

Washington Community and Technical College Counselor Association (WCTCCA) Business Meeting

May 13th, 2016, 8:57AM

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

North Bend, WA

Present:

Min Lee Booth	<i>Green River College</i>
Shayna Collins	<i>Clark College</i>
Maribel Jimenez	<i>Yakima Valley Community College</i>
Devon Klein	<i>Green River College</i>
Gloria Rose Koepping	<i>Highline College</i>
Vicente Lopez	<i>Yakima Valley Community College</i>
Yolanda Machado	<i>South Puget Sound Community College</i>
Heidi Matlack	<i>Yakima Valley Community College</i>
Belle Nishioka	<i>Bellevue College</i>
Malcolm Oliver	<i>Bellingham Technical College</i>
Rich Schillinger	<i>Yakima Valley Community College</i>
Brian Shook	<i>Grays Harbor College</i>
Annemarie Solbrack	<i>Clover Park Technical College</i>
Robin Stanton	<i>Bates Technical College</i>
Margaret Vlahos	<i>Whatcom Community College</i>
Jennifer Weinmann	<i>Clover Park Technical College</i>
Jennifer Wright	<i>Pierce College Puyallup</i>
Dale Zeretzke	<i>Seattle Central College</i>

Meeting called to order at 8:57 by WCTCCA Chair Heidi Matlack.

The meeting opened with discussion about WCTCCA dues and dues collection. WCTCCA has two main products, the Spring Conference and the WCTCCA list-serve. The majority of dues are collected concurrently with registration for the Spring Conference. It was noted that some counselors receive a free online service (WCTCCA list-serve) and the list-serve could be restricted to members only. Possibly counselors would pay dues for the privilege of using the list-serve. It was mentioned that the drawback to a "closed" list-serve would be the loss of advertising to non-members for things such as upcoming conferences.

Election of new officers:

Treasurer:

There was a motion to nominate Gloria Rose Koepping. The motion was seconded, and the vote for Gloria Rose Koepping was approved.

Technology Coordinator:

There was a motion to nominate Annemarie Solbrack. The motion was seconded, and the vote for Annemarie Solbrack was approved.

Eastern Representative:

There was a motion to nominate Vicente Lopez. The motion was seconded, and the vote for Vicente Lopez was approved.

The following officers are continuing with positions for the upcoming year:

Chairperson: Heidi Matlack

Vice Chairperson: Devon Klein

Secretary: Brian Shook

Past Chairperson: Annemarie Solbrack

Western Region Representative: Margaret Vlahos

Spring 2017 Conference

Discussion began about the possibility of holding a 2017 WCTCCA Spring Conference. Traditionally the WCTCCA does not meet every third year because members would instead attend the Washington State Student Services Commission Conference (WSSSC) that is held every three years.

The Washington state Advising & Counseling Council (ACC) has expressed interest in collaborating with the WCTCCA for professional development, and Heidi Matlack reported being open to contacting the ACC president to investigate.

The idea was presented to look into having a winter meeting instead of spring as to not compete with other conferences such as the WSSSC conference or the Students of Color Conference. Another idea was to have a one-day professional development conference in early spring or late winter quarter.

Consensus began to develop that members wanted to build upon the momentum of the 2016 conference by having a 2017 Spring Conference. There was a discussion about a one-day conference as opposed to a two-day conference, and an alternatives to The Rainbow Lodge were considered. Devon Klein reported that she had previously researched different options and was unable to find anything centrally located for a reasonable cost.

It was decided to organize as 2017 Spring Conference and members preferred a Thursday-Friday, two-day format. Heidi agreed to consult with the Rainbow Lodge about 2017 dates.

Because the turnout for the 2016 conference was larger than in previous years, participants were polled regarding what attracted them this year. Two main themes emerged:

- 1) The topic was a big draw, "Emergency Response: The Counselor's Role and Effective Skills."
- 2) Personal outreach from WCTCCA executive board.

It was noted that the outreach by WCTCCA executive board members to individual counselors at community and technical colleges was useful because not every counselor is connected to the WCTCCA list-serve.

Recognition of Former WCTCCA Chairpersons

Former WCTCCA Chairpersons Theophilus Mungen and Annemarie Solbrack were recognized for their valuable years of service to the organization and presented with plaques to commemorate their leadership.

Meeting adjourned 10:15

Minutes submitted by Brian Shook, Secretary