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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 Kitty Parker



Hello colleagues! Welcome the latest edition – and the first E-edition - of the WSASEA Newsletter! As the President Elect for WSASEA last year, I reviewed the history of our organization, and met several times with the fabulous and hard-working executive board. Being President Elect was fun and informative, and I encourage you to think about serving in board positions in the future!

I returned from the August Board meeting – graciously hosted by Mona Lawrence at UPS – with a renewed commitment and excitement about the upcoming year. At our meeting, we reviewed and updated position descriptions and goals for the year. And we agreed to resurrect the Newsletter! Soon, on our website ([www.WSASEA.org](http://www.WSASEA.org)), you will find the minutes of the August Executive Board meeting, and our most updated member directory.

In addition, this year we hope to make better use of our list serve so that we can have email discussions about important topics, ask questions (especially our newer members), and generally keep touch about the issues that are critical in our field. My review of our history tells me that that is why we created WSASEA!

Also, look for some updated history pages. Currently, there are boxes and boxes and discs of materials that have been scanned. You might not want to read ALL of this, but the highlights are very interesting! Stay tuned for this work to appear on our site later in the year.

Finally, you will find the dates for upcoming WSASEA and other Student Employment events at the bottom of this newsletter. Please be sure to put the dates on your calendar now!

I look forward to seeing you at these events. And remember – this is OUR organization – we need your participation and your wisdom to keep it fresh and relevant. Feel free to contact me any time with feedback, ideas, and questions. I can be reached at [parkerk@evergreen.edu](mailto:parkerk@evergreen.edu).

Best Regards,  
Kitty Parker, WSASEA President 2007-2008

## Meet your 2007-08 Executive Board

- **President**, Kitty Parker, The Evergreen State College
- **President– Elect**, Gayle Dohrman, Central Washington University
- **Past-President**, Mona Lawrence, University of Puget Sound
- **Vice-President**, Christi Ross, Seattle Pacific University
- **Secretary**, James Jolly, Skagit Valley College
- **Treasurer**, Robin Guevara, Gonzaga University
- **Member-At-Large**, Pam Martin, Pacific Lutheran University
- **Webmaster**, Gayle Dohrman, Central Washington University

## 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).

## Goals of WSASEA

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WSASEA strives to:

- Bring together the officials of postsecondary institutions, and other interested parties in the state of Washington who are involved with student employment programs.
- Emphasize student employment as an educational factor in the development of effective and productive citizens, and as an economic factor in providing financial support for students in higher education.
- Provide an annual meeting as an effective forum for discussing the problems, issues, and programs related to student employment.
- Share expertise and information, renew professional dedication and direction, and unite our abilities to better serve the economic and educational needs of college students.
- Stimulate and promote the education and professional development of student employment administrators and employees.

## HECB Will Sponsor New Administrators to Attend Spring Conference

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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 2008 Spring Conference in North Bend on April 28-30! 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.

## In the News...

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- **State Work Study High Demand Projects introduced-** As one part of the response to the Governor's Washington Learns initiative, the 2007-09 Legislature dedicated \$250,000 a year to fund SWS work experiences for aspiring teachers in secondary school math and/or science classrooms. Your institution has the opportunity to leverage up to \$40,000 in additional SWS funds for your financially needy student population by submitting an application to participate. Applications must be received by September 18, 2007. Contact Jeffrey Powell at 360-704-4150 for more information.
- **Fund Management Resource-** Jim DeWilde and Betty Gebhardt's article titled, "*Workstudy Fund Management -- Minimize the Risk, Improve the Outcomes*" is available on the WSASEA website under Useful Links. This is a great resource which provides guidance for managing your work study funding.

## Upcoming Events in Student Employment

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- **2007 WSASEA Fall Town Meeting** - October 12, 2007, Ellensburg, WA
- **Student Employment Essentials Training** - October 21-22, 2007, San Diego, CA
- **2007 NSEA Annual Conference** - October 22-25, 2007, San Diego, CA
- **2008 WSASEA Spring Conference** - April 28-30, 2008, North Bend, WA
- **2008 WASFAA Spring Conference** - April 6-8, 2008 Seattle, WA

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