

In attendance: Eric Johnson (Andrew), Caryn Rose (Bolingbrook), Chelsey Wajchert (Lockport), Michael Sacks (HF), Dan Olsen (Sandburg), Mark Lyons (Stagg), Mark Hampton (Bradley), Matt Watters (LW East), Betsy Vandenberg (LW East), Holly Misener (LW West), Tim Barry (LW West), Lisa Parker (LW Central), Peter Babich (LW Central), Jeff Noble (question writer)

Mary Pat Carr (SWSC Representative) held the meeting over Zoom at 3:15 p.m.
Statistician Jackie Stone was present.

MPC: How did the contest go?

EJ: Had to be out of the building before 6 pm. Put names on desks (assigned seats).

HM: We can't be the same on dates and times.

EJ: Let's give Mary a summary of what happened. LWC had the contest at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Andrew does not have ability to stay after 6:00 pm. Having one oral per round was nice. Some schools cannot have many students at contest for various reasons.

Discussion about filming students for oral competition.

TB: Since we are not competing, we can keep doing orals in-house how you choose. Record or not record.

EJ: Come up with awards in-house. I like not having to fret over alternates.

MS, MH: I like sharing scores so kids can see them.

LP: We should report scores so we give the question writer feedback. Let's come up with good ideas for different kind of awards like Eric's "perfect 10" award.

TB: Maybe report an average for the question writer. Does contest 1 – 4 count? Does contest 5 count?

MS: Having a list of kids is more useful.

TB: Would rather have total number of students than a list of scores to calculate the average.

MS: Wants to create a spreadsheet where we can input all our numbers.

MS: Are we going to compare scores at contest 5 or not?

EJ: When we do contest 5, we do pick top 6 – no alternates. Then we could have a Zoom meeting after the last school runs their contest and have awards. Two divisions still. For contest 5, I do not like offering two times to take the contest.

MPC: Maybe talk to your administrator to see if they will allow an evening contest so athletes can participate, too.

Discussion on how to make contest 5 equitable.

TB: We are not going to get an answer from our activities directors at this time about January. It is not realistic that we could plan for January.

JS: December meeting is late for the statistician to prepare questions for the January contest.

HM: To JS, do not think we need the "hit print" option.

EJ: Need word doc and pdf versions.

JS: When do you want questions?

MS: Friday before the contest.

EJ: I will try to create a discussion option on the website that will send a notification when somebody posts.

EJ: May not run his contest the week of the contest date because we just learned that Scholastic Bowl has now scheduled meets the same week as Mathletes.

MPC: Next "check-in" meeting on Tuesday, December 1st.

HM: Do you think we should vote on whether to have awards?

MPC: Can we vote on December 1st?

TB: I think that's too late.

EJ: I will be sending out the survey for the SWSC V topics and I can add a question at that time.

MPC: If the vote means there will be awards in January, then we have to set up the protocols for January's contest to be as equitable as possible.

Discussion about whether we can make any decisions earlier than December 1st. We do not think all schools can know what their school year will look like in January. We know how to run the contest if everything is back to normal. So we should plan for the worst.

Scores for SWSC I will be posted soon.