

WSPTA Board of Directors - Meeting Summary

April 2019 Board Meeting

Your WSPTA Board of Directors held a board meeting at the SeaTac Hilton on Thursday, April 25, 2019. President Michelle Nims called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

We welcomed these guests: Nore Walton, National PTA service representative; Heather Gillette and Barbara Martin, past WSPTA presidents; Kim Kuhne, Sherry Rudolph and Connie Andrews, WSPTA board candidates.

During the PTA Member Forum, Heather Gillette thanked the outgoing board of directors for their work and Nore Walton provided encouraging comments to WSPTA on behalf of National PTA.

President Nims shared experiences from National PTA Legislative Conference. An exit survey will be sent to all non-continuing WSPTA board members and region directors asking how they would like to continue to be involved in the association. President Nims reminded the WSPTA board members to schedule a transition meeting with the incoming officer, to upload documents to Share Point, and to organize their officer email account. She ran through a thoughtful synopsis of board members' personal experiences and of board accomplishments during this two year term. She gave thanks and a parting gift to all board members.

Executive Director Estep shared his great experience at the April 20 Student Awards Celebration, acknowledged the contribution of Reflections chair Lindsay Yost and the contributions of all student participants. He shared that we secured new convention sponsors and briefed the board on a grant from an existing sponsor to help new PTAs defray start-up costs. A contract with WSPTA's new membership database, memberplanet, has been secured. WSPTA's requirements were met and Director Estep acknowledged the input of PTA members in the request for proposal and the final selection.

Finance Officer Kutzera presented the annual compliance report to the Corporate Finance Committee at their April 25 meeting. The board approved the 2019-20 WSPTA budget as presented.

The board made policy changes that all relate to the region and state level.

The board went through an activity related to lessons learned, transition, and outgoing thoughts that can be implemented in the next year's goals and strategic priorities.

State directors shared highlights of their most recent work. Advocacy Director Chamberlain reported that many of our top issues had seen success in legislation, such as Social Emotional Learning, decreasing gun violence, addressing teacher shortages, and increasing the smoking age to 21. Leadership Director Haase highlighted the new leadership class, "I'm in Charge – Now What?", and encouraged board feedback on any of the classes we present or attend. Membership Director Klein shared current membership numbers; although membership is down, there were more PTAs over 100% growth and more applicants for the 100% Staff Membership than last year. Her observation is that a focus on membership training does yield results. Program Director Swenson reports that there were 105 award applications, and 46 of those achieved gold or platinum level. We will present PTA of the Year award to both an elementary and a secondary PTA.

Area vice presidents reported status on their regions' membership numbers, service delivery team activities, and on region successes and challenges of note.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The June board meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2019 at the Lake Washington School District Administration Building.