

# WSPTA Board of Directors - Meeting Summary

## January 2019 Board Meeting

Your WSPTA Board of Directors held a board meeting at the WSPTA office, Tacoma, WA on Saturday, January 26, 2019. President Michelle Nims called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

President Nims shared an update on our current work with coalitions. She shared the fact that Utah PTA reached out to her and she gave them permission to replicate our PTA Men's Essay Contest. President Nims reminded board members to be watchful for scam emails and cautious about responding to unexpected emails. National PTA has assigned Nathan Monell, executive director, as the national representative to the WSPTA convention. President Nims thanked Marie Sullivan, legislative consultant, and Nancy Chamberlain, advocacy director, for their work testifying and providing support for other members' testifying during the very busy legislative session. President Nims encouraged the WSPTA board members to start focusing on transition.

Executive Director Andrew Estep shared the fact that he and President Nims had worked on some draft executive director goals. These goals were reviewed with the board, in accordance with WSPTA policy. He also shared the WSPTA staff Operations Plan. ED Estep announced this year's student celebration (including Reflections, Men's Essay and game competition) will be held Saturday, April 20 from 2-4 p.m. at Issaquah High School.

National PTA has made some changes to the Standards of Affiliation, which requires us to sign an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). President Nims led the board through the changes and answered all questions. President Nims and Finance Officer Janice Kutzera will sign and submit WSPTA's Memorandum of Understanding prior to the deadline.

The board approved policy changes that: give direction for PTA members and local and council PTAs to submit requests for consideration by the WSPTA board; add policy regarding management of WSPTA social media accounts and digital assets; and made minor revisions to the section regarding chartering and organizing local PTAs and councils.

Bylaws committee chair Mindy Lincicome led the board through eight proposed amendments to *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*. Seven of the proposed bylaw amendments will be forwarded to the membership at convention for their consideration.

Teri Davis, WSPTA nominating committee chair, reported that the committee completed their work. The WSPTA officer slate was publicized on January 24 in Leadership News and on the website.

Finance Officer Janice Kutzera shared an update on the current work of the Corporate Finance Committee and shared a summary of their meeting from earlier in the day.

State directors shared highlights of their most recent work. Advocacy Director Nancy Chamberlain reported that we had submitted WSPTA for an advocacy award from National PTA for work on Breakfast After the Bell. While not selected, we are proud of the work we have done and our continued work on the implementation of the program. Leadership Director Julie Haase presented the convention training matrix, featuring some new classes and multiple sessions of the most popular classes. Membership Director Megan Klein shared current membership numbers

Area vice presidents reported status on their regions' training events and on region successes and challenges of note.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The pre-convention board meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019.