

Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors – Annual Meeting

18 June 2022

9:00 - 13:00 PST

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

Meeting ID: 509 299 5394

Part I: Coaches' Forum

- I. Open forum – Called to order 9:02 AM PDT
 - A. **Board in attendance:** Sue Murphy, Scott McComb, David Rosi, Nick Stephens, George Sun, Jay Louthereback, Tanya LaPier
 - B. **Guests/Prospective Board members in attendance:** Holly Crowson (Interlake HS), Senthil Natesan (Spokane/incoming board member), Lei Jiang (Camas/incoming board member), Anabel Jiang (Camas/incoming Student Advisor), Suhani Agarwal (Odle MS)
- II. Congratulations
 - A. [Christine Ye – Regeneron National Science Talent Search Grand Prize Winner](#)
 - B. [George Sun – Science Olympiad “Volunteer of the Year”](#)
- III. Events, Unified Schedule
 - A. Draft of 2023 events:
https://www.soinc.org/sites/default/files/uploaded_files/2023.Events_061422.pdf
 - B. Solar Power event with support from Clean Energy Institute, offering set of 5 tests to use at invitationals, regionals, state
 - C. Draft schedule:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VQEFer7JytE3ggDmGC_PhJp441umm_oyv26niJ8KAMM/edit?usp=sharing
 - D. Invitationals: yes from Scott for Aviation, maybe from Lei for Camas, active Aviation alumna going to Tesla STEM so possible invitational there

Part II: Open Board Meeting

- I. Call to order and introductions – Mtg called to order 9:35 AM PDT
 - A. **Board in attendance:** Sue Murphy, Scott McComb, David Rosi, Nick Stephens, George Sun, Jay Louthereback, Tanya LaPier
 - B. **Guests/Prospective Board members in attendance:** Holly Crowson (Interlake HS), Senthil Natesan (Spokane/incoming board member), Lei Jiang (Camas/incoming board member), Anabel Jiang (Camas/incoming Student Advisor)

- II. Proof of notice of Annual Meeting (State Director) - May 15 in accordance with by-laws.
- III. Year-end report
 - A. Registration
 - 1. Final registration: 105 teams; 52 advanced to state
 - 2. Regional participation by region:
 - a) Eastern 7B, 6 C
 - b) Northwest 38B, 36 C
 - c) Southwest 8B, 10 C
 - 3. New teams
 - a) 3 B, 3 C
 - b) Lewis & Clark HS (E), the rest in NW
 - B. Performance
 - 1. National Tournament
 - a) B Division:
 - (1) Timberline MS – 7th overall with 1st place in Road Scholar, 4th in Bio Process Lab & Meteorology, and 6th in Disease Detectives & Green Generation
 - (2) Redmond MS – 26th overall with 3rd place in Bridge, and in trial events: 1st in Botany and 2nd in Digital Structures
 - b) C Division:
 - (1) Tesla STEM HS – 24th overall with 1st place in Dynamic Planet & Rocks/Minerals, and 4th in Remote Sensing
 - C. Finances
 - 1. Checking
 - a) Balance: \$2,377.14
 - b) Revenue: \$22,657.62
 - c) Expenses: \$22,878.24
 - 2. Savings
 - a) Balance: \$24,557.03
 - b) Deposits (Contributions & Interest): \$468.79
 - D. Partnerships
 - 1. Tournament host sites
 - a) Eastern
 - (1) Spokane Falls Community College is on board for 2023 in-person tournament March 11.
 - (2) Big Bend previously committed 2020, offered 2022, unable for 2023 due to construction but possible option for future years
 - (3) WSU may also be possible partnership
 - b) NW
 - (1) UW previously ran regionals 2017–2019, George checked with two freshmen early in 2022 season but

- very hesitant interest, can check again for 2023;
faculty involvement with group at UW ideal
- (2) Interest in hosting regionals at local high schools
which requires significantly lower budget (\$1,000-
2,000 vs. \$6,000-8,000)
- (3) UW Tacoma and UW Bothell - previously reached out
but declined due to limited space, but recent
expansion may make either/both possibilities
 - (a) ACTION: Scott and Sheila will work on
coordinating something with UW Bothell
- (4) CWU - good option for state as centrally located,
school's focus on education may be good opportunity
for involving soon-to-be teachers
 - (a) ACTION: Sue/Jay reaching out to CWU to try
to coordinate state tournament for 2023.

c) SW

- (1) Lower Columbia on board for regionals on March 4,
2023

E. Chair Report: Strengths/Challenges/Opportunities

- 1. Strengths: strong volunteer base
- 2. Challenges: regaining momentum lost during virtual years

IV. BOD election results – 12 ballots cast

- A. Elected to board: Lei Jiang, Scott McComb, Senthil Natesan
- B. Elected as student advisors: Anabel Jiang, Iris Ta

