

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WACTA

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1. Accomplishments Since the Last Report (please identify the strategic plan goal/objective each activity seeks to achieve):

Our new website has launched and we continue to build content for our members. The Communications Committee meets on the 1st of August to continue that work by adding backend folders owned by WACTA Webmaster to ensure information is kept within the organization and not lost when new leaders take positions, while ensuring members have access to important information relevant to their work.

We have been working with the Office of Native Education to provide PD around Tribal Knowledge and to include our native partners at our Fall Conference in October. We hope to provide some learning for our CTE Director interns (Shani and Shandy are working on this) as well as provide an opportunity for CTE Directors and other Admin across the State to take part in a Government to Government training at the conclusion of WACTA's Fall Conference.

Actively working on the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Conferences. Spring conference dates and location are being finalized for the Spokane DoubleTree on April 21-22. Fall Conference dates and location for 2025 have been determined for ilani on October 20-21, 2025. We hope to have our Spring of 2026 locked down by the beginning of this school year.

We are also looking to hire a new Executive Assistant for WACTA. We hope to post that position at or before the conclusion of Summer Conference.

2. Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for WA-ACTE and/or Your Section (for information purposes only):

The Educational Budget crisis continues to be a concern with a major part of that issue being increased direct charges that are depleting available CTE apportionment and enhanced funding resources necessary to support high quality CTE programs. Seeing more districts combining the CTE Director roles with other district admin roles is another area of concern. We will know more of the impact after this school year ends.

3. Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for the Field of Career and Technical Education (for information purposes only):

The issue of separate funding sources for middle school and high school CTE seems to be an issue for us. We hope to work on adding 6th grade to CTE funding opportunities, while eliminating the separation of middle school and high school to merge funding as a single source, i.e. Secondary CTE Funding 6-12.

4. Other Comments/Suggestions:

5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Next board meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct 16 times TBD in Ridgefield at ilani.

Items Requested to Be Placed on Board Agenda for Discussion

(Only include items that require Board discussion or action. These will be placed on the Board meeting agenda at the discretion of the President.