President Bruce Boyer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and led the Executive Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Executive Board

Secretary Eileen Wascisin called the roll, showing the following were present:

- President Bruce Boyer
- President-elect Brad Beal
- Past President Bob Duke
- Secretary Eileen Wascisin
- Treasurer Jim Hall
- SW-4 District Representative Ron Crawford
- E-5 District Representative Larry Scholl
- E-6 District Representative Beverly Jagla
- E-7 District Representative Linda Marler
- E-8 District Representative Sharon Hoseley
- NW-1 District Representative Kay Bishop
- Executive Director Alan Burke
- NW-2 District Representative Patricia MacGowan
- Journal Editor Kristin Murphy
- SW-3 District Representative Jean Kinnaman
- Historian Karen Keller
- WSSR Foundation President Dottie Stevens

Guests: Peter Diedrick, Fred Yancey, Michael Moran

WSSRA President Bruce Boyer began by asking members to use ZOOM Reaction buttons to ask questions and to vote yes or no.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Brad Beal, it was VOTED that the agenda be approved as distributed. BD 11032021-01
Approval of August 18, 2021 Board Minutes

On a motion by Linda Marler, it was VOTED that the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting be approved as amended. BD 11032021-02

President’s Report – Bruce Boyer

President Bruce Boyer acknowledged that Lora Brabant and Gary Gleason from Unit 03 Clallam County received AARP Community Service Awards; and Larry Scholl, E-5 District Representative, received an award as Cle Elum Volunteer of the Year. President Boyer reported that he has attended the following meetings and Webinars: Scholarship, Health, Membership, Retirement, Legislative, Finance, WSSR Foundation, and Convention Planning Committees. He also attended each District Coordinating Council meeting, and Unit 14 Mason County SRA; Unit 27 Pierce County SRA; Unit 25 Spokane Area REA. He stayed active in Unit 21 Skagit/Island/San Juan Counties SRA by attending Board meetings and helping with the newspaper preparation.

President Boyer has spent time with Historian Karen Keller at the Lacey office going through notebooks from the past. The plan is to find viable options for making WSSRA’s 75th Anniversary a memorable year. President Boyer is asking that all District Representatives ask for 75th Anniversary celebration ideas at their next Coordinating Council.

He shared that Unit 21 is working to have Scholarship applications translated into Spanish. ZOOM freed up much of his time by his not having to be on the road to meetings. President Bruce Boyer’s report was filed.

President-elect’s Report – Brad Beal

President-elect Brad Beal indicated amazement at the number of people he has been able to connect with through ZOOM. He noted that he was introduced to AMBA’s Leadership Team at a ZOOM session on September 1. The President-elect position is allowing him to connect with WSSRA members throughout the State and finds Units creatively developing ways to support WSSRA’s mission and finds Units and their members and their members are willing to share their strategies to accomplish meeting their mission. President-elect Beal’s goal is to attend each District Coordinating Council meeting which would allow him to connect with the Leadership within our regions. Coordinating Council District meetings that he has attended are SW-4, SW-3, E-7, E-8, and E-5/E-6. He attended the Audit Review with the WSSRA Finance Committee on October 13.

He appreciates Peter Diedrick’s providing him with opportunities to become more aware of the complexities of the Legislative environment. The Pension Policy ZOOM session introduced him to members of the Legislature as well as Lobbyists. President-elect Beal’s report was placed on file.
Immediate Past President’s Report – Bob Duke

Immediate Past President Bob Duke reported that he was busy with preparation of the Virtual Awards Ceremony. This year he will be serving as Unit 27 Pierce County SRA President. His plan (with the help of Peter) is to produce a video of members being interviewed on pension and health concerns that can be delivered to legislators and used in lieu of the traditional Legislator “Meet and Greet” event. He mentioned that this might be something other Units might like to try. Past President Duke indicated that this is a work in progress; he will collaborate with Peter to see if a generic version could be made for other Legislative Districts. Immediate Past President Bob Duke’s report was filed.

Secretary’s Report – Eileen Wascisin

Secretary Eileen Wascisin reported that she has been involved with a variety of activities. A review of activities follows:

- **WSSRA – Washington State School Retirees’ Association**
  - Attended the August Executive Board meeting and the Awards and Recognition Ceremony in August
  - Completed the following:
    - With Karen Keller and Debbie Burgess “Celebration of Life” presentation on September 15
    - Minutes of Convention 2021 Part 2 (Awards and Recognition)
    - Secretary’s report for November Executive Board meeting
  - Answered questions about pronunciation of WSSRA. She and Karen Keller researched the motion on the pronunciation. At the June 9, 2004 Delegate Assembly, the following motion was made:
    - **DA 060904-10** – On a motion by Inez Schaffer, Highline-Tukwila-Vashon Unit 06, it was **VOTED** that the pronunciation of WSSRA is **W-S-S-R-A and not “Wash-rah”**.

