Vancouver (~20 min from Camas)
 - (a) No leads
 - (3) Camas offered to host
 - (a) Regionals
 - (b) State

D. Invitational Tournaments

- 1. RAHS or Tesla hosting B and C in 2023 - 24
- 2. Camas

V. Agenda

A. Ideas for bringing in and helping sustain new coaches

- 1. As a new coach, Sci Oly feels overwhelming
 - a) 24 new events
 - b) 15 students
- 2. Suggestion

- a) Provide new model
 - b) Suggestion: Allow teams to advance a top scoring in a particular event
 - (1) Advantage:
 - (a) Sooooo much easier to manage
 - (b) Get teams in and playing
 - (i) Otherwise just so much
 - (2) Questions
 - (a) Logistics
 - (3) **ACTION:** Sheila to share
 - c) References/other states using all-star model:
 - (1) MO: <https://www.missouriso.org/state-results>
 - (2) NC: <https://ncscienceolympiad.ncsu.edu/scores/>
 - (3) National: <https://www.soinc.org/all-star-teams>
3. Other considerations
- a) Have we clearly defined the problem?
 - (1) What causes young teams' attrition?
 - b) Only for new teams?
 - c) What about teams that are already qualifying for state and can reshuffle?
4. Next steps
- a) **ACTION:**
 - (1) George to research other states' solutions by 30 May
 - (a) E.g., tiered (competitive, less competitive)
 - (b) E.g., Qualify as a team OR if you win 1st place in a regional event, able to compete at State as well
 - (i) Question: can you bring a partner who did not compete?
 - (ii) Gauging how many students will be attending from incomplete teams, ensuring accurate census so full teams aren't excluded
 - (2) Scott to pose questions
 - (3) brainstorming
 - (a) Scott to send invite to Board (and others?)
 - (b) Sheila, Scott to brainstorm by 23 Jun
 - (4) Proposal by summer annual meeting (June/July)
 - (5) Ready by August 2023

B. 2023 BoD Election

1. 4 applicants for 4 positions
 - a) Ballots must be distributed 3rd week of May
 - b) 1 of those positions is for the remainder of Tanya's position (1 year)
 - c) **ACTION:** Sue to ask applicants if want 1- or 3-yr term ... lottery if no volunteer
2. 7 applicants for up to 3 students advisors
3. Annual meeting
 - a)

C. Tests from invitational, regional, and state tournaments

1. **ACTION:** David to upload SW to test bank
2. **ACTION:** Scott to upload NW to test bank
3. **ACTION:** Sue to upload state tests
4. **ACTION:** George to prepare folders

D. Event suggestion: Quantum Quandaries (last seen at nationals in 1997? 1998?)

1. Event rules:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j35IKgGk3xPre7qu7fVL5awbUm2UNxzh/view?usp=share_link
2. Whether event among 24 or trial event, revisit at annual meeting

E. Solar Power

1. **ACTION:** Scott to debrief with Clean Energy Institute
 - a) Goal: preserve relationship with CEI
 - b) Revisit rules for Solar Power
 - (1) Perhaps make it a trial event?
 - c) Opportunity for stumbling teams to reach out?

F. NW change in process

1. Earlier registration deadline
2. Expectation for participation
 - a) Provide 4 - 5 volunteers for tournament
 - b) Experienced teams
 - (1) Responsibility to recruit test writer
3. Advantage
 - a) Sensible distribution of work
4. Disadvantage
 - a) Coaches as test writers = potential conflict of interest
 - (1) Idea: 2 test writers from different schools

VI. Next Meeting – [please indicate availability](#)

- A. 24 Jun or 1 Jul
- VII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned XX:XX AM.