DKG WSO
Spring Convention 2025
Skamania Lodge
Meeting Minutes and Summaries

1. **<u>Friday, April 25, 2025; 2:30-3:34 p.m. - State Executive Committee</u>**

The State Executive Committee met in an informal session to review the schedule for the weekend. Apologies from Pat Bennett-Forman; all other current officers were present.

- Educator of the Year showcase was added to the luncheon agenda.
- Motion for the venue of Spring Convention 2027 was added to SEB agenda.
- The performance by Jazz Singer Darcy Schmitt was moved to earlier in the banquet agenda.
- Attendees waived the hearing of briefed Minutes.
- There was no correspondence.
- Photos of workshop attendees will be taken by Jannette Manuel or the presenter.

MOTION: I (Teri King/none) move to approve 1 credit hour for each of the following workshop sessions: Managing Difficult Conversations (both offerings), Math: a Good Friend of Ours, Belly Dancing, Forest Bathing and The Secrets of Creativity.
Motion carried.

Meeting was closed at 3:34 p.m.
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2. **Saturday, April 26, 2025; 2:30-3:34 p.m. - State Executive Board**

OPENING:

- The meeting was called to Order by President Monique Harrison 3:03pm
- Minutes Review Committee was chosen: Janet LeBeau, Susan Fritts
- Agenda Review: Elections of incoming officers and committee members will be deferred to the General Session.
- Land Acknowledgement by Kay Stern
- Flag Salute led by President Monique Harrison
- Roll Call by Secretary Dr. Claire Smith (20 chapters represented, 6 voting officers and 2 non-voting officers present)
- Credentials Report by Past State Treasurer Patricia Russell (94 members registered, 9 Area Liaisons, 21 chapters rep., 6 first timers)
- A quorum was established
- Parliamentary Minute–Rules of the Meeting by Parliamentarian Linda Elliott
- Briefed Minutes from September 28, 2024 by Secretary Dr. Claire Smith
- Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Mary Rennie: (transfer of banking business to Capital One; future use of electronic vouchers; 3 Zoom licenses are available for sale; chapters with new treasurers should contact Mary.)

REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION:

Executive Secretary (Sherri Wagemann, Eta Spokane)

- Confirmation of venues and dates:
    - The Creative Arts Retreat 2025 (Dumas Bay Retreat Center in Federal Way, June 24-26, 2025)
    - Fall Board 2025 (Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center, Sept. 26-27, 2025)
    - Spring Convention 2026 (Delta Hotels by Marriott Seattle/Everett, April 24-25, 2026)
    - Fall Board 2026 (in SW Region, venue TBD, September 25-26, 2026)
    - Fall Board 2027 (in NW Region, venue TBD, September 24-25, 2027)

MOTION: I (Teri King/Charlene Shea) move that Spring Convention on April 23-25, 2027 be held at the West Coast Hotel and Conference Center Wenatchee.
Motion carried.

Finance Committee Chair (Jan Morgan)

- Budget for 2025-2026

MOTION: I (Jan Morgan) move that the Financial Budget for 2025-2026 be accepted.
Motion carried.

Nominations Committee Chair (Marian Palmer)

- Presented names of candidates running for 2025-2027 State Officers
- Presented name of candidate running for RRPSF
- Presented name of candidate running for Nominations Committee
- Presented name of candidate running for Finance Committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Expansion & Dissolution Committee (Immed. Past President Pat Bennett-Forman)

- Zeta Wenatchee request for dissolution:

MOTION: Since Zeta Chapter has met all chapter responsibilities for dissolution, I (Pat Bennett-Forman) regretfully move that the Zeta Chapter be dissolved".
Motion carried.

Adjourned at 3:45pm

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Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation Annual Meeting occurred. Presented by Chair Barbara Brown with other officers. Discussed finances and scholarships given since 1967. Adjourned at 3:57pm

3. **<u>Saturday, April 26, 2025; 4:00-5:30 p.m. - General Session</u>**

OPENING:

- The meeting was called to order by President Monique Harrison at 4:05pm
- Agenda was reviewed, one item of new business was added.

