

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WAAE

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

Washington FFA and Washington State University made an agreement for the 2024 WA FFA Convention to return to Pullman after 2 years in the Tri-Cities.

This is a huge benefit for holding the CDEs (Career Development Events) that utilize the WSU campus facilities and resources like the Meat Science Lab, College of Veterinary Medicine, Soils, Natural Resources and Environmental Science and Ag Mechanics.

In addition, students are housed in dorm blocks instead of multiple hotels and are given meal tickets instead of eating out. The package deal provides better safety for student housing and sets a reasonable cost for each student in each chapter. Going back to WSU in 2024 should increase the participation of FFA chapters wishing to attend leadership events at the WA State FFA convention.

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

Summer Conference 2024.

WAAE would like to have Sunday slots to offer workshops and industry Tours. Also, WAAE workshops should NOT overlap with the OSPI workshops held by Tamara. When we look at the overall schedule, we need to make sure Tamara can attend the WAAE workshops and the WAAE presenters can attend Tamara's.

It was brought up at WAAE Fall Exec Meeting that when teachers register for the WA-ACTE Conference in August, it is AFTER the WAAE conference in June. If they check the box for WAAE Dues on the registration form and the district pays WA-ACTE, how does WA-ACTE send the correct dues amount to WAAE? Chris Carlson was going to look into this and report back to WAAE.

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

CTE Funding- NEW CTE Teachers

There is an increasing number of non-CTE classroom teachers or new teachers from industry who are turned into CTE Science or Ag Teachers. The WAAE Officers are going to create a brochure that welcomes new members to WAAE. They will utilize resources already created by WAAE members. Some questions arose about CTE Funding being spread thin with an influx of districts offering more classes for CTE. Is there a loss of integrity? Is CTE watered down? The teacher is often at the disadvantage, as they aren't trained in the expectation of CTE. WAAE members have shown interest in training new teachers and helping them avoid burnout with new requirements on their plates.

4. Other Comments/Suggestions:

National FFA is going to a 100% Affiliate Membership in 2027, which means ALL students in Ag Classes will be in the FFA, if they have FFA as their CTSO. This is not supported by all schools and FFA Advisors in WA because of the increased cost of dues for each chapter and the question of who pays the local, state and national dues in each district. It was brought up that more schools might move to a leadership alternative to the FFA, so schools will not have to deal with the membership of all students. Not all districts know/understand/support the National FFA. The National FFA cut \$1,000,000 out of their budget to make sure that states, chapters, advisors knew that choosing affiliate membership was not about money. It is about making FFA accessible to all.

5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Spring Executive Meeting 2024 March 8-9, 2024 Ellensburg WA

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.)