

# **SW WASHINGTON REGIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD ADVISORY BOARD**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, 12 January 2009, 6:30 PM, Clark College

Members present:

David Bufford, Tina Barsotti, Rick Grote, Jana Grote, Barry Hoffmann, David Rosi, Adam Wolfer, Wen-li Su, Cheryl Kryger

## **Elementary Science Olympiad**

We reviewed the Elementary Invitational and unanimously concluded that it was a tremendous success. It was professionally run, and the students stood up to challenges.

1. The only glitch was Metric Mastery. That will receive special attention in the future.
2. There was some “helicoptering” from the parents, but it was not too out of line. Clearly outlining the expectations and space requirements should take care of that in the future. It was also suggested that there be a special event or activity just for parents.
3. Jana Grote reported that Camas schools are going to have another tournament on 30 May 2009. It is not known yet if it will be internal or invitational. The thought is to have kids rotate with their parents and incorporate a learning time after each event. As far as events, they would like to keep two from this year’s regional invitational and add three new ones. We could then use those for next year’s regional invitational. One problem that Camas is running up against is that they are generating so much enthusiasm for Science Olympiad, it creates a choke point when the students are promoted to the middle school level where the Science Olympiad programs are struggling.
4. Barry Hoffmann reported that Maple Grove parents want more activities like the invitational, but they will have to wait until next year to hold an event at their school. Tukes Valley School might be able to have one this spring. He shared that he has ordered two other event books for the elementary level which have a huge variety of half day and single evening possibilities. He also suggested that it would be very nice to have a local webpage for elementary events and contact names.

## **Washington State Tournament**

18 April 2009, Clark College

1. Tina Barsotti showed the designs that will be used on the t-shirts for the state tournament. The design plays on the periodic table of elements with three elements spelling out Cl–Ar–K. There will be slightly different shirt designs for students and volunteers.
2. Tina Barsotti has the digital versions of the event rules and will begin distributing them to the supervisors.
3. We need to decide how many teams we can support for the state tournament. It was generally agreed that we could handle 20 to 24 in each division. Since the decision does not have to be made immediately, we will discuss it further at the next

board meeting. Cheryl Kryger will try to find out how many teams we have hosted in the past.

### **Southwest Washington Regional Tournament**

14 March 2009, Lower Columbia College in Longview

David Rosi and Adam Wolfer, the tournament directors, were with us to give us a progress report and seek information.

1. There will be no trial events at regionals.
2. The LCC Foundation is busy raising money.
3. They are hoping to offer t-shirts, however, we explained that isn't typically done at regionals.
4. They think there will be no problem with rooms, except perhaps Trajectory because of the height needs. For this reason it may be held outside which is allowable by the rules.
5. They are planning on having a bus loading/unloading zone, and then offering a bus parking place at a more distant location on campus.
6. Opening and Closing ceremonies will be in the gym which can seat close to 600.
7. Event supervisor names that Tina Barsotti gathers for the state tournament will be shared with LCC.
8. The deadline for registering teams in Washington is 31 January 2009. It is at that time that we should be notified how many teams we can expect at the regional tournament.
9. They have been recruiting at their local schools in Longview and think that they may be having one or two new schools participating.
10. They have set up a webpage ([www.lowercolumbia.edu](http://www.lowercolumbia.edu), enter Science Olympiad in search box) and have a contact person, Julie Johnson, 360-442-2850.
11. Other items that are in the works are food, award presenters and pre-award activities.

### **Other Items**

1. Sue Groth, Director of college relations and marketing at Lower Columbia College, requested a list of organizations or sponsors that have contributed financially in the past. No one at the meeting knew. Cheryl Kryger will try to find out more.
2. The SW WA regional Science Olympiad website is in the process of being built on the Clark website. It should be up by mid-February. Tina Barsotti will be the administrator.
3. Wen-li Su, our experienced Bridge/Tower/Booilever event supervisor, volunteered for this year's Elevated Bridge B & C. She also brought the name of another possible supervisor for Junkyard Challenge.
4. The next board meeting will be Monday, 9 February 2009, at 6:30 PM, at Lower Columbia College. Most of us from the Vancouver area will carpool.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Kryger  
Secretary