- **Northwest 1 – Coordinating Council**
  - Sent Leadership Directory to members and to Michele Hunter
  - Met with NW-1 Coordinating Council Jerry Finkbonner to plan agenda and program as well as discussing implementing reactions (hand raised, yes/no for motions) with ZOOM.
  - Confirmed with WSSRA Executive Director Alan Burke and WSSRA President Bruce Boyer their attendance and presentations for October 25
  - Sent out agenda, prior minutes, and additional instructions for meeting
  - Completed minutes and distributed to members

- **WCSRA – Unit 32 Whatcom County School Retirees’ Association**
  - Planned, arranged, organized WCSRA Executive Board meetings for September 3, October 1, and November 5.
o Completed and distributed the following to Unit 32 Board members
  ▪ Minutes and Agendum for meetings
o Helped with the planning and confirmation of November 18 WCSRA general
  meeting via ZOOM with Washington State American Legion Commander
  Rick Sucee to celebrate Veteran’s Day.
o Prepared articles for Unit newsletter
o Distributed minutes from meetings
o Contacted all Homeless School Liaisons in Whatcom County to find out
  where the Unit can be of Financial Assistance

Secretary Eileen Wascisin’s report was filed.

Treasurer’s Report – Jim Hall

Treasurer Jim Hall reviewed the Financial Statement and Expense Budget with the
Executive Board.

Financial Statement

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Expense Budget

WSSRA is currently at 22% of its total budget.

Treasurer Jim Hall’s report was filed.

Executive Director’s Report – Alan Burke

Scholarships

Executive Director Burke reported that it has been difficult getting enough applications to
use the Scholarship budget - especially with the Neil D. Prescott Student Teacher Intern
Scholarships. He has reached out to the Leadership of the Washington Association of
Colleges of Teacher Education (WACTE) with a one-page flyer for 2022-23 Scholarships
and asked them to spread the word. The increased dollar amount for each of the sixteen
Scholarships (now $2,000) will hopefully spur applications. Deadlines for high school
student Scholarships is March 1, 2022 and for the Neil D. Prescott Student Teacher Intern
Scholarship April 1, 2022.
Membership

WSSRA continues to drop membership (October 1 with 17,300 members is down five hundred from the same time last year). The main reason is because of COVID and no in-person contact. WSSRA believes that this trend will reverse once WSSRA members are able to speak at faculty meeting solicitations. Michele Hunter has received 28 cash-dues members. AMBA is working to obtain WSSRA members. A reminder that anyone wishing to stop receiving AMBA solicitations may do so by unsubscribing. Each year one DRS blind mailing goes out to all non-member retirees. The cost is $30,000 of which AMBA pays $24,000.

Unit Meetings Inside?

There are 4 - 8 Units who are holding meetings inside. Units have been asking that members show proof of vaccination and wear masks. Most Units continue to have meetings via ZOOM because of the inability to find adequate facilities.

Plan 1 COLA

Legislative Director Peter Diedrick and the Lobbyists are reviewing the latest on the Plan 1 COLA saga and working diligently to have the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) formally recommend a COLA package to the 2022 legislature. The November 16 SCPP meeting will be a crucial date for action on the COLA. WSSRA membership will be asked to weigh in through email or live testimony. As 2021 inflation looks to be over 5%, a COLA for older members will be a top priority in the 2022 session.

October and November Webinars

Executive Director Burke informed members that there has been good attendance at the Webinars. These Webinars have been popular and serve to widen the footprint of WSSRA across the State. The hope is that in-person Spring Retirement Webinars will happen.

Meta (Facebook) Advertisements

One question that came up during the time the series of Webinars were announced was the possibility of expanding to offer Meta advertisements for those events. Unfortunately, the pdf and Word flyers that are routinely sent to Unit leaders (via email attachments) cannot be transferred to a Meta format. However, as part of the summer grant from the National Retired Teachers’ Association, Peter now has a program at his disposal to create a Meta posting from one of WSSRA regular flyers.

