

WSECC Proposal v3.3

Problem Statement:

Scholastic chess in Washington, K-12, needs a statewide organization which advocates for chess and develops and oversees policies. A perfect place for this organization to begin is with managing the Washington State Elementary Chess Championships, which is an event of such size that is becoming increasingly difficult to find space for hosting the event within the current 2 year bid cycles. A managing organization would be able to reserve space for multiple years with the possibility of negotiating better rates for committing to multiple events up front. Additionally, to ensure the continuance of a consistently high quality experience, it is important that those with the experience to put on such an event be involved regularly. In order to effect these changes, the following is proposed.

Proposals:

- Suspend current WSECC bidding process and policies
- Preserve the regional rotation with immediate plans for the WSECC to be held in Tacoma in 2020, Spokane in 2021, Tacoma in 2022-2023 and Tri-Cities in 2024
- A committee of local chess organizers with experience running the WSECC will meet and create a plan to replace the current organization with a 501(c)3 non-profit to oversee the WSECC and address advocacy of K-12 chess statewide.
- Committee will address the following issues:
 - Whether to create a new non-profit or utilize an existing non-profit
 - Board structure, rules and terms for organization
 - Managing website(s)
 - Organizing or supporting other events
 - Financial Issues
 - Financial transparency
 - Venue deposits
 - Insurance
 - Paid staff positions
 - Fundraising (Corporate sponsorships / grants / individual donors)
 - Determining annual support funding for website support
 - Disbursement of excess funds for:
 - Scholarships
 - Equipment to players, schools, and/or non-profits
 - Local non-profit chess organizations
 - East side existing 501(c)3 non-profit corporations will:
 - continue to be responsible for the State tournament on the east side including:
 - Venue deposits
 - Insurance
 - Volunteer board of directors positions within their organization
 - Local fund raising
 - Reasonable fees will be paid to WSECC, for services rendered such as: Ratings system and website maintenance
 - Excess funds will be retained by the east side non-profit for the east side events.
 - be financially independent of WSECC until after the 2024 event
 - will review the WSECC financial statements in 2024 and accept or postpone fund sharing practices for future east side events.
 - WSECC may request tournament financial statements from the east side non-profit organizations.