V. Recognition of outgoing board members

- A. Thanks and appreciation to Nick Stephens (board), Tim Webber (board),
Ansel LaPier (student advisor), and Christine Ye (student advisor) for their
service

Part III: Closed Executive Board Meeting

Invited	Present?
Sheila Guard	No
Jay Loutherback	Yes
Judy Mannard	No
Scott McComb	Yes
Sue Murphy (State Director)	Yes
George Sun	Yes
Lei Jiang	Yes

David Rosi	Yes
Tanya LaPier	Yes
Senthil Natesan	Yes
Anabel Jiang	Yes
Iris Ta	No

- I. Call to Order - 10:30 AM PDT
- II. Roll Call (see above)
- III. Update [contact information](#)
- IV. Election of Officers
 - A. Nominations
 1. Chair: George Sun
 2. Vice Chair: Scott McComb
 3. Secretary: Tanya LaPier
 4. Treasurer: David Rosi
 - B. Approved unanimously
- V. Approval of [minutes](#) from 5/07/22 meeting.
 - A. Scott would like to revisit sharing resources across invitationals and regionals including Coaches Clinics
 - B. Motion to approve, seconded, and unanimous approval
- VI. Reports
 - A. Treasurer
 1. Sue reported dollar amounts from a earlier report (included below).
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 2. Discussion re: is Sheila allowed to sign current checks? Scott motions that Sheila can sign State Director Checks for July to September. Senthil seconds. Approved unanimously. **ACTION:** Sue will follow up with Banner Bank to begin process of removing Sheila and Nick as signatories and adding David and George. Identified that if David not on account by Sept., Sheila can sign additional checks.
 - B. State Director
 1. Essentially nothing new from May meeting
 2. 105 teams
 3. Tournaments went smoothly!

4. State directors' meeting: 2 Jun via Zoom
 - a) Not much new information
 5. Registration information to website by 1 Aug
 6. Registration opens 1 Sept
- C. Regional Boards
1. Eastern
 - a) Everything done remotely
 - b) Made arrangements with SFCC to host 2023 in-person tournament March 11 with new TD
 - c) Continuing to work with Big Bend and CWU
 - d) Aiming to increase participation
 - e) Outreach
 - (1) Pullman HS and Lincoln MS (Pullman) are gaining team #s and wanting to play more major role (e.g., invitational). Toward that, coach contacted WSU for possible tournament involvement.
 - (2) WSU to host tournament?
 - (3) **ACTION:** Sue to follow-up with administrator at WSU. Senthil may be able to assist.
 2. Northwest
 - a) **ACTION:** Sheila and Scott to connect with staff at UW-Bothell
 - (1) **ACTION:** Sue to attempt to recover email with contact
 - b) Scott communicating with Clean Energy Institute
 - (1) They are excited to host Solar Power
 - c) **ACTION:** David to reach out, Scott to follow-up
 - d) Invitationals:
 - (1) C
 - (a) Raisbeck Aviation: January or February
 - (b) TESLA: **ACTION:** George to follow up with Andy re: February or January
 - (2) B
 - (a) Redmond: **ACTION:** Sue to follow up with Valerie
 - (b) Northshore: **ACTION:** Scott to follow up with Edie
 3. Southwest
 - a) Invitationals
 - (1) **ACTION:** Anabel, Lei to confirm with Matt Chase re: Camas to host B in December
 - (2) Camas to host C in December
 - b) Rekindle elementary Sci Oly
 - (1) Evergreen willing to serve as host site
 - (2) LCC host in the spring

(3) **ACTION:** David to provide Sue with any info re:
clinics & tournament dates to post to web site

c) Recruiting new members

VII. Old Business

A. Action Items Follow-up:

1. **ACTION:** George to finish sending out volunteer gratitude messages received from participants/coaches
 - a) Status: In progress, carry forward and finalize this week
2. Action (completed): Sue to post regional and state scores to WSO website
 - a) Status: done!
3. Action (completed): Outcome of vote and EDQ standing to be sent to coaches of ICS
 - a) Status: appeal denied; notification sent
4. Action: David to help exporting tests from Scilympiad for 2021–2022 season
 - a) Status: Putting those in the test bank pool that Judy maintains. Both state and regionals.
5. Action (completed): Diana has tests from 2020–2021 season, George to follow up and get the folder of tests from her
 - a) Status: George checked that this is done.

