

# Summer Board Meeting

## Meeting Details

- **2024-07-14, 09:00 – 11:00 PDT / 12:00 – 14:00 EDT**
- <https://meet.google.com/uti-mjaz-fkq>

## Attendance

<b>Invited</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Lei Jiang (Interim State Director)	SW	yes
George Sun (Chair)	NW	yes
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	NW	yes
Marla Haugen (Secretary)	E	yes
David Rosi (Treasurer)	SW	yes
Sheila Guard	NW	Yes
Edie Lie	NW	yes
Jay Loutherback	E	yes
Senthil Natesan	E	No
Banny Wong	SW	yes
Florence Liang (Student Advisor)	SW	No
Amanuel Nega (Student Advisor)	NW	No
Jane Park (Student Advisor)	E	Yes

## Meeting Notes

### I. Call to Order

- A. Called to order 9:02 AM.


## II. Roll Call


- A. See above

## III. Update Contact Information

- A.  Board Members Directory

## IV. Approval of Prior Minutes (5 min)

- A.  2024 06 22 - Annual Board Meeting (Open)

- B.  2024 06 22 - Annual Board Meeting (Closed)

- C. Moved to approve by Scott and seconded by Edie - approved by voice vote

## V. New/Old Business

- A. State tournament

1. April 12, 2025 - possibly only date available, later has conflict with CWU events, earlier too close to regionals
2. Dannica indicates CWU will host again in 2025 - need to discuss budget further
3. 2024: \$3894
4. Lei spoke about event needs with Dannica - computer lab needs etc.
  - a) Chem faculty off for summer so not all details can be finalized yet
  - b) Not needing large gym is beneficial financially
  - c) Would like more CWU faculty to be involved but Dannica can't commit to that
  - d) Scott happy to coordinate C Division communication, Edie happy to do for B

- B. Insurance updates from national ([Link](#); [Memo/Samples](#))

1. Jenny Kopach, Elizabeth Mulkerrin (new CEO) Nationals switched to new insurance which has more coverage but need more communication from us (mainly for elementary Science Olympiad sponsored by state board)
2. Scilympiad updates
  - a) Upcoming meeting for SD about managing tests and scoring
  - b) We only use it for registration so not critical for us
3. Sue says in past it was assumed that there was coverage
4. If a tournament insists on insurance coverage for their site, we can request it (needs SD to fill out form)
  - a) David pointed out that even invitationals should use it

- C. Unified schedule: [draft](#)

1. Lei pointed out that Nationals wants us to run all 23 events so we should run Bungee Drop as a trial
2. Discussion about Game Agent vs Cybersecurity
  - a) David says GA will be in development by WSU til December

- b) GA could be fun/non/building event that could be a draw
- c) [Quantum Quandary](#) makes 23 for C
- d) [Sustainable Energy](#) - part of our goal is to take this to Nationals?


- (1) After running this last year, some kinks still being worked out, need to be very specific about components. Scott working hard on details with Clean Energy Institute (rules linked above)
- (2) David has contacts/ideas about batteries/energy storage
- (3) Lots of discussion about potential energy storage/safety/
- (4) As you look at the rules for SA, if you make changes make sure to note that change with a comment

3. Trial events often have minimal participation

D. State Director transfer status

E. Finances

1.  **2024 06 22 - WSO Annual Meeting.pdf**

2.  2024 06 22 - WSO Annual Meeting - Finances.xlsx

3. Fundraising -

- a) Lei submitted grant to NSO (\$10,000)
  - (1) Starting alumni chapter @ UW
    - (a) Perhaps recruit from Seattle Public Schools
- b) SPEEA grant submitted, we will know results by Sept 12
- c) How else can we raise money? Increase registration?
  - (1) Last year 115 teams - \$275 with varying fees?
  - (2) Suggestions to raise to \$300-325
    - (a) Only 3 states have fees of more than \$300
    - (b) Many states have discounts for teams past first
  - (3) Could add a State Tournament Fee
    - (a) In past had shirts and charged a separate state fee (Judy did for Highline where she had a sponsor cover most of t-shirt cost, then charged all teams a reasonable price for shirts that brought in some revenue)

(4) Grants

4. Regional/state budgets


- a) Basically starting at 0 right now, need \$36,000 per year
  - (1) 115 teams in 2023-2024
  - (2) Estimated registration income:
    - (a)  $115 * \$275 = \$31,625$
    - (b)  $115 * \$300 = \$34,500$
    - (c)  $115 * \$325 = \$37,375$

- (3) Estimated discounts:  $14 * -\$100 = -\$1,400$
    - (4) Net:  $\$34,500 - \$1,400$
  - b) Last year 2,500 per Regional
  - c) Lei proposing 4,000 for state and 2,000 for Regionals
  - d) 1,000 for representative from board for National travel
- 5. Registration fee
  - a) Registrations can be mailed to David and he will deposit
  - b) For 2024-2025: **\$300/team regardless of registration date, \$100 discount for first team from a school that has not participated in the last 5 years**
    - (1) Edie motions, David seconds, motion passes unanimously
- F. Event Supervisor and volunteer recruiting
  - 1. Edie proposes teams qualifying for nationals in previous year host an invitational tournament in the next season
  - 2. Schools provide volunteers for regional/state tournaments
    - a) Not necessarily write tests (as issues with missing tests in past, concerns with test security) but at least support events
- G. Tournament dates
  - 1. Raisbeck invite C: 18 Jan
  - 2. Raisbeck regional C1: 8 Mar
  - 3. Bothell:
    - a) C-div 2, mar 1
    - b) B-div: mar 15
- H. Encouraging new teams
  - 1. Need:
    - a) lower financial barriers to participation
    - b) Allow teams to participate without a full roster
  - 2. Potential solution(s)
    - a) Invite teams to participate in trial events at invitationals at lower cost
      - (1) Consider: participating teams MUST be registered with National Sci Oly (\$75) AND invitational hosts need to pay custodial costs (~\$75 / team)
  - 3. Draft language: To encourage new teams to participate in Science Olympiad,
- I. Coaching workshop
  - 1. Lei recruiting coaches to talk about coaching, specific events for October 12 coaching workshop in SW region
- J. Website
  - 1. ACTION: George spend time in August to get website updated

K. Topics to revisit

1. Trial of small teams for E/SW regions
2. Encouraging new teams (see above)
3. NOTE: By law, we need to approve budget
4. Lei working with Sue for handover of items, digital archive hosted by EWU

**VI. Next Meeting**

- A. Fall Meeting –  Board Meeting Availability

**VII. Adjourn**

- A. Meeting adjourned 11:17 AM.