Long-Term Care Act Update

There are continued rumblings from Legislators from both parties that a “tweak” of the long-term care act is likely to be presented in the upcoming session. In the meantime, all
wage earners without a long-term care insurance policy in hand as of October 31 will begin paying the .058% payroll tax in January. WSSRA’s understanding is that long-term care policy vendors will open the marketplace on November 1--but that is too late to save an interested party from paying the tax.

**Great Wolf Lodge Convention Update**

The Planning Team for the June 2022 Convention met on October 14 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound to begin the process of assigning Units/individuals to the various tasks that need to be completed by next Spring. SW-4 is the host Coordinating Council along with SW-3. President Boyer is reviewing options for keynoters and breakout session presenters, and the Lacey staff is preparing for the first in-person Convention in three years. COVID is still a worry, but plans need to begin now for events in June.

**Future Convention Schedule**

- June 5-8, 2022, Grand Mound (Rochester) at the Great Wolf Lodge
- June 4-7, 2023, Pasco Red Lion
- June 2-5, 2024, Wenatchee Convention Center
- June 1-4, 2025, Yakima Convention Center

**Other**

Executive Director Burke informed members that Joyce Williams from Des Moines, Washington, WSSRA President 2003 – 2004, recently passed away. Executive Director Burke shared things Joyce did as President, including acting as Executive Director for a brief period.

Executive Director Burke concluded with saying that Peter Diedrick and he have traveled (and will travel) and attended in-person and ZOOM meetings.

Executive Director Alan Burke’s report was placed on file.

**Historian’s Report – Karen Keller**

Historian Karen Keller reported that she has attended Unit 28 Thurston County SRA Board and general meetings via ZOOM and Convention Planning meeting as well as led the SW-4 Coordinating Council meeting. Additionally, she continues to work on Bruce Boyer’s Yearbook (which is a work-in-progress for 2021-2022) and completed Bob Duke’s Yearbook. She worked with Bruce Boyer delving into the archives to find suitable Journal articles and collaborated with Peter to identify old photos of Bill Signings from WSSRA’s history. Other things she was found the motion that was passed on how to pronounce W-S-S-R-A, attended the Awards presentation, and met with (along with Unit President) the new Tenino Superintendent. Historian Karen Keller’s report was filed.
**Journal Editor’s Report – Kristen Murphy**

Journal Editor Kristen Murphy reported that the last Journal came out in October. The next Journal deadline is December 5 and will come out in mid-January. She continues to welcome original and clear pictures and interesting stories to share with membership. Please submit to Kristen at editor@wssra.org.

**WSSR Foundation President’s Report – Dottie Stevens**

WSSR Foundation President Dottie Stevens reported that the WSSR Foundation meeting was held on October 13, 2021 with a focus on an internal review of finances. WSSR Foundation continues to focus on encouraging donations.

The WSSR Foundation is considering changes to its investment management plan that will lower fees. They will be discussing employing a model similar to what is now used for WSSRA investment. A full audit should take place within the year as a safeguard for committee members and the WSSR Foundation. WSSR Foundation President Dottie Stevens’ report was filed.

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS’**

**NW-1 District Representative – Kay Bishop**

NW-1 District Representative Kay Bishop reported that she attended the Awards and Recognition Ceremony on September 15. She continues to teach ELA and visits student teachers in Bellingham, Marysville, Northshore, and Bellevue School Districts. She plans to post retirement and new teacher Webinar posters in staff rooms. News from Units in her area:

- Unit 21 Skagit/Island/San Juan has Barbara Robinson and Diane Visten as Co-Presidents for this year. They received 51 Mini grant/learning support applications. The Unit has a new focus for a $1,500 Scholarship beginning with Mt. Vernon SD to encourage students who are going to attend a technical or trade school to apply.
- Unit 22 Sno Isle SRA has made the decision not to hold any general membership meetings until January. The Unit is hoping to have its annual Christmas luncheon at Le Bistro (Sno-Isle Skill Center’s culinary program) and have attendees donate toys, books, games, and money to support Christmas House.
- The Unit will be awarding Mini grants/Learning Support Funds will be awarded to 35 active members of $400 each and for 10 non-members at $100 each. The $2,500 Scholarship will be able to be reapplied for by a previous recipient if that person is still enrolled in Education and is carry a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Unit 23 Sno-King SRA contact person is Jim Siscel. The Unit is looking for a President. At its annual picnic Executive Director Alan Burke installed the Unit’s Secretary and Treasurer. Mini grant/Learning Support Funds applications are arriving but are less than before.
Unit 32 Whatcom County SRA President Jerry Finkbonner and Secretary Eileen Wascisin took a mini cruise on Bellingham Bay as a “test run” for a member activity. The Unit sent out Mini-grant applications and will be meeting to select recipients. This year the Unit has donated a one-time $500 to each of the seven food banks to use during the holiday season. On November 18, 2021 Commander Rick Sucee from the American Legion will be the speaker.