REPORTS TO THE GENERAL SESSION:

- The President introduced 4 members currently serving on International Boards.
- The Credentials Report was presented by Patricia Russell.
- Correspondence review was given by Secretary Claire Smith
- Treasurer Mary Rennie repeated the financial report.
- Finance committee chair Jan Morgan reported on the vote from the Executive Board session.
- Executive Secretary Sherri Wagemann reviewed dates and venues for state events, 2025-2027.
- President Monique Harrison reviewed the year, thanking the membership for the "honor of a lifetime", praising the resilience of WSO during a time of world change and exhorting the members to continue to rise.
- Parliamentarian Linda Elliott gave the Parliamentary Minute.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of 2025-2027 officers and other personnel:
  Marian Palmer presented the following names of nominees:
    - Teri King - President
    - Marge Lofstrom - First Vice President
    - Charlene Shea - Second Vice President
    - Claire Smith - Secretary
    - Marian Palmer - Nominations Committee
    - Jan Morgan - Finance Committee
    - Lesli Collum - Rachel Royston Board of Trustees

  All nominees were appointed by acclamation.

- By-Laws/Standing Rules Amendments:
    - 2024 Approved International Amendments were presented by Bev Reinvik. Barb Clausen explained the rationale behind the new Ethics Policy. The incoming Parliamentarian will pursue the issue of Roll Call Vote. International amendments being mandatory for state organizations to adopt, the state By-Laws Committee recommended approval of the international amendments by consensus, which was given.
    - 2025 Proposed Amendments to WSO By-Laws and Standing Rules were presented by Corinne Johnson.
        - By-Laws Article IX - amendment was approved.
        - By-Laws Article X - amendment (to hold only one convention per biennium) was NOT approved.

MOTION: I move (Teri King/Charlene Shea) to extend meeting to 5:30 pm.
Motion carried.

- Standing Rule 3.65 c2 - amendment was approved, with 1 abstention.
- Standing Rule 3.65 d1 - amendment was approved.

International Reports:

- Eunah Temple Holden report, presented by Janet LeBeau
- International Editorial Board report and European Forum Conference announcement and invitation, presented by Claire Smith
- Constitution Committee report, presented by Monique Harrison
- US Forum report and invitations, presented by Pat Bennett-Forman.

Invitations:

- The East Region Hostesses: Fall Board 2025 gathering in Yakima.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.
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4. **<u>Sunday, April 27, 2025; 9:30-12:00 p.m. - State Executive Committee</u>**

The State Executive Committee met in an informal session to debrief the Convention events. All current and incoming officers were present.

- President Monique Harrison expressed her appreciation of the current officers and her plans for the 2025-2027 Biennium when she will be the Immediate Past President.
- Officers were encouraged to complete the online feedback questionnaire.
- The possibility of using some meeting or workshop time to have attendees fill out QR responses was suggested.
- *Educator of the Year* worksheet did not work as intended. This aspect will not be repeated. Barb Clausen expressed the opinion that Educator of the Year should be chaired in perpetuity by the current (recording) Secretary, and offered to compose a Standing Rule to this effect.
- The possibility of having music activities as an option, along with arts/crafts and games, was mentioned.
- Several members commented that the workshop topics, while interesting, were "soft" options.
- It was suggested that presiders should meet on Friday evening of the Convention weekend for orientation.
- Action Plans should be started in the summer: The Fall Board meeting is to finalize plans, not to start them.
- A transition meeting will be held on Saturday June 21, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in Vancouver . Monique and Teri will complete their "roll-over" before this date. About 40 leaders will be invited. Barb Clausen suggested an order of agenda items.

Next meeting of the State Executive Committee: date and venue TBD.
Meeting was closed at noon.
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Monique Harrison, President Claire Smith, Secretary date