



WASA NEWS

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WASA Calendar of Events

- **WASA Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders: March 12–13, 2018, Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee. To register go to <http://www.wasa-oly.org/Spring18>.**
- WASA Women in Leadership: May 5, 2018, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. Registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/2F3ASBF>.
- WASA Superintendent Conference: May 6–8, 2018, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. To register go to <http://bit.ly/2FFVAso>.
- WASA/WSSDA/AWSP Equity Conference: May 23, 2018, Double Tree by Hilton, SeaTac.
- WASA/AWSP Summer Conference: June 24–26, 2018, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane. Registration is open. To register go to <http://www.awsp.org/sc18>.
- WASA/OSPI Special Education Conference: August 2–3, 2018, Hotel Murano, Tacoma.

Legislative Report

- The 2018 Regular Legislative Session is scheduled to adjourn March 8. The final pieces for an on-time adjournment are being put in place. Both the House and Senate have adopted their own 2018 Supplemental Operating Budgets (two versions of SB 6032), and both houses have introduced very similar 2018 Capital Construction Budgets (SB 6095 has passed the Senate and awaits action on the House Floor). When the two operating budgets were introduced, there were major differences that sparked questions about whether budget-writers in the two houses would be able to negotiate a final, compromise budget before this session was set to adjourn. When the House Budget was brought to the House Floor, however, a striking amendment was adopted (onto SB 6032) which moved to the Senate's position on many of the major differences—including the necessary appropriations to “fully fund” educator salaries by September 1, 2018, as ordered by the Supreme Court in November. With most of the major disputes resolved before official negotiations began, most observers believe the Legislature will adjourn within the constitutionally allotted 60 days. For more details on the introduced budgets and the amendments made along the way, please see WASA's legislative newsletter, *TWIO*, especially the February 20 and February 23 editions, available at: www.wasa-oly.org/TWIO.
- Since the 2017 Legislature adopted its “*McCleary* solution,” EHB 2242, WASA and most of our education association partners have been analyzing the fiscal and practical impacts of the bill and focused our advocacy efforts on “fixing” the legislation. Several bills were introduced to provide the necessary fixes. SB 6362 is the bill which continues to move through the process and adoption appears to be extremely likely. Like the Operating Budgets, the House and Senate proposed bills with some major differences; however, most of those differences have been eliminated. The few remaining differences appear to be easily resolvable. Unfortunately, many of the key fixes WASA sought are not included. A Salary Allocation Model will not be a part of the legislation, although an “experience factor” (intended to somewhat replicate Staff Mix) is likely to be a part of the final bill. It will not be as broad-based as we had hoped. Regionalization is likely to be adjusted; however, current language only impacts six districts. Levies/LEA caps may be adjusted (still in dispute); however, the only proposal on the table is to allow districts to levy \$1.50 per \$1,000 AV or \$2,500 per pupil, whichever is greater, rather than whichever is lesser. This will help a number of districts but will likely increase current inequities between property rich and property poor districts. Finally, a minor bump in the special education multiplier looks to be a done deal. For up-to-date details on movement of SB 6362, please continue to follow WASA's legislative newsletter, *TWIO*, available at: www.wasa-oly.org/TWIO.

Other WASA News

- **Professional Liability Insurance Policy:** The Professional Liability Insurance Policy has increased in coverage from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. This policy even provides protection for non-members for events that occurred while they were an active WASA member. The WASA Board voted last year to upgrade coverage for all members. In addition, WASA members may purchase additional coverage for a nominal fee.
- **WASA New Executive Director Recruitment:** The Executive Board with the assistance of Dennis Ray, of Northwest Leadership Associates, selected three applicants to be interviewed for the position of Executive Director. The position will be offered to the selected candidate by March 9. The new Executive Director will assume the position beginning July 2, 2018.
- **Applications for the Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator** are being accepted through March 21, 2018. See the WASA website at <http://bit.ly/2DNmTQH> for the application and more information.
- **Dr. Howard M. Coble Scholarship for Under-Represented Education Leaders:** A scholarship has been established to assist talented, under-represented educators to pursue graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions. Application information is posted on the WASA's website. Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2GR7Zdd>.
- **Honorary State and Regional Awards:** The 2018 Honorary Awards process has begun. Nominations are being accepted for State awards (Golden Gavel, Barbara Mertens Legacy, Service to WASA, and WASA Leadership) and Region awards (Award of Merit, Student Achievement Leadership, Twenty-year, Retiree, and Community Leadership). To learn more and for the applications, see <http://bit.ly/2ma4Hdp>.
- **AASA Governing Board Positions:** Nominations are needed for the AASA Governing Board elections to be held in early May. Two positions will be open—one eastside and one westside. If you are interested in filling either of these AASA Governing positions or nominating someone, please contact Executive Director Bill Keim at bkeim@wasa-oly.org or 360.943.5717.
- **Please Update Your WASA Profile:** Just as districts around the state are asked for staff and student demographics, WASA often receives requests regarding our members' gender, race, and ethnicity. This information is helpful when specific invitations are made for members to serve on committees, task forces, or workgroups. In addition, we are also asked for members from a mix of geographic area (east/west) and/or size of district (small to large) as needed. Please take a moment to update your membership profile to assist us in appropriately responding to the requests we receive. Go to WASA's website at www.wasa-oly.org to log in/My WASA Profile/Update. Please see a WASA Executive to have your photo taken to be included with your profile.
- **"Who's telling your story?"** Consider sharing your school and district stories with WASA for posting on the WASA website and in *Hotline*. Please send information and pictures to Tricia McCosh at pmccosh@wasa-oly.org.