NW-1 District Representative Kay Bishop’s report was filed.

**NW-2 District Representative – Patricia MacGowan**

NW-2 District Representative Patricia MacGowan reported that at its NW-2 Coordinating Council meeting asked members for ideas to celebrate WSSRA’s 75th Anniversary and ideas on how to celebrate members service to the WSSRA. Ideas included tallying Unit President’s years of service for WSSRA and honoring them. Other ideas included having each Unit select 1 - 2 members who would be declared the Pandemic Heroes along with 1 - 2 Super programs that everyone enjoyed.

Unit 6 Southwest King included their active teacher educator grant applications in their recent newsletter. Throughout the year members are looking at adopting schools that may need more materials for teachers to keep students motivated. ZOOM programs are planned for February 12, 2022 and in April 2022 from Humanities Washington.

Unit 16 East King is accepting applications for Mini grants. At the current time the Unit has received 13 applications. The Unit made a $2,000 donation to the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services. Unit 16 Board meets each month. The Unit has not held meetings as members are not interested in virtual meetings.

Unit 19 Renton South King met in August, and in October they took a field trip to the Neely Mansion in Auburn. Their November meeting will be with University of Washington professor and film historian Lance Rhoades and Mary Poppins via ZOOM. Plans are in place for an in-person Board meeting at Lakeshore Retirement Home in December. The Unit is trying something new by focusing Mini grants on only one District. This year they are working with Kent School District.

Unit 20 Seattle continues to use its newsletter, “The Bulletin” as the main source of communication. The Seattle Directory of members is being updated. Seattle Board members are contacting Legislators and members of the SCPP in support of the Plan 1 COLA. Six teacher intern scholars were awarded $5,000 Scholarships and four seniors received $2,500 Scholarships. SSRA also provided $12,500 to the Seattle Schools Foundation Scholarships for seniors. Classroom grants to teachers are provided up to $500 per school year.

NW-2 District Representative Patricia MacGowan’s report was placed on file.
SW-3 District Representative – Jean Kinnaman

SW-3 District Representative Jean Kinnaman reported that as SW-3 is part of the 2022 Convention Planning Committee, all three Units in the District are involved in the planning. She received the following information from her Units in her district.

Unit 14 Mason County SRA first meeting was a hybrid with a guest speaker from the local Health Department. In October, the meeting was also held as a hybrid due to the higher number of COVID cases in Mason County.

Unit 03 Clallam County held meetings by ZOOM and in-person. The Unit continues to collect and distribute gently used books to local school districts.

Unit 27 Pierce County SRA in September had as the guest speaker a local historian, former Legislator, and a Pierce County Council member who spoke about Puyallup in World War II.

SW-3 District Representative Jean Kinnaman's report was placed on file.

SW-4 District Representative – Ron Crawford

SW-4 District Representative Ron Crawford reported that SW-4 Great Wolf Convention Planning Team met with WSSRA staff at the Great Wolf Lodge for the 2022 WSSRA State Convention Planning. He contacted all SW-4 Units to schedule an in-person meeting. Other news includes:

- Executive Director Burke and SW-4 District Representative Crawford will meet with the Unit 11 Lewis County Unit on November 22 in Centralia
- Unit 5 Grays Harbor SRA does not have any meetings scheduled
- Unit 30 Southwest Washington SRA held a Board meeting, does not have any other meetings scheduled
- Unit 28 Thurston County has held Board and general meetings via ZOOM. They completed a sock drive and are finishing Mini grants for high school and elementary school. Unit 28 Thurston County SRA has its Scholarship Reader Committee in place

SW-4 District Representative Ron Crawford’s report was filed.

E-5 District Representative – Larry Scholl

E-5 District Representative Larry Scholl reported that he has attended the following:

- E-5/E-6 Coordinating Council meeting
- Unit 34 Yakima County SRA Board and general membership meetings in person
- WSSRA Awards and Recognition Ceremony via ZOOM
- Legislative workshops (3)
Other news from Units in his District:

Unit 9 Kittitas County has decided to cancel all planned in-person Unit meetings for this Fall. They are also not meeting via ZOOM. They keep membership informed with a monthly newsletter and members are being asked to suggest worthy local causes in need of cash donation from Unit 9.

