



Science Olympiad Coaches Meeting (Div. B/C)
 October 4, 2011 (TCOE Multi-Purpose Room, Doe Avenue Ed. Complex, 4:30 – 6:30 PM)
 Meeting Minutes:

In Attendance:

Name	School/District	Name	School/District
Paul Mana	Mt. Whitney - Visalia	Stanley Linman	Exeter H.S. - Exeter
Mike Hays	Wilson M.S. - Exeter	Justin Ward	Wilson M.S. - Exeter
Joel Nunes	St. Aloysius - Tulare	Rochelle Mederos	St. Aloysius - Tulare
Eric Thiessen	University Prep - Visalia	Daniel Ruiz	Golden West H.S. - Visalia
Amanda Manuszak	Divisadero M.S. - Visalia	Martha Gomes	Los Tules M.S. - Tulare
John Carmean	George McCann - Visalia	Angie Gurnea	Green Acres M.S. - Visalia
Steven Post	Redwood H.S. - Visalia	Steven Lancaster	Oak Valley - Tulare
Tim Baker	Reagan Elem. – Lindsay	Barbara Brydolf	ERCLC – Visalia
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Terra Fleeting	El Monte – Cutler-Orosi		
		Jonathan Janzen	TCOE

Meeting Began at 4:35 PM.

1. Introduction and Welcome:
2. Mr. Janzen gave a quick powerpoint that went over general information about S.O. On the slide pertaining to Science Olympiad aligning to standards a question was asked about ‘common core’ standards. Mr. Janzen spent approx. 15 minutes highlighting the new common core standards in ELA & Math and giving information about the future of national science standards.
3. Mr. Janzen gave 3 important dates to remember:
 - Saturday, March 10, 2012 @ COS (Tulare County Regional S.O.)
 - Saturday, April 7, 2012 @ El Diamante H.S. (Tulare County Elementary, DIVISION A S.O.)
 - Saturday, April 14, 2012 @ COS (NORCAL State S.O.....Our region is hosting!)
4. Highlight of three important websites that have information about local S. O. information:
 - a. <http://www.tcoe.org/ERS/StudentEvents.shtm> is a website about all of the student events that the county office runs....the section on S.O. has videos posted that you can use to motivate your students.
 - b. <http://www.tcoe.org/scienceolympiad> is the official regional website and usually will have information posted regarding the local competitions....it is in the process of being updated and will have information soon.
 - c. <http://www.erslibrary.org/ersconsultants.aspx> is the most important of the three websites as it will have the most current information. This website is a part of the county library portal system. When you go to this webpage scroll right below the top banner picture to a drop down menu entitled “Content Areas”...click on the “Science” link and you will be taken to the Science department page that has links to OMS (to sign up for future coaches meetings), and the school registration form (yes we are trying to have the school registration form online this year!)



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5. Discussion followed on the items below:

- a. The Registration Form. Online (see comments above) Fees are still \$130.00 PER Team. (\$60 of the fee goes to the national organization and the rest pays for regional costs.) **PLEASE** submit the registration form (with payment) in a timely manner. Teams will receive their team numbers only after TCOE has received the payment for the team(s).
- b. A Reminder: Scoring Policy & DQ Policy is the same as the state scoring system (similar to GOLF) Scoring will be where 1st place receives 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, 3rd place = 3 points, etc. This is being done to align the regionals and state competitions to the National competition.
- c. Schedule: The DRAFT schedule for the NorCal competition was handed out and the regional competition will follow the NorCal schedule timing (events might be canceled if an event supervisor can't be found).
- d. Event Supervisors were chosen from coach volunteers (see attachment: Event Sign-Up 10/4/11 to see the list of events and event supervisors).
- e. Avail yourself of website resources: Norcal State S.O., National S.O. (www.soinc.org) as well as <http://cbm.msos.edu/stupro/so> for "Protein Modeling" (Division C) and <http://freeflight.org/store> for "Helicopters" (Division C).
- f. The Tulare County Region is hosting NorCal this year and I am asking that if a school is in charge of providing an event supervisor at regional that they also commit to providing an event supervisor for Norcal for the following events:

* Anatomy (B)	* Anatomy (C)
* Optics (B)	* Optics (C)
* Forestry (B)	* Forestry (C)
* Keep The Heat (B)	* Thermodynamics (C)
* Towers (B)	* Towers (C)
* Chem Lab (C)	* Remote Sensing (C)

6 Other Items:

- The regional competition will award individual medals 1st through 5th place...and the top four school teams in each division will get to go to the NORCAL competition.
- We have to build up the number of teams that compete this year...If you know of a school that is thinking about science PROD them into joining S.O.!

7 Adjournment: 6:25 PM