

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive Director

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1. General Thoughts:

Spring brings about some critical activities for the association and our staff; first the end of a legislative session happens, and we look to see what our successes were and what we should be focusing on in our advocacy work in the next session. This year much of what we hear after the session is how many school districts are struggling in planning for their next budgets and have heard of several cuts or reductions in programs and staffing for CTE leaders around the state. Until school district budgets are more robustly funded, we will continue to see pressure to divert CTE resources away from directly supporting CTE. The collective WE have been working with OSPI and their accounting committee to mitigate the negative affects such activities will have on delivering high-quality CTE programs in districts.

As a result of the stressors of how-to best use resources by districts Washington ACTE is concerned with the 'trickle down' effect on conference attendance and membership since the association depends on the revenue from our summer and fall conference to operate during the year. As we present the upcoming budget, we will be a conservative as we can to reduce expenses to do what we can to lessen adverse effects of any pending downturn.

Educators Rising has reached out to both Washington ACTE and OSPI requesting to go thru the process of being recommended to OSPI as a state-wide CTSO. I have connected them to WA-FACSE, which as a board must bring the request to our board for consideration according to our bylaws, so look forward to that some time soon.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

Each of our committees are working on their contribution of maintaining and advancing the work of the association under the leadership of each officer who is in charge with the help of each assigned staff member. You will hear how they are doing in each of their reports.

Bylaws adoption is pending for this meeting. I would like to hear during the meeting how board reps feel/felt the process of adoption worked for them and their section leadership teams. A suggestion that you will have the opportunity to consider is to change the proposed name of the

new section from New and Related Services (NRS) to New and Emerging Washington (NEW) sections.

We will be refreshing our web page after summer conference. This is due to our web host requiring that we move from Juno to WordPress which will create more flexibility and opportunity for us to directly make changes throughout the year. Jodi is excited to lead this work during her year as President.

You will also hear of the work that has and is being done to create and have in place for the board's final adoption of a Succession Plan before the end of the calendar year. This effort is being led by Lew Keliher under the direction of the Executive Committee (officers).

3. Matters of Interest:

On a personal note: I need to thank again the staff, officers, board and many members and partners for their support when I was sick with my kidney removal and cancer follow-up, of which I have been declared well. Some of you may have already heard that when my wife and I returned from Region V, we took her to the ER, and are now beginning her cancer journey with a mass in her colon and has metastasized to her liver and lower lung. Many tests have been taken and a port has been placed as we wait for the chemotherapy treatment plan and any other options we may have to consider.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

Your Executive Committee meets weekly via zoom to be updated as to what has come to my email and review the items I and staff are working on from week to week.

I cannot thank them enough for their dedication to the association and looking out for what is best for our members and CTE in our state.

We will be announcing the next President-Elect at our May meeting. While we had conversations with a few interested individuals, one emerged as this year's candidate. I encourage any and all of you to consider serving sometime in the near future.