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   Please list the names of the officers, legislative chair, website manager and social media manager their contact information, including email address, and length of term of offices.

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1. **Permanent Committees within the State Association:** None, aside from duties within each board member position (membership, conference, awards, communications, etc.). Legislative, website, and social media activities are shared by all board members.

2. **State Conference (Y or N and date for 2017):** Yes. October 6-7, 2017 at Clark College in Vancouver, WA

3. **Organization’s Website address:** www.wassw.org
   **Newsletter (Y or N, frequency and type, electronic or paper, of circulation):**
   Paper newsletter twice a year to all members in June and December
   Email blasts to members once a month
   Email blasts to “contact list” members once a month (people who are not members but would like to stay current on school social work issues in the state of Washington. Those included are university professors and staff, school administrators, community organizations, legislators, key contacts for other state organizations, and anyone else who signs up on our website to receive the email blast).

   **Facebook Page Address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address)**
   https://www.facebook.com/wasocwork We recently created a Members Only FB page in addition to a wassw FB page, for job postings and other information specific to members. Membership rose by 13 people since creating the page.

4. **Twitter Handle (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address):** N

5. **Blog address (Y or N. If yes, please list the page address):** N

**B. Number of State Association Members:** 56

**C. Number of School Social Workers in the State:** Current data from OSPI (May 2017) has 299 people certification in school social work. Over the last few years, our numbers have continued to increase!
   2016 - 272 staff
   2015 - 238 staff
   2014 - 214 staff

**D. Annual Budget and Dues Structure:**
   - Annual Budget
o Conference Budget: $3,000
o Conference cost Oct 2016: $2772
o Conference Revenues from Oct 2016: $5005
o Membership Revenues: $2300
o General Expenses for 2016 (lobbyist & Lobby day, SSW Week, Delegate Assembly travel, conference travel for presentations, sending school social worker of the year to the national conference, membership expenses, printing, mailing, mileage, etc): $3400

- **Dues structure** are as follows:
  - Regular member - $50
  - Associate member - $35
  - Student/Retired/Unemployed - $20

E. **State Evaluation:**

1. **Current Strengths of State Association:**
   - Several relationships with members of the legislature have been formed and strengthened over the past four years (which has resulted in school social workers included in various bills introduced in the House of Representatives and the Senate during the most recent legislative session).
   - A bill defining the role of school social workers (HB1377) has come the farthest it has in the history of our work in Washington state.
   - Washington state’s school social worker of the year, Cathleen Schlotter, was selected as the national School Social Worker of the Year and was honored in the SSWAA’s Annual Conference in March 2017 in San Diego.
   - Access to a shared lobbyist with NASW
   - Relationships with lobbyists from WEA and other support staff state associations.
   - Founding members of the ESA Coalition with three other support staff state associations
   - Created documents defining roles and responsibilities (Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3)
   - Even though membership remains consistent in numbers (which we would like to see a bit higher), the WASSW has been able to recruit members who are new to the profession and to the state of Washington.
   - The WASSW has board members who are passionate about school social work and willing to put the time and energy in to meet and collaborate with university students, people who are interested in the career of school social work, university staff, other educators, etc.
   - The data from OSPI shows that employment over the last four years, school social workers are employed increasingly. In 2014, there were 214 school social workers and in 2017, there are 299.

2. **Current Weaknesses of State Association:**
   - Lack of involvement by members and other school social workers in regards to lobbying and legislative action at the state level.
• While membership continue to be consistent (anywhere between 45-60 members at any given time in a year), WASSW struggles to increase membership. Some members struggle to renew their membership, even with several reminders (in person, by telephone, and through email).
• Difficulty engaging members who live and work in Eastern Washington.

3. Future Plans of State Association:
• Continue the valuable work at the state level with legislators, lobbyists, and the state department of education in an effort for the profession to become recognized within the Washington Administrative Code.
• Continue to educate others about the role of a school social worker whenever the chance arises (through conferences, meetings, discussions within our own districts, etc.). This also includes the discussion of how all school professions have a place at the table when helping students reach their maximum potential.
• Working with key stakeholders to strengthen the school social work certification process OSPI and the PESB.
• Creating and strengthening relationships with other key organizations within the state.
  a. National Association of Social Workers – WA Chapter
  b. Other organizations representing school employees (counselor, nurses, school psychologists, administrators, directors, etc.)
  c. Colleges and universities – University of Washington and Eastern Washington University (to help develop stronger and more field placement options)
  d. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Professional Educator Standards Board

4. Future Threats to State Association:
• Even though conversations about student mental health continue to happen with different organizations and school districts around the state, those conversations often include the decision to hire non-school staff to meet that need (mainly due to cost).
• Recent changes in the state certification process for school social workers has weakened the requirements and thus made recent graduates less prepared for interviews and the work force.
• Many of our contacts at OSPI have left their positions and our organization will have to strategically make intentional connections and build relationships to strengthen our representation there.
• There is strong representation at OSPI for counselors, which often is seen as a competing profession with school social workers.

5. How can SSWAA assist your state?
The development of a national school social work exam