

**Washington Science Olympiad Board of Directors
Winter Meeting
Held over e-mail 1/20 - 2/20**

invited	participated?
Sheila Guard (Treasurer)	y
Jay Loutherback	y
Judy Mannard	y
Scott McComb (Vice Chair)	y
Sue Murphy (State Director)	y
Diana Rhodes	y
Nick Stephens (Chair)	y
Tim Weber	y
David Rosi	y
Trevor Day (Secretary)	y
Ansel LaPier	
Tyler Stanley	

- I. Review agenda
- II. Approval of [minutes from last board meeting \(10/05/19\)](#)

III. Reports

- A. Treasurer
- B. State Director
- C. Regional Boards

1. Eastern:

Eastern just had our invitational yesterday. It went pretty smooth, but a bit hectic as most tourneys are. This is the second year Central Valley has hosted, with Tanya LaPier doing most of the heavy lifting. Our participation increased from 7 B teams (2019) to 13 B teams (2020). C div remained at 4 teams.

2. Northwest:

Four invitationals held: Curtis on 1/11 (C), RAHS on 2/1 (C), Northshore MS (B) and Redmond HS (B); RAHS B invitational to be held on 2/15. The two C tournaments were well-attended and went pretty well. Preparations for the NW B and C regional competitions are underway. These tournaments will expand the sign-ups to be blocks A-F for all events to alleviate unfair discrepancies between X/Y/Z rotations. In addition, we are not requiring that Sounds of Music impound as this is not stated in the rules.

3. South Central:

4. Southwest:

IV. Old Business

A. Action Items Follow-Up:

- 1. Systematic public recognition of volunteers: Sue to generate and send thank-you letters with certificates at end of each tournament. Template(s) to be developed by **David**
- 2. Supervisor preparation: Sue to solicit and share best practices
 - a) Provide exemplars (e.g., [Bungee Drop](#)) to supervisors (spread the field of diversity of preparation). Scott one-page overview for each event

- (1) **Scott, Ansel** to coordinate students setting up shared Google Drive for WSO participants to develop develop supervisor information
- (2) Survey “things to watch for” re: build events at invitationals. **Trevor** to create and collate
- 3. Closer connection with alumni: **Nick** establish structure
 - a) [Google Form](#) for coaches to send to alumni
 - b) **Nick** to update form with question about interest in helping; send to Sue to post on WSO site, send to coaches.
- 4. Proposal by Diana to contribute to Gerard Putz’s memorial scholarship fund. From his obituary:

*In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated for a scholarship fund in Gerard’s name and may be sent to:
 Science Olympiad, Two Trans Am
 Plaza Drive, Suite 310, Oakbrook
 Terrace, IL 60181.*

- 5. WSO Team Scholarships/Grants Possibility
 - a) make a proposal to provide funding for schools and/or teams (travel expenses, etc)
 - b) **ACTION**: add line item in 20-21 budget, discuss logistics of timeline, selection process

V. New Business

A. Tournaments

- 1. [Tournament rosters](#)
- 2. Eastern:
 - a) Spokane Invitational Tournament
 - (1) Central Valley High School (run by EWU’s Tanya LaPier)
 - (2) Date: February 1st, 2020
 - b) B Division Regional Tournament:
 - (1) Location: Big Bend Community College
 - (2) Date: 03/07/2020
 - c) C Division Regional Tournament:
 - (1) Location: Spokane Community College
 - (2) Date: 03/14/2020
- 3. Northwest:
 - a) C Division Regional Tournament

- (1) Co-Tournament directors: Nick Stephens (team focal),
Judy Mannard (ES/Vol focal), Tess (Site focal)
- (2) Location: Curtis Junior High School
- (3) Date: 03/07/2020
- (4) Sign-up events have been expanded to ALL DAY
(blocks A-F) for all events to alleviate discrepancies
between rotations X-Z.
- (5) Sounds of Music will NOT be required to impound, as
per the rules.
- b) B Division Regional Tournament
 - (1) Co-Tournament directors: Nick Stephens (team focal),
Judy Mannard (ES/Vol focal), Sheila Guard (Site
focal)
 - (2) Location: Bothell High School
 - (3) Date: 03/21/2020
- c) Redmond B Division Invitational
 - (1) Location: Redmond HS
 - (2) Date: 02/01/2020
- d) Northshore B Division Invitational
 - (1) Location: Northshore MS
 - (2) Date: 01/18/2020
- e) Raisbeck Aviation Invitational Tournament (B division)
 - (1) Team limit: 16 initially (up to 20 if needed)
 - (2) Date: 15 Feb 2020
- f) Raisbeck Aviation Invitational Tournament (C div)
 - (1) Team limit: 24
 - (2) Date: 1 Feb 2020
- g) Curtis High School Invitational Tournament (C div)
 - (1) Location: Curtis Junior High School
 - (2) Date: 01/11/2020
- 4. Southwest:
 - a) A Division Tournament:
 - (1) Clark College, Vancouver, WA
 - (2) 11/16/2019
 - b) Camas B Invitational
 - (1) Date: 14 Dec 2019
 - c) Camas C Invitational
 - (1) Date: 7 Dec 2019
 - d) Regional:
 - (1) Lower Columbia College

(2) Date: 03/07/2020

5. State Tournament

a) Pierce College in Lakewood, WA on 04/11/2020

(1) Co-Tournament directors: Nick Stephens (team focal), Judy Mannard (ES/Vol focal), Hillary Stephens (hstephens@pierce.ctc.edu) to serve as facility director.