VIII. New Business

A. **ACTION:** Board to continue review of draft schedule at

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VQEFer7JytE3ggDmGC_PhJp441umm_oyv26niJ8KAMM/edit?usp=sharing

1. Continue to review and revise this after this meeting

B. **ACTION:** Sue to update website with new board members and student advisors - to be completed by 6/30.

C. Strategic sharing resources

1. Coordinated volunteers across tournaments:

- a) Same supervisors from regional to state made it seamless for future events to determine which events / supervisors needed more help.
- b) Worked well for virtual tournaments but may be challenging when we return to in-person especially if regionals are not all on the same date.
- c) Providing tests to new sites running tournaments would be helpful. Make it clear that tests are examples and can't be reused as is.

2. Supervisor training

- a) [Nationals logistics manual \(2021-2022 season\)](#)
- b) 2022–2023 Logistics Manual expected mid-September
- c) Created by WA students

(1) [Example](#) for Bungee Drop that Scott's students put together in the past.

(2) **ACTION:** Scott and Anabel to gather team to create

- (a) Look at logistics guide
 - (b) Reach out to previous event supervisors
 - (i) E.g., Evoys re: Wright Stuff
 - d) [Legacy](#) (courtesy of Rick Grote)
 - e) [WSO Supervisors](#) Website (not used since 2012?)
 - (1) **ACTION:** Make owner WA Sci Oly; David contacting Rick Grote about allowing us to modifying / updated content.
 - f) Here is link to 2021-22 [Events Logistics Manual](#).
- 3. Outreach
 - a) Goal
 - (1) Effective communication with a variety of audiences
 - b) Strategies
 - (1) One-page flyer for prospective competitors and families
 - (2) Several page for prospective teachers
 - (3) Supervisor prep slidedeck
- 4. Student connection
 - a) Social media:
 - (1) Strategy:
 - (a) Facebook Group advertised to coaches
 - (i) Kick off coaches' clinic on Facebook
 - (b) General social media stuff on Instagram (and Twitter, Facebook page)
 - (2) Twitter, Facebook: not used frequently by students
 - (a) Facebook Group:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/washingtonscienceolympiad> (accessed occasionally by coaches)
 - (b) Facebook Page:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/washingtonscienceolympiad/> (inactive since 2015)
 - (3) Instagram: currently most popular
 - (a) References:
 - (i) 2022 Nationals
 - <https://www.instagram.com/scienceolympiad2022/>
 - (ii) SO Inc.:
 - <https://www.instagram.com/scienceolympiadofficial/>
 - (b) Broadcast information and build more connection
 - (c) Monthly contests
 - (i) Picture in Halloween contest
 - (ii) Favorite science discovery

- (d) **ACTION:** Anabel and Iris talking about social media
- (4) Discord: <https://discord.gg/scioly> (not WA specific, general Science Olympiad community)
- 5. Coaches' clinics
 - a) Host remotely? Via Facebook to promote
 - (1) Audience:
 - (a) New
 - (i) From veteran coaches:
 - (a) What do you wish you had known?
 - (ii) Strategies for success
 - (iii) Offer STEM clock hours
 - (b) Veteran
 - (2) Partner with ESD?
 - b) Strategies and suggestions from veteran teams
 - c) **ACTION:** Senthil to spearhead, Scott and Lei to support
 - (1) Set date (late Sept or early Oct)
- 6. Students appreciated the gradual increase in test difficulty from invitationals to regional to state
- 7. In the past we created a slide deck for each event (particularly the build events); helpful for new supervisors and also students. Consider adding this if nationals is not doing this.
- 8. Creating alumni database: keep alumni in college involved in WSO even though they may be out of state.
 - a) [Survey](#) for Alumni Volunteers (send at end of season maybe prior to regional/state tournaments)
 - (1) Send to middle and high school students close to graduation and college students / other alum as possible
 - b) [Responses](#)
 - (1) **ACTION:** George put reminder on calendar to ask coaches to send to seniors
 - c) Information on developing content for Sci Oly:

Content Fellow Application

Science Olympiad is looking for past competitors who are now in college and who would like to give back and support current competitors in events that you have competed in and love. In particular, we are looking for volunteers to join our new College Content Fellow program.

In this one-year, remote, volunteer position, you will work with the National Office, National Event Supervisors, and Rules Chairs to prepare study resources and other materials to help teams in a few events aligned to your knowledge and expertise. Content Fellows should expect to spend around 40 hours over the course of the Summer developing materials with the potential for an additional 20 hours through the Fall and Spring. As a College Content Fellow you will learn more about the process of test writing, test construction, test review, and educational resources as well as have the opportunity to support the National Tournament and attend networking events.

If you are interested in being considered for the inaugural cohort of Science Olympiad College Content Fellows, please complete this application. You should expect to hear from us at the end of April. If you have any questions, please contact the Science Olympiad National Office at (630)792-1251.

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- D. Fundraising partnership between National Sci Oly and DoubleGood popcorn
 - 1. See <https://www.soinc.org/form/doublegood>
 - IX. Next Meeting -- [please indicate availability](#)
 - X. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned 12:35 PM.