

**Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**22 Sept 2018**  
0900 - 1100

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invited	present?
Shawn Barnett	yes
Trevor Day	yes
Jessica Greer	no
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	yes
Abigail Jiang	yes
Jay Loutherbak (Vice Chair)	yes
Judy Mannard	yes
Scott McComb (Chair)	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
Diana Rhodes	yes
Dave Rosi (Secretary)	no
Christy Wood	no
Charlene	no

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  
- III. Review agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from [last Board meeting](#)
  - A. Jay moves to approve; Sheila seconds. Motion carries

V. Update on [Action item update](#)

VI. Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Checking:

\$1,393.73

\$1,539.75 in expenses so far this fiscal year.

2. Savings:

\$24,618.77

\$1,811 earmarked for Eastern WA Regional Board =

\$22,807.77 available for WSO;

\$29.88 in contributions to date.

B. State Director

1. Registration

a. Postponed until dates and locations finalized

b. Target next week

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

a) 9 March @ Spokane Falls CC

b) Looking at possibility of B, C, or both invitational

2. Northwest

a) ACTION: Scott to get info from Seattle DropBox to Judy

b) Seattle: NOT hosting

c) UW: 9 March (c)

(1) XYZ schedule

(2) # of teams constrained

(a) by ballroom: **44 teams**

(3) Event space

(a) How long will flying events actually take?

d) Bothell HS: 16 March (B) [24 teams - looking for creative ways to possibly add a few more]

(1) Follow up re: insurance

e) Invitationals

(1) 8 Dec @ RAHS (C)

(2) 12 Jan @ Curtis (C)

(3) ?? @ Chinook (B)

(4) ?? @ Northshore (B)

f) Highline

(1) 13 April

(2) Things looking very positive

3. South Central:

- a) 26 Jan 2019
- b) limit : 10 teams
- c) Waves of emails
  - (1) Coaches
  - (2) Schools who did not return last year
  - (3) Every junior high in Pasco, Tri-Cities, etc.

4. Southwest:

- a) Invitational
  - (1) 2 Feb @ Camas (C):
    - (a) XYZ = 33 teams
    - (b) **ACTION**: Trevor and Abigail to coordinate XYZ
  - (2) 1 Dec @ Camas (B)
- b) regional :
  - (1) 2 Mar @ Clark College
    - (a) B division
      - (i) Local teams growing!
      - (ii) Oregon team (~5)

VII. Old Business

A. Pilot events

1. LEAF

- a) Rules posted 29 September
- b) Written test, poster
  - (1) No plane = tiered
- c) Nationals:
  - (1) Get feedback!
    - (a) Include as part of test?
- d) Teams in same school test in same time frame
- e) Regional tournament directors have the discretion to run it OR not; regardless, it WILL be run as a scored event as state
  - (1) **ACTION**: Sue to communicate to teams
- f) Long term
  - (1) **ACTION**: Scott (or his TAs) to analyze participation

B. Potential trial events

1. WiFi lab (C)
    - a) Pushed hard from Nationals
    - b) Run @ Highline before,
      - (1) with lots of confusion
      - (2) Cool
      - (3) Would be even better to get it right!
  2. Environmental chemistry (B/C): modeling?
    - a) Heather loves it!
    - b) Enthusiastic support from students
    - c) Relatively inexpensive
  3. Electric Wright Stuff (B/C)
    - a) Demonstrated
    - b) Rules posted at Nationals
    - c) Different from LEAF
  4. Detector Building (c)
  5. Ping Pong parachute (B +G)
    - a) Slated to be an event 2020
  6. Code Analysis
    - a) Allegedly different from Code Busters
- C. Unified schedule
1. Modified for different regions
    - a) South Central
      - (1) B only
      - (2) No LEAF?
    - b) UW: XYZ
  2. Abigail to share conflict matrix
    - a) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1joYq1V3dE6-mi0SaeSSiDVThV6dV50roQx8ptCRgp64/edit?usp=sharing>

## VIII. New Business

- A. Budget FY 2019 [docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_Gf-axsqNdM96c9I4LNi9rJ09UfGJUsluHDdIQbEgCQ/edit#gid=618743244](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_Gf-axsqNdM96c9I4LNi9rJ09UfGJUsluHDdIQbEgCQ/edit#gid=618743244)
  - a. More than 4 places at UW?
    - i. 4th place medals for 23 events: about \$100
    - ii. Medals to 3rd; ribbons to 6th place (for UW- C-division)
    - iii. Add 4th place team trophy (for UW - C-Division)

Diana moves to approve. Jay seconds  
Motion carries

**ACTION:** Sue to include note to coaches re: coaches; actions / expectations for tournament directors (what parents can / cannot do)

IX. Next meeting  
Jan 5, 0900 - 1100

X. Adjournment

From last year's meeting

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support from numerous tournament sites</li> <li>● Well established</li> <li>● Fits well with STEM emphasis nationally</li> <li>● Enthusiastic support from students and families</li> <li>● Opportunities to dive deep into areas of interest</li> <li>● Collaborative atmosphere between different stakeholders - students, teachers, university faculty and administrators/staff</li> <li>● Dedicated volunteers/event supervisors/board members/coaches.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hard to “convince” new coaches/teams to get started.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Time</li> <li>○ money</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Challenging for teams to travel to invitations. Creates a lack of balance for teams that are in regionals that do not have invitationals.</li> <li>● Funding difficult to come by (Both as an organization and schools)</li> <li>● Events are getting REALLY expensive!</li> <li>● Visibility lacking in some communities</li> <li>● Difficult to convince younger faculty to get involved.</li> <li>● Difficult to share resources (including lessons learned at tournaments and specific events) between regions.</li> <li>● Lack of alternatives to face-to-face competitions</li> <li>● Science Olympiad is prioritized below sports and other school events so things are difficult to schedule.</li> <li>● Requirement for “gym-type” location for some of the events.</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Start at elementary level               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ E.g., Camas</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Provides a WIDE variety of STEM opportunities to students throughout Washington</li> <li>● Provides opportunities for Science Olympiad alumni to give back to community.</li> <li>● Outreach to other audiences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Science nights</li> <li>○ Legislators</li> <li>○ Industry</li> <li>○ State agencies</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Activating strong and growing alumni base</li> <li>● More robust marketing</li> <li>● New tournament sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● When Judy, Tom, Heather, etc. are no longer affiliated with Highline, Seattle Central, Eastern who hosts?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What systems do we have in place to make Sci Oly successful in the long-term?</li> <li>○ How do we build and sustain relationships?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tournament sites’ reliance on stable personnel, facilities, and fiscal aspects</li> <li>● Other competitions and extracurricular limit availability (e.g., DECA, sports, FIRST, band, etc.) both for students and for site availability.</li> </ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Systematic fundraising or shared fundraising strategies / materials</li><li>• Seek support at national level for resources to support our efforts at the state level (sample videos, templates for fundraisers).</li></ul> |  |
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