

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors – Spring Meeting

07 May 2022

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 Loutherback	yes
Judy Mannard	yes
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	yes
George Sun (Secretary)	yes
Nick Stephens (Chair)	yes
Tim Weber	no
David Rosi	yes
Tanya LaPier	yes
Ansel LaPier	no
Christine Ye	yes

- I. Call to Order – 9:02 AM PDT
- II. Roll Call (see above)
- III. Approval of [minutes](#) from 1/22/22 meeting.
 - A. Minutes approved without objections

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer

1. Checking:

- a) Balance: \$2912.08
- b) Revenue (complete for FY22): \$22,657.62 that includes \$17.27 extra "income" from PayPal/PP due to change in fee structure
- c) Expenses to date: \$23,343.30 ... only anticipated expenses thru FY22: State Director pay for May/June (\$1,000) + WA State Charities application (\$40) + monthly Zoom of \$16.20
- d) WSO Tournament Expenses paid to date: \$15,892.98 that should cover all tournament expenses with exception of tournament director (TD) compensation. Per prior msg, hoping George can be compensated for hours/time/effort he put in to making the regional and state tournaments a success. A total of \$29,700 was approved for WSO tournaments. Previous request that board to consider/approve compensation of \$2500/tournament [allotted in budget] for \$5,000. [Will be addressed as separate item.]

2. Savings:

- a) Balance: \$29,557.92 (\$1,744.01 earmarked for eastern WA) = \$27,813.02 for WSO*
- b) Donations: \$468.79
- c) Interest Income: \$4.38
- d) *SW WSO is in planning stages for moving regional funds from Clark College to WSO ... so far, not completed

B. State Director

1. Regional & State Tournaments completed successfully. Some issues, but mostly related to teams not totally understanding or abiding by virtual tournament policies. Congrats to tournament coordination team – amazing job! George's contribution was above/beyond. Awards ordered at nationals that will send directly to teams. This completes 2022-23 season chores.
2. All team payments rec'd and transferred from PP to checking, along with donations to WSO and purchase of state T-shirts which Judy facilitated. WSO total cost was \$3,776 (compared to up to \$10,000+ normal cost).
3. Have rec'd 3 BoD apps & 2 Student Advisor apps by 4/30 deadline, so despite membership vote, we will have 3 BoD positions filled & 2 Student Advisor positions.

C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern

- a) Sue has reached out to SFCC tournament site, hasn't heard back.

- b) Jay reports no new updates with Big Bend - Sue or Jay will reach out.
- 2. Northwest
 - a) Scott reporting on previous conversations with Clean Energy Institute and their interest in supporting WSO tournaments and solar-related events (Solar Power, Solar Vehicle), and CEI may be able to provide graduate students to support
 - (1) Possibly involves some modifications with national event rules to make WA-specific, and CEI may have budget to support that
- 3. Southwest

V. Old Business

A. Tournaments debrief

- 1. Regional
 - a) 105 teams (about evenly split across divisions)
 - b) Sue sent out order for medals to national vendor, 4th place ribbons went out to E and SW regions, 7th/8th place for NW was not received in time so did not go out in same batch
- 2. State
 - a) 52 teams (evenly split across divisions)
 - b) All details directly related to tournament are posted to <https://scilympiad.com/wa>, anticipate no further changes to the page
 - c) Sue sent out order for medals to national vendor, sent out ribbons including regional ribbons for NW
 - d) Judy put out order for t-shirts which teams/volunteers, just approved proof from shirt company, should expect to receive maybe a week from now, and she sent gratitude gift cards (\$20) to volunteers
 - e) Alumni survey sent out to teams, a few students have indicated interest in helping WSO
- 3. Reflection on virtual tournaments
 - a) David mentions possibly carrying over some virtual on-computer events into in-person tournaments
 - b) Scott reports students reported virtual tournaments as a “grind,” but virtual videos were a useful learning tool

B. Outstanding tournament items

- 1. Action: George to finish sending out volunteer gratitude messages received from participants/coaches
- 2. Action: Sue to post regional and state scores to WSO website

C. International Community School (ICS) appeal of EDQ from state tournament

- 1. Judy's summary: [2022 State ICS Food Science Appeal.pdf](#)
- 2. Team was placed on Annual Warning (AW) after EDQ, and on notification of AW elected to appeal AW

