



**WAHOSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, August 8, 2024  
Zoom**

**Anne Siebert called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.**

Minutes recorded by Cheryl Reed in absence of a secretary. Josh Holliday moved to appoint Cheryl Reed as temporary secretary. Shriya Patel seconded. The motion passed by majority vote.

**Attendance**

Present

Anne Siebert	<a href="mailto:aweisbeck@cvsd356.org">aweisbeck@cvsd356.org</a>	Chair
Cheryl Reed	<a href="mailto:reedc@issaquah.wednet.edu">reedc@issaquah.wednet.edu</a>	Chair-Elect
Elizabeth Carnesi	<a href="mailto:elizabeth@wahosa.org">elizabeth@wahosa.org</a>	Executive Director
Andrew Goss	<a href="mailto:andrew.goss@evergreenps.org">andrew.goss@evergreenps.org</a>	State Officer Advisor
Katie Standlea	<a href="mailto:kstandlea@stu.nthurston.k12.wa.us">kstandlea@stu.nthurston.k12.wa.us</a>	Treasurer
MacKenzie Lopez	<a href="mailto:mackenzie.lopez@prosserschools.org">mackenzie.lopez@prosserschools.org</a>	Region 1 Representative
Josh Holliday	<a href="mailto:Holliday.Joshua@ysd7.org">Holliday.Joshua@ysd7.org</a>	Region 2 Representative
Hanna Burleson	<a href="mailto:hburlson@longviewschools.org">hburlson@longviewschools.org</a>	Region 3 Representative
Erin Acheson	<a href="mailto:eacheson@everettsd.org">eacheson@everettsd.org</a>	Region 5 Representative
Shriya Patel	<a href="mailto:president@wahosa.org">president@wahosa.org</a>	Student Exec. Council President
Courtney Bradley	<a href="mailto:clbradley@gsd200.org">clbradley@gsd200.org</a>	HSCTE Representative
Sadie Frady	<a href="mailto:SFRADY@bethelsd.org">SFRADY@bethelsd.org</a>	HSCTE Representative
Michelle Spenser	<a href="mailto:Michelle.Spenser@k12.wa.us">Michelle.Spenser@k12.wa.us</a>	OSPI Representative
Bradley Collins	<a href="mailto:bcollins@cheneydsd.org">bcollins@cheneydsd.org</a>	Member at Large
Srishti Boral	<a href="mailto:president-elect@wahosa.org">president-elect@wahosa.org</a>	Student Exec. Council President-Elect

Absent

Jody Wickett	<a href="mailto:jodywickett04@gmail.com">jodywickett04@gmail.com</a>	Region 4 Representative
Stephanie Johnson	<a href="mailto:sjohnson082005@yahoo.com">sjohnson082005@yahoo.com</a>	HSCTE Representative

**Approval of December 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Moved: MacKenzie Lopez

Seconded: Bradley Collins

Meeting [minutes](#) approved as corrected.

**Reports**

- [State Officers](#) - Shriya Patel, President
  - Shriya Patel reviewed experience at SOLT
  - Discussed future goals and activities the State Executive Council would like to host (e.g., newsletter, officer office hours and chapter visits)
  - Andrew Goss to introduce officers at a future meeting; excited to welcome a Postsecondary/Collegiate Vice President this year

- Andrew Goss also introduced working towards a Program of Work with the state officers
- [Financial](#) - Elizabeth Carnesi, Executive Director
  - Doing well financially
  - Moved from Washington Trust to US Bank for location; ease of access for Executive Director
  - Reviewed [State of Activity](#)
  - Received \$113 from OSPI (WAHOSA can spend up to this and would get reimbursed)
- [State of the Chapter](#) - Elizabeth Carnesi, Executive Director
  - Potential for growth - 5,100 members projected for 2024-2025
  - Increased by 942 members since 2023-2024 school year
  - Discussed need for realigning the regions
  - Proposed launch of a chapter recognition program for 2024-2025
  - 2024 ILC was a success for WAHOSA
  - WAHOSA members Elizabeth Carnesi and Ria Mohan to be on the HOSA, Inc. Board of Directors

