

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):

We completed our Spring WACTA Conference, April 21-22 in Spokane at the Doubletree. Overall attendance was slightly down from projected and budgeted targets but overall a good conference around a Legislative theme. In addition, we elected Kari Schuh (WANIC Skills Center Director and WACTA member) as our President-Elect for 2025-26.

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

The impacts of district budget reductions and potential travel freezes are a concern as we look toward future conference planning. We are working with our Area Leads to gather data from districts regarding anticipated impacts on conference participation and travel for next year. We are also collecting this data from WACTA members through our WACTA Conference Feedback Survey which was sent out this week. We will use this information to inform our fall conference planning and budgeted registration and hotel room targets.

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

We are hopeful for the signing of the legislative bill expanding middle school CTE to grades 6-8 as well as moving CTE apportionment and expenditures into one single CTE 7-12 allocation.

In addition, we are concerned about the recent decisions from PESB to rescind the OPLA Plan 2 CTE Teacher Certification program and are working closely with WA-ACTE to advocate for reconsideration of this decision as well as support for the remaining Plan 1 and Plan 2 programs. Part of this advocacy includes reaching out to qualified CTE Administrators within WACTA to submit applications for possible future PESB Board appointments.

4. Other Comments/Suggestions:

None

5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:

Our next WACTA Conference will be October 20-21 in Ridgefield, WA at the Ilani Conference Center. Planning is currently underway for the conference theme and sessions, and more detailed information will be coming out as part of our WACTA Newsletter in June.

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.)