

## 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.

We recently completed analysis of our 24-25 budget actuals in terms of revenue and expenses and prepared our projected budget for the 25-26 fiscal year in light of this analysis. We have also met with our current and upcoming leadership team to set our Program of Work goals and activities for the 25-26 calendar year.

**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. Based on conference registration decline trends experienced this past spring along with feedback gathered from our Area Group leads and members, we are anticipating reduced conference attendance and subsequently reduced revenue for the 25-26 fiscal year.

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

We celebrate the passage and signing of the legislative bill moving CTE apportionment and expenditures into one single CTE 7-12 allocation. We anxiously await clarity from OSPI on implementation of this new process.

We continue to be concerned about the recent decisions from PESB to rescind the OPLA Plan 2 CTE Teacher Certification program and the subsequent diminished access to CTE Certification program opportunities for our CTE instructors. We continue to advocate for qualified CTE Administrators within WACTA to submit applications for possible future PESB Board appointments.

Finally, we are greatly concerned with recent budget cuts to educational resources and supports, including major reductions at OSPI. In addition, the uncertainty of federal Perkins funding and the impact on program planning and implementation if funding is

unavailable are creating anxiety across the field. There is also great concern about the lack of state funding to sustain plans for the mandated School Links HSBP Platform as districts make plans for implementation now and into the future.

**4. Other Comments/Suggestions:**

None

**5. Upcoming Meetings or Conferences:**

Our next WACTA Board and Business meetings will take place on August 2nd in Spokane just prior to the state of WA-ACTE Conference. At our Business meeting, we will formally transition and induct new leadership into our 25-26 President Elect (Kari Schuh), President (Paula Perryman), and Past President (Mark Madison) officer positions. We will also be celebrating the work of Margaret Rice who will be completing her 3 year term and will be transitioning out as a WACTA officer.

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 regularly out as part of our monthly WACTA Newsletter and communications. Information is also provided on our WACTA website.

**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.)*