### **New Business**

- “Thank You” to Leaving Board Members
  - Erin Acheson, Region 5 Board Rep (Term Ends Aug 31)
  - Aimee Ozanich, Member at Large (Resigned)
  - Courtney Bradley, HSCTE Rep (Term Ends Aug 31)
- Jami Wollan of Mountlake Terrace High School was elected to the position of Secretary by majority vote.
- New Board of Directors members introduced and welcomed by Anne Siebert & Elizabeth Carnesi:
  - Sadie Frady, HSCTE Representative
  - Stephanie Johnson, HSCTE Representative
  - Brad Collins, HSCTE Representative/Member at Large
  - Elizabeth Carnesi announced HSCTE to help with FLC in getting speakers
- [Approval of Calendar](#) - Highlights:
  - FLC East - October 26th
  - FLC West - November 2nd
  - New! Virtual Advisor Conferences on 9/24 and 10/11
  - SLC - March 11th-13th 2025, Spokane
    - Moved to different part of the week to avoid St. Patrick’s Day Parade and State B Basketball Tournament
    - Change also facilitates lower costs
    - Katie Standlea asked if there would be a state qualifier to be put in on the calendar. Liz Carnesi replied if one were to be held it would be on-line and would not impact the calendar. Anne Siebert added, due to issues of equity, regional conferences would not be held this year.
    - MacKenzie Lopez asked if a check box could be added to the SLC registration form to signify if a member does not qualify 2 round, would they attend SLC; Liz Carnesi replied that was something that could be added.

- ILC - June 18th-21st, Nashville; conference registration price will increase
  - Josh Holliday moved to adopt the calendar. Katie Standlea seconded. The motion passed by majority vote.
- [Approval of Budget](#) - Reviewed by Elizabeth Carnesi
  - Should expect an increase in production costs at SLC to make opening/closing sessions “even grander”
  - Working to decrease transportation costs in terms of shuttling SLC delegates; recruiting Jonathan Parks of Unified Events Solutions to help with ideas
  - Anne Siebert mentioned the State Officer Advisor contract was up for review; stipend increase reflected in budget
  - Brad Collins moved to approve the budget as presented. Josh Holliday seconded. The motion passed by majority vote.
- Approval [Program of Work](#)
  - Andrew Goss how the State Executive Council has been and should be producing a Program of Work (POW); it was suggested the POW should be posted on WAHOSA’s website for chapter advisor review and/or use.
  - Andrew Goss inquired as to whether the Board needed to review and formally approve the Council’s POW with a vote the Council’s POW before submitting to OSPI without a Board vote. To be tabled until in-person BOD meeting.
  - Michelle Spenser confirmed they are collected by OSPI; info applicable to all chapters is what needs to be submitted to OSPI by each advisor. The Council’s POW would be a separate submission.
  - Anne Siebert asked if the POW should be added to the calendar and/or the Policies & Procedures.
  - Liz Carnesi commented we would add it to future calendars.
- SLC Contract Negotiations
  - Peter Winters from HelmsBriscoe has helped secure contracts through 2030
  - He has locked in hotel rates of \$199/night for the first two years and would then be \$209/night thereafter.
  - Spokane continues to be the best location for SLC in terms of finances.
  - Anne Siebert reiterated the connections WAHOSA has in Spokane are really solid too.
- SLC Updates [Tentative Updated Agenda \(from prior discussions\)](#)
  - Following the SLC Committee’s debrief meeting, Liz Carnesi proposed two different agendas for SLC.
  - A selection was not made as there were some questions raised for both; Liz said she would go back to the drawing board to formulate a new agenda proposal for BOD review at a later time
  - Liz Carnesi presented the following updates that would be made to SLC:
    - The majority of ATC testing will be done on the first day of the conference
    - There will display set-up time (2pm) prior to the start of the opening session
    - Having a later opening session start time will allow for other meetings, hotel check-in, dinner, etc.
    - Recognition Events will not be presented at the Closing Session but rather during a two hour lunch window

