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## What is WSASEA?

Washington State Association of Student Employment Administrators (WSASEA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1979 by a group of student employment administrators who believed that issues and concerns related to student employment could be better addressed collectively. Many administrators are isolated and often unable to attend national and regional association conferences due to financial constraints. Thus, a state association was born as a highly effective, state-specific, and low-cost means of helping by sharing information and ideas.

## President's Corner - A Message from Gayle Dohrman



Welcome to the latest WSASEA Newsletter! I am sending warm and cordial greetings to you all. It is my privilege to serve this year as your new WSASEA President! I was thrilled to see so many worthy candidates competing for 2008-09 executive board positions. For the first time in my memory, every position had at least two excellent candidates for you to choose from, and you have elected a dedicated and talented new board. Congratulations, and thank you to all of the worthy nominees. Your new board plans to work hard to further your interests in the coming year.

We held the incoming/outgoing August board meeting at Central Washington University in Ellensburg on August 4. Members worked efficiently and well together and we made plans and goals for the year. As with other meetings, you can review the meeting minutes online at [www.wsasea.org](http://www.wsasea.org) if you wish.

One very exciting new change is that you will soon be able to register for the Spring Conference online, and even pay your registration fee online if you wish! It should be operational this fall. We bring this convenience to you in response to your input and hope it will serve your needs well.

Another decision was to automatically enroll all current members in the WSASEA list serve. You no longer have to take the extra time to sign up, and of course, you may opt out if you wish. I encourage you to use the listserve often and network with your colleagues. Many of the folks in WSASEA have decades of experience and would be happy to help, why not tap into this wealth of knowledge! Confused about your FISAP or Unit Record? Wondering how others process timesheets or job description forms? Want to find out if anyone else has had experience with a particular employer, or setting up a job fair, or writing a grant? Ask your colleagues on the list serve! Please see details on the WSASEA web site. I want to extend a hearty thank you to Jim DeWilde of Western Washington University, our gracious list serve host.

You will find the dates for upcoming WSASEA Town Meeting, Spring Conference, and other Student Employment events on the back of this newsletter. Please be sure to put the dates on your calendar now and plan to attend! In this budget-cutting climate, remember that the WSASEA Spring Conference is an outstanding value and is the ONLY conference where you can obtain in-depth information on the Washington State Work Study program! Jeffrey Powell of the Higher Education Coordinating Board plans to generously offer assistance to new administrators who would like to attend. Thank you Jeff and the HECB!

Let's continue the great momentum of the election season. I am asking you to consider nominating yourself for a WSASEA board position next spring. There is plenty of time to check out the position descriptions on the web site and decide which one would fit you best. I am sure that you will find board service rewarding and fun, as well as an opportunity to help others and implement your ideas on behalf of our great organization. It cannot BE great unless you help, so please start thinking today about serving next year!

And one final bit of news, if you wish to send an email to any member of your WSASEA board, now all you have to do is to address an email to [position@wsasea.org](mailto:position@wsasea.org)! For example, you can reach me by emailing [president@wsasea.org](mailto:president@wsasea.org)! Your message will be automatically routed to the correct person, so you will no longer have to search out the name and email address of your board members. As always, please feel free to contact any board member with comments, suggestions or concerns. We are here to serve you!

I hope you are all well and that you have a very successful and enjoyable year!

Best Wishes!

Gayle Dohrman, WSASEA President 2008-2009

## Get Involved...

- Post and respond to questions from your colleagues on the list serve.
- You can find contact information for WSASEA board members on the WSASEA website at [www.wsasea.org](http://www.wsasea.org).
- Attend the Fall Town meeting at Central Washington university on October 17th.

## Upcoming Events in Student Employment

- **2008 WSASEA Fall Town Meeting** - October 17, 2008, Ellensburg, WA
- **Student Employment Essentials Training** - October 27-28, 2008, Vancouver, WA
- **2008 NSEA Annual Conference** - October 22-23, 2008, Philadelphia, PA
- **2009 WASEA Annual Conference** - April 19-24, 2009, Sacramento, CA
- **2009 WSASEA Spring Conference** - April 27-29, 2009, North Bend, WA

**Don't miss the WSASEA Fall  
Town Meeting!**

October 17  
Central Washington University



**overwhelmed?**

Don't feel overwhelmed placing students in State Work Study positions. Become a member of WSASEA. Your WSASEA membership can assist you in placing your SWS students. Some of the member benefits of WSASEA include:

- Information on training, issues and regulatory support
- Opportunity to gain information and network with others
- Access to list-serve
- Forum to discuss problems, issues and programs related to student employment.
- Learn best practices on how to market your State Work Study program.

## Student Employment Essentials (SEE) Training Offer

If you are relatively new to your position in student employment and have never attended a SEE training before, the HECB is offering to sponsor your attendance at the upcoming SEE training in Vancouver, WA on **October 27-28, 2008**, a value of up to \$278. Registration materials can be found at: [http://www.wasea.org/Cmx\\_Content.aspx?cpId=125](http://www.wasea.org/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=125) Please contact Jeffrey Powell for more details.

## HECB Will Sponsor New Administrators to Attend Spring Conference

If you have become a student employment administrator within the last year and have never attended the WSASEA Spring Conference, we have great news for you! The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) will sponsor new State Work Study administrators' attendance at the 2009 Spring Conference in North Bend on April 27-29! The Board's offer will consist of paying the conference fee, which includes all conference sessions, meals and lodging, as well as one year's membership in WSASEA. The time away from work and travel to North Bend would need to be covered by the institution or the individual.

WSASEA was founded to support people like yourself and the spring meeting provides a unique opportunity to hear agency updates, bring questions, find answers, be exposed to experts in the field and generally sort through how you and your colleagues at other schools coordinate all the aspects of student employment so that students are better served. And, we hope that as you report back to your institution about the value of attending this meeting, your institution will make this annual opportunity and WSASEA membership a routine part of its future support of you as their student employment representative.

Please be on the lookout for the actual offer from the HECB - it will arrive in your inbox this February. In the meantime, please contact Jeffrey Powell from the HECB at (360) 704-4150 if you have questions or would like more information.

### Meet your 2008-09 Executive Board

- **President**, Gayle Dohrman, Central Washington University
- **President-Elect**, Pam Martin, Pacific Lutheran University
- **Past-President**, Kitty Parker, The Evergreen State College
- **Vice-President**, Christi Rafer, Seattle Pacific University
- **Secretary**, Paula Blair, Everett Community College
- **Treasurer**, Robin Guevara, Gonzaga University
- **Member-At-Large**, Daphne Lightfoot, Columbia Basin College

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