3. Team had ~8 hours to submit printed resources, follow-up emails in reply to initial request didn't address actual notes
4. Judy motions to keep EDQ, seconded by Jay, on voting decision to keep EDQ as is is unanimously supported by board
5. Action: Outcome of vote and EDQ standing to be sent to coaches of ICS
6. Was not policy this year - Judy thinks if ever repeating virtual format in future, should have some guidance on answers that are plagiarized directly from sources/notes as does not seem to promote proper learning and instead just copy/pasting
7. Tanya: "Plagiarism is hard for grad students to avoid. So I think we need to give grace to middle and high school students that it is most often a mistake but certainly teachable moment."

VI. New Business

A. 2022 Board of Directors election

1. 3 board members applicants for 3 board member seats
 - a) 1 from NW, 1 from SW, 1 from E
2. 2 student advisor applicants for 2 student advisor seats
 - a) 2 from SW (Camas)
3. Sue to send out ballots but all applicants expected to be elected

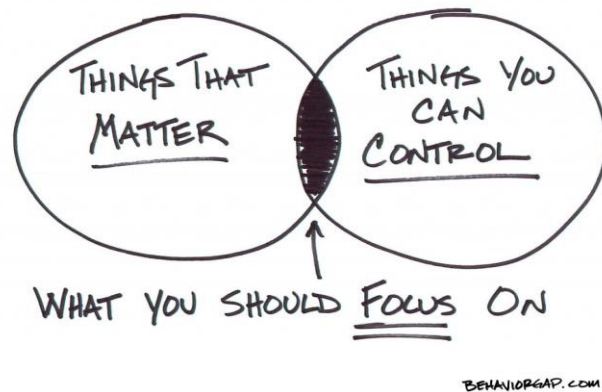
B. Tournament Director compensation

1. Due to extraordinary measures taken to conduct virtual regional and state tournaments, motion to award \$5000 tournament director stipend to George Sun made by David Rosi, seconded by Judy Mannard.
 - a) Motion passed unanimously.

C. Visioning

1. Rekindling relationships with host sites for in-person
 - a) Sue reports Eastern region will be uphill battle, NW region will probably have more support with larger number of teams
 - b) Opportunity to (re)consider hosting at high schools and middle schools
 - c) David trying to keep things rolling in SW with LCC, trying to keep outside involvement growing but regional schools continue to play important role with supporting tournaments
 - d) Financial hurdle for many sites is cost of custodial fees
 - e) Tanya reports Senthil might be able to facilitate possibly having WSU Spokane host
 - f) Argument that students attending tournament matriculate to host site college/university doesn't work well as numbers don't support it (experience from Seattle Central and Highline)
 - g) Enthusiasm for virtual Science Olympiad is waning, impression mostly previously participating students just continuing with the program

- h) Revisiting traditional practices for in-person tournaments
 - (1) Educational resources from Science Olympiad, Inc. have been the same for the last 10 years, still contain typos
 - (2) Scott suggests revisiting coaches clinics
 - (3) Nick mentions Project Lead the Way (PLTW) as a curriculum that many schools are adopting, can advertise Science Olympiad as an activity that meets requirements for PLTW
 - (a) Skills USA is the group the engineering PLTW



2. Volunteer/alumni engagement

- a) Cleaning up volunteer database, adding new volunteers/alumni from this year
- b) Involving out-of-state alumni/volunteers on test review committees
- c) Action: David to help exporting tests from Scilympiad for 2021–2022 season
- d) Action: Diana has tests from 2020–2021 season, George to follow up and get the folder of tests from her
- e) Test writing committee that is used across state with invitational, regional, and state tournaments, with focus on the community experience with writing tests
- f) Judy at Highline had continuity in volunteers from regional to state and used test review committee, positive feedback from coaches on test quality for those tests
- g) Support for continuing coordinating test efforts across regions
- h) Revisiting discussion on breaking tournaments into multiple tiers of teams (like A and AA that some states use)
- i) Proposal to national organization for communication system for Event Supervisors from across country to coordinate among each other

- VII. Next Meeting – Annual WSO Meeting on Zoom 06/18/22 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- VIII. Adjourn – 10:58 AM