- Shriya Patel, on behalf of the Student Executive Council, voiced their support of the Recognition Session being separate from the Closing Session and would be willing to relinquish the State Officer activity's time slot to accommodate a separate Recognition Session.
- Shriya Patel asked why the Opening Session was scheduled so late and whether members would come as a result. Liz Carnesi replied that ILC hosts its Opening Session later in the evening, so WAHOSA is simply emulating what HOSA does.
- Andrew Goss also posited the concern about advisors not being available for the Opening Session due to the advisors' meeting scheduled to occur beforehand. Liz Carnesi clarified the time for the advisors' meeting was changed to 6:30-7 so advisors can make it to the Opening Session.
- Courtney Bradley made a comment regarding time to get dinner
- Josh Holliday commented the new proposed SLC agendas could "put us in a bind" for competitive events typically held on the first day of the conference.
- Anne Siebert will once again host an instructional video for judges to watch prior to coming to the conference.
- Liz Carnesi commented that workshops, speakers, Anatomage and other non-Competitive Event sessions will be housed in The Davenport Grand, allowing for more Competitive Event space in the Spokane Convention Center.
- Hanna Burleson asked about what the attire requirements would be for the Recognition Session as the hypnotist/dance immediately follows. Anne Siebert commented at ILC students often bring a change of clothes for the dance following the Closing Session. It was stated we would want to remind advisors of this for their planning purposes. Liz Carnesi offered the hypnotist/dance could be pushed back by 30 minutes to accommodate.
- ILC Band App Feedback (for utilizing an app for SLC)
  - Liz Carnesi reflected on the trial run with a variety of conference apps over the 2023-2024 school year; tried to get feedback from advisors present at ILC as to how they liked ILC's app.
  - WHOVA has been used by prior SLC's; Michelle Spenser suggested we go with WHOVA as she might be able to get WAHOSA "a deal"
  - Zoho Backstage was suggested as a possibility.
  - Whatever app selected, it was requested a "must have" of the app would be the ability for advisors to communicate with each other and/or SLC Committee members.
- Industry Prep and Recruitment Advisory Committee - [Potential Contacts](#)
  - Liz Carnesi put out a request to Region Representatives to provide contacts for the committee in hopes of representing the whole state.
  - Shriya Patel inquired as to what the purpose of the committee would be. Liz replied it is to recruit industry partners/sponsors to provide some kind of "donation" (e.g., time, money) to help WAHOSA grow and invest in the industry workforce. Partners could influence WAHOSA member interest in competitive events and health profession careers. The committee could also work to provide judges and/or speakers for conferences.
- Regional Breakdown Advisory Committee - [Feedback](#)
  - Liz Carnesi reviewed the need to realign the state regions for a number of reasons, ideally for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Advisor consensus was to keep the current map
- Liz Carnesi will continue to solicit feedback from advisors about what action(s) to take; will come up with a proposal at the in-person BOD meeting.
- Chapter Recognition Event Feedback - [Potential Guidelines Here](#)
  - Liz Carnesi reviewed a project she is working on as Executive Director relating to recognizing chapters for their efforts.
  - She introduced potential guidelines and asked if there were elements that should be added.
  - The goal is to encourage chapters to get involved in WAHOSA.
  - Liz mentioned she would like to have the State Officers involved in some way.
- Planning In-Person Meeting
  - Start planning for FLC
  - Work on Advocacy Day with the State Officers
  - Liz Carnesi announced she would send out a poll for potential dates between September and December.
  - Cheryl Reed advocated to have it earlier rather than later so action items for the year can begin
  - Anne Siebert also expressed a desire for an earlier meeting on account of her December due date.

### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Hanna Burluson and seconded by Bradley Collins. The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.