Unit 10 Columbia Gorge had its first in-person meeting at the end of October. The Unit is partnering with the local Gorge Action Program for a winter warm clothing drive.

Unit 34 Yakima County conducted an in-person membership meeting and will continue to hold regularly scheduled in-person Board meetings. The Unit will be offering $12,000 in Mini grants this fall to active teacher members, and $2,000 is budgeted to be awarded to aspiring young music students. Nick and Kathy Schultz have announced that they will be stepping down as Unit Co-Presidents in the Spring of 2022. A search is underway to find a new President.

E-6 District Representative Larry Scholl’s report was placed on file.

**E-6 District Representative – Beverly Jagla**

E-6 District Representative Beverly Jagla reported only on Unit 2 Chelan/Douglas SRA and indicated that it will meet at the Red Lion in Wenatchee in November. Their speaker for October was with “Godmothers of Health” who work with a diverse bilingual network to improve communication. Their Pangborn Project goal was to create awareness of the 90th Anniversary of the first trans-Pacific flight which started in Misawa, Japan, and landed above Wenatchee.

E-6 District Representative Beverly Jagla’s report was placed on file.

**E-7 District Representative – Linda Marler**

E-7 District Representative Linda Marler orally reported that things are moving slowing in her District. Her Unit will be meeting in December and Alice Davis retired from the Whitman County Unit and passed the torch to her. She stated that she needs to contact Brad Beal or Don Kackman on how to get introduced to people in her area. The Whitman County Mini-grant applications have been distributed. She said that Whitman County is a small Unit, but that it gives $3,000 a year.

**E-8 District Representative – Sharon Hoseley**

E-8 District Representative Sharon Hoseley reported that E-8 officers and representatives met by ZOOM on October 12 to share Unit news and glean ideas from each other. District 8 Units are being creative and persistent in keeping their members informed and
connected through ZOOM meetings, field trips, and correspondence. COVID cases have peaked again, and face-to-face meetings have been risky.

Unit 31 Walla Walla/Columbia SRA is struggling to obtain Leadership as older members have backed away from these responsibilities. The new President, Kathi Goodwin, is open to suggestions for how to fill the slate of officers and how to gain new members.

Unit 1 Clarkston/Asotin/Pomeroy SRA has reached out to all active staff (including bus drivers, cooks, janitors) with a newsletter, a bag of M&M’s and a chance for a Grant. They have been doing field trips for their meetings.

Unit 29 Benton/Franklin SRA has held a face-to-face event as well as carrying on with altruistic projects. Teacher grants are available. The Unit is keeping track of its shut-in members through a telephone chain.

E-8 District Representative Sharon Hoseley’s report was placed on file.

**Committee Chair Reports**

**Awards – Doris Bucher** – no report  
**Rules and Resolutions – Tedd Davis** – no report  
**Nominating and Review – Marianne Harvey** – no report  
**Scholarship – Ron Crawford**

Scholarship Chair Ron Crawford informed members that the Scholarship Committee met on November 2. Tara sent a Scholarship booklet to each District Representative. Chair Crawford reminded District Representatives of the following:

- List of readers from each District needs to be submitted to Tara as soon as possible
- High School Scholarship Applications due **March 1, 2022**
- Student Teacher/Internship Scholarship Applications due **April 1, 2022**
- Short turnaround on the Neil D. Prescott applications – readers will not receive these applications to read until the second week of April
- The list of All Scholarship Awardees MUST BE in submitted to Tara by **MAY 1, 2022**

**Health Services - Kenneth Harvey** – no report  
**Membership - Don Parks** – no report  
**Retirement Planning - Paul Schafer** – no report  
**Finance – Jerry Hendrickson** – no report  
**Legislative - Ester Wilfong/Carolyn Stella** – see Legislative Update
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Director Peter Diedrick, Lobbyists Fred Yancey and Michael Moran

Legislative Director Peter Diedrick along with Lobbyists Fred Yancey and Michael Moran gave a Legislative Update.

Legislative Director Peter Diedrick said while collaborating with Historian Karen Keller, they realized that there have been no pictures of Bill Signings since the Plan 1 COLA in 2018. The 2020 Bill did not have a signing because of COVID.

The main item that Legislative Director Diedrick brought to the WSSRA Executive Board is the Legislative Agenda for 2022. He took members through a walkthrough of covering the issues and bringing everyone up to date and then following where the Plan 1 COLA discussion sits at this time.