(2) The Rainier Sciences Building has been reserved for events, along with the gym for events/awards and student union building for team spaces. This should adequately facilitate hosting 40 teams (B and C).

(3) Pierce College has declined to cover the security and custodial expenses. Cost to WSO will be \$1470.

(4) Sign-up events have been expanded to ALL DAY (blocks A-F) for all events to alleviate discrepancies between rotations X-Z.

(5) Sounds of Music will NOT be required to impound, as per the rules.

6. Trial events

(1) C Division: WIFI Lab and Environmental Chemistry

(2) B Division: Environmental Chemistry and ~~a second event to be determined and initially run at Redmond~~ ~~invitational~~ Trajectory

B. Founder's scholarship

1. Sue proposed \$3200 contribution to fund (~10% of savings, \$1000/year of Sci Oly)

2. Discussion lowered WA contribution to national fund to \$1,000

a) Motion proposed by Diana

(1) Seconded: Trevor

3. Scott requested more information, but not a lot from Nationals at the minute

4. Discussion about WA scholarship continues, but contributions to both are possible

C. State bids

1. Eastern regionals (and to a lesser extent, SW) express concern that teams from NW are taking all available bids in B/C leaving few E competitors at state

2. Jay proposes counting bids brought to E/SW in NW, which would mean lowering the number of competitors who advance from the

actual NW tournaments; but increasing the number of E/SW teams who attend state.

- a) Problems: Bottom NW teams are therefore competing against higher-skilled NW teams for those extra bids; requires announcing provisional bids to n teams at NW regionals based on the performance of teams at a tournament they cannot affect
 - b) Solves: Number of bids per region remain equally represented
 - c) Out of region teams do bring more teams than bids:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tsZVtJMqATOmgbnvgqyy3AQ9D1B8qiRUW-HVinF525M>
3. Jay proposes locking down regional borders in the future, but this doesn't solve this year.
 4. Tim proposes either
 - a) Adding 1 bid to each tournament with a lot of NW teams
 - (1) Adds 1 to B state tournament
 - (2) Adds 2 to C state tournament
 - (3) Pending input from state tourney cmte
 - (4) Tim moves to adopt this proposal (2/11) -- "...that the State Board grants the following regions; SCC B, SCC C, and SW C, one additional state bid each for hosting a large number traveling teams, pending Pierce college accepting 21B/22C teams."**
 - (a) Second: Jay Louterback
 - b) Restricting every school in SW/E to one team to state to increase regional diversity
 - (1) Problems: Goes against policy, teams already registered in regions and unable to move based on this new decision
 5. Discussion surrounding points that the majority of teams who could afford to travel out of their region are primarily NW (with the exception of Camas) anyway.
 6. Competitive teams attending another region not only win state bids, but also medals, which may depress excitement in regions that are struggling with participation. Perhaps this affected the closure of Yakima B.

D. State B trial

1. Environmental Chemistry identified as trial event for state
2. Proposed events for B trial 2:
 - a) Storm the Castle (trebuchets)

- (1) In rotation soon
 - (2) Trebuchets are hard to make
 - (3) Pierce doesn't have space for StC in the gym
 - b) Trajectory (any device)
 - (1) In rotation soon
 - (2) Pierce doesn't have space for Trajectory in the gym
 - c) Solar Power
 - d) Codebusters (cryptography, not programming)
 - (1) Similar to CB C
 - (2) Pierce has a classroom reserved for a trial event, CB requires only paper
 - (3) Not hands-on
 - 3. Decision left to state/NW board, with request for resolution at meeting so rules can be posted
- E. WSO Website
- 1. Update existing site?
 - a) The site is so old an entirely new site is really the only option
- TKMD
 - 2. Entirely new platform?
 - 3. Event sign-ups platform: <https://avogadro.ws/>
- F. Western WA Teams competing in Eastern Regionals - Here is a questions about western teams competing in the eastern regionals. I thought we had addressed this and put guidelines in the WSO Policies, but cannot find the update. Is the version on the website, dated 7/15/17, the current version? (Judy)

VI. Next Meetings

- A. Spring Board Meeting
 - 1. Teleconference?
 - 2. Date?
 - 3. **ACTION:** confirm via DoodlePoll sent by **Nick**
- B. Adjournment - NA via email