

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors:

Summer Meeting

Meeting Details

- **2025-08-09, 09:00 – 11:00 PDT / 12:00 – 14:00 EDT**
- <https://yale.zoom.us/my/george.sun>

Attendance

Invited	Region	Present?
Lei Jiang (Interim State Director)	SW	Yes
George Sun (Chair)	NW	Yes
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	NW	No
Marla Haugen (Secretary)	E	Yes
David Rosi (Treasurer)	SW	Yes (later)
Andy Christensen	NW	Yes
Edie Lie	NW	Yes
Gang Liu	SW	No
Jay Loutherback	E	Yes
Banny Wong	SW	Yes
Florence Liang (Student Advisor)	SW	Yes
Amanuel Nega (Student Advisor)	NW	No
Emily Liu (Student Advisor)	SW	Yes

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. Called to order 09:01.
- II. Roll Call**
 - A. See above
- III. Update Contact Information (3 min)**
 - A.  Board Members Directory
- IV. Approval of Prior Minutes (5 min)**
 - A.  2025 06 07 - Annual Board Meeting (Open)
 - B.  2025 06 07 - Annual Board Meeting (Closed)
 - C. Edie moved to approve above minutes, Marla seconded, passed unanimously by hand vote
 - D. Notes to add to minutes...Judy Mannard not available for State Director
Alison Weller at North Creek not ready to host
- V. Looking Back**
 - A. Celebrations -
 - B. Opportunities for growth - Sheila hosted 2 last year, more consistent venues would be nice. Edie asked NMS if she would be able to host even though not employed there
-Andrew working with Lake Washington - has not asked Redmond about going back.
Eastlake HS (excited to host other than construction) and Redmond HS (less excited to host) both under construction
- VI. Looking Forward**
 - A. Nominations for roles
 1. Chair: George Sun
 2. Vice chair: Scott McComb
 3. Secretary: Edie Lie
 4. Treasurer: David Rosi

Andrew moved and Marla seconded to approve
 - B. Proposed Budget (FY 2026)
 1.  Proposed Budget FY-2026

We got the Incentive Grant for \$10k from the National Sci Olympiad. Lei and George attended Nationals and championed new events, so those connections probably helped us win the grant.

Note: add a line item for Hotel for state supervisors (\$4000)

Note: added outreach to help reach out to Seattle Public Schools attend the UW invitational for free (\$2000)

Edie moved to approve the budget, and Banny seconded it.

2. Tournament Site Funding Proposal.xlsx

For hosting regionals, schools often pay for custodial and supervisor's food. It's important to have someone on the staff (eg, willing to champion Sci Oly) George has created an attached funding proposal to equitably reimburse regional hosts. We will be flexible and reimburse regional hosts as needed to completely cover their costs.

C. Events (2025 - 26)

1. Quantum Quandary

a) Quantum Quandary 2025-26

- (1) Worthwhile to run for another year (unique WA event - C only)
- (2) Main changes: took out generic quantum concepts (topics that are too broad) and added more about quantum errors, more specifics on quantum computing; removed computer option (only paper binder allowed)
- (3) Possibility: share last year's tests with students to help them study

2. Sustainable Energy

a) 2025-26 Sustainable Energy (storage) Rules

- (1) Build still has potential to improve (unique WA event - both B and C)
- (2) Added: bonus at State if demonstrate durability

3. Code Craze

a) Draft rules: Code Craze C 2026 Rules - May25 draft (private)

b) Public advertisement: Code Craze

4. Machines

- a) Recommendation: keep the written test, but drop build portion (too simple)
- b) Another option: make the build count for less (vs. current rules of 55%)
- c) Dave suggested keeping the build as an easier option for new teams; George added that new teams may find it easier without a build; Emily and Florence added that some students prefer to build, so it would be better to keep it and decrease the point value
- d) **Consensus:** keep the build but adjust the point value to 30% of total

D. Event schedule

1. Change Quantum Quandary WSO Unified Schedule - 2026 to a sign-up event (to avoid Chem/Forensic conflict)

2. WIDI Division B: in order to match National schedule, we wouldn't start until 11 am, but that's late to start WIDI and get it graded, so we're going to change it to a sign-up event (note that it's different from National)
3. Rocks & Minerals C: keep same as National schedule to help teams that attend out-of-state tournaments and Nationals
4.  2025 - 26 Schedule DRAFT
5. National Tournament conflict blocks:
https://www.soinc.org/sites/default/files/uploaded_files/SONT_26_Conflict_Blocks.png

E. Competitions

1. **Invitationals**
 - a) UW Invitational (C) - Nov 22nd
 - b) Camas Invitational - Dec 6th (B) Dec 13th (C)
 - c) RAHS (Div C) - Jan 17th
 - d) Evergreen (Div B) - Jan 31st
 - e) Satellite Invitational - Eastern (Late Jan?)
2. **Regionals**
 - a) Lower Columbia B/C ~ March 7th
 - b) NW regional B 1
 - c) NW regional B 2 - Backup option RAHS March 21st?
 - d) NW regional C 1 - Lake Washington Tech?
 - e) NW regional C 2 - RAHS Feb 28th?
 - f) Eastern B/C - Lewis and Clark High School
 - g) Potential Individual qualifying tournament - Satellite? Perhaps available for students who are remote and find it difficult to attend regionals, at a discounted cost of \$75 - \$100
3. **State**
 - a) CWU - April 18

F. State Incentive Grant

1.  State Incentive Grant - Washington 2025-26
2.  State Incentive Grant Winner Letter WA 2025.pdf
3. Seattle Public Schools outreach - urban school initiative
 SPS Science curriculum manager is ex-Sehome competitor; Lei will send her flyers to distribute (see Student Working Group link in H for additional info); Edie is willing to help with SPS outreach
4. University of Washington alumni chapter & invitational
5. Regional and state tournament sites

G. SPEEA Grant - August 15, 2025

1. Marla working on it, almost ready to submit

H. Student Outreach WG

1.  WSO Student Outreach Working Group

I. State tournament committee

1. Organize 1-2 lead experts in each of six areas
2. Help state director with test review, ES recruiting etc
3. Experienced and neutral, willing to spend a lot of time
4. Potential mentors for young writers

J. New season website updates

1.  Website Sitemap & Update Schedule
2. Registration and tournament pages updated

VII. Next Meeting

A. Fall Meeting –  Board Meeting Availability

VIII. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned 10:56.