The 2022 WSSRA Legislative Agenda is as follows:

- Recommend we support the SCPP proposal. They are looking at two different proposals:
  - Option A:
    - Annual Plan 1 COLA mirroring the COLA in Plans 2 and 3
  - Option C:
    - One-time COLA on the first 44,000 of income – will lobby for 5.9% inflation rate
    - Recommend that all members lobby Legislators of the SCPP to pass one of the above.
- Medical Benefits
  - Work to maintain the PEBB subsidy in the budget. No legislation required.
  - Should be a non-event year for medical benefits as it is in the budget. However, it will be watched to safeguard the benefits.
- COLA 10 Months after Retirement
  - Current law requires a 12-month waiting period to receive a COLA. Legislation would alter the statute so summer school retirees would be eligible the following July. This would allow a new retiree to get a cost-of-living adjustment if they have been retired for 10 months. Currently if an employee is on a school contract and retires in July or August, they are not eligible for a COLA the following July because they have not been retired for 12 months.
- 2021 WSSRA Legislation that is still active
  - HB 1032 reduced the early retirement penalties during the COVID-19 crisis
  - Is Legislation to loosen return to work rules to get retirees back into the school district
  - HB 1040 reopens PEBB to retirees who have been locked out
• Currently the Return-to-Work Rules are:
  o OSPI has asked for WSSRA’s help and support in getting return to work rules loosened during the COVID-19 crisis
  o OSPI attorneys are drafting legislation in coordination with the Code Reviser
  o WSSRA will support these efforts with the WSSRA Executive Board’s permission

A motion to approve the Legislative Agenda was voted upon after hearing from Lobbyists Michael Moran and Fred Yancey.

Lobbyist Michael Moran spoke about the elections that were held on November 2, an overview of redistricting, and the legislation that is ready for movement. We have Legislators who want to help us, and we have an economic climate where they have money to help us. The Legislators know they need to do something, and they know that WSSRA has moved to the “have to do something.” What remains is just a function of the price tag. Lobbyist Moran said he just does not see Legislators breaking loose a couple billion dollars to create a Uniform COLA solution. He believes that they can link the COLA to the amount of the senior property tax exemption, which would mean that everyone gets a significant benefit from the Plan 1 COLA. He said that while it is not perfect, it makes economic justification. Getting a quorum at the SCCP is a critical mission, to get appropriators to make this a priority is a critical mission, keeping the $800 million pay down in position is a critical mission.

Lobbyist Fred Yancey followed up with other remarks. Things to know:

- November 15 is the deadline for an adoption of a redistricting map.
  o Four maps are available, and the Redistricting Committee must adopt a final redistricting map on this date. If the committee is unable to decide on a map, the task will be sent to the Supreme Court that will then have the final authority to complete the redistricting process.
  o Senator Jeannie Darneille from Tacoma resigned to take a position with the Department of Corrections. Yasmin Trudeau, an attorney Legislative Affairs Specialist with the Attorney General’s office will replace her.
  o Senator Ann Rivers, Clark County Vancouver Area, announced her resignation
  o November 15 - 19 Legislators will ZOOM as a group. Sometime in December, both Democrats and Republicans will release their Committee Lists and Committee Chairs
  o Secretary of State position is open. The Governor gets to appoint someone to that position. He is getting pressure from Republicans to appoint a Republicans and the Democrats are pressuring him to appoint a Democrat.
  o Lobbyist Yancey requested that members write to senators and representatives and urge them to continue pushing a prescription medication change. A good first step is that no Senior would pay over $2,000 out of pocket.
  o Seniors outvote ten times more (in number of votes) than the 18- to 24-year-old.
Note: After the Legislative update Past President Duke respectfully reminded folks that we represent a spectrum of political beliefs in our Association. Any statement made by a member of the Board has the potential of being accepted or marginalizing somebody else. Just remember that we need to be considerate of all our members. Members are not a member for political reasons, but members to support WSSRA causes. Executive Director Burke reiterated by saying it is important we “stay in our own lane.”

At this time, WSSRA President Bruce Boyer asked for a motion on the proposed priorities presented by Legislative Director Peter Diedrick.

Approval of Legislative Priorities for 2022

On a motion by Bob Duke, it was VOTED that the Legislative Priorities be approved as presented by Legislative Director Peter Diedrick.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am. The next meeting of the WSSRA Executive Board will be February 2 - 3, 2022 either in-person, hybrid, or ZOOM.

Eileen J. Wascisin
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WSSRA Secretary
November 3, 2021