

SW WASHINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 6 April 2009, 4:30 PM, Clark College

Members present: David Bufford, Rick Grote, April Takashima, Jo Shannahan, Tina Barsotti, Adam Wolfer, Barry Hoffmann, Kelly Cameron, Judy Bauer, Cheryl Kryger

Southwest Washington Regional Tournament

14 March 2009, Lower Columbia College in Longview

Adam Wolfer, one of the tournament directors, was with us to review the tournament.

1. Everyone was extremely pleased with how well the tournament went. On top of that, it was quite remarkable that this was LCC's first year to take this on, and most people there had never been involved with Science Olympiad before.
2. The facilities were very convenient for the participants, and LCC was pleased with how the campus was treated.
3. Event supervisors did not know what they were really in for beforehand. However, afterward, they had a very positive experience and were so pleased to work with these great students.
4. A LCC vice president was so pleased that he hopes to support the tournament more next year.
5. The welcome and information crew, made up mostly of administrative assistants, made a three page list of ways to improve next year. It was not meant as a criticism, but rather an offer to be more involved.
6. The only glitch was that the Spirit Award trophies were found after the tournament, and one of the brass plates on the trophies said 2008. Those have since been put right.
7. Cheryl Kryger will send a thank you note to James McLaughlin, the LCC president.

Washington State Tournament

18 April 2009, Clark College

Preparations were discussed with Tina Barsotti, the tournament director, and Cheryl Kryger who is assisting.

1. April Takashima has ordered 60 dozen "mardi gras" beads as give away items for the teams. IQ Credit Union has also offered to donate notepads and pens or pencils. She will collect and sort these to distribute with the t-shirts which now will be provided by Clark College marketing department.
2. We will give away five \$100 randomly drawn cash prizes to each division. Cheryl Kryger will take care of the slips to draw, fake checks, and record the winners.
3. There will also be cash prizes for the Color Conundrum (pre-award scavenger hunt activity): \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place for each division. April will prepare the cash in envelopes.

4. April Takashima and Jo Shannahan will be preparing the food for the volunteers. It usually costs around \$600-\$800. April and Jo asked Tina for an estimate on the number of volunteers she expects. In the past, it's been about 150.
5. Tina Barsotti still has eight event supervisor openings, but feels a lot progress will be made on these since spring break ended last Friday. Adam Wolfer offered to see if any of the event supervisors from LCC's regional would be willing to do state. Several other attendees will look into possibilities.
6. There is an event supervisor meeting on Wednesday, 8 April 2009.
7. Barry Hoffmann emphasized the need for enough stations in Science Crime Busters so that the students don't have to look over one another's shoulders.
8. David Bufford is recruiting a color guard and people to serve on the arbitration board. Tina Barsotti is recruiting the singer for the national anthem and five to ten award presenters.

Elementary Invitational

1. Barry Hoffmann suggested that we set a date for the 2009 Elementary Invitational at our next meeting. This would allow us to get the word out, which would allow principals to include it in next year's budgets and plans.
2. Camas High School will be putting on an elementary tournament on 30 May 2009 at Camas High School. They hope to have 12 events. Already they have five Camas elementary schools coming.

Other

The next board meeting will be Monday, 4 May 2009, at 6:30 PM, Room PUB 258, at Clark College. The primary tasks will be debriefing about the state tournament and do the preliminary work for the Elementary Invitational.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Kryger
Secretary