

Welcome, New AWSP Staff!

AWSP has several new staff members in our office this year, and we want to give each of them a hearty welcome.



Andi Mounts

Andi Mounts:

Andi joined us in January as the Financial Director. She comes from the Port of Olympia, and has a rich accounting and finance

background. Her responsibilities include processing accounts payable for the Association of Washington Student Leaders and the Washington State Leadership Academy, monitoring AWSP/WSPEF investments and assets, and monitoring all contracts and grants. Get in touch with Andi at andi@awsp.org.



Keith Atchley

Keith Atchley:

Keith comes to us from an accounting agency and has helped us through some financial transitions as our Bookkeeper.

He's been a great addition to our team since May 2018. Keith handles day-to-day bookkeeping and keeps us all in line here at the office. Contact Keith at keith@awsp.org.



Xenia Doualle

Xenia Doualle:

Xenia is our new Digital Content Creator. A documentary filmmaker by trade, Xenia worked all over Europe before starting

a successful wedding videography business here in the Pacific Northwest. She spent one year as a middle school teacher and has great artistic talents. She also loves her cat, Valentine. At AWSP, she is our lead



Ron Sisson

AWSP's Ron Sisson Heads to Uruguay

In some bittersweet news, one of our associate directors, Ron Sisson, will be leaving us this

June. He and his wife, Heather, are pursuing their dream of working in an international school in Uruguay. Ron has been the director of many of AWSP's professional learning events, including Summer Conference, Launching Principal Leadership, and Building Effective Leadership. He has also been the lead for our elementary board (ESPAW), member services committee, and the principal mentor program. We will miss Ron's commitment to the profession, his devotion to improving education for all students, and — most of all — his witty puns!



on video production, web, and social media, while also providing other communications support. Get in touch with Xenia at xenia@awsp.org.



Jack Arend

Jack Arend:

Jack Arend is joining our team at the end of this school year as an Associate Director. He will be taking on a combination of responsibilities

from Ron Sisson, our Associate Director who is making an exciting move to Uruguay, and Marty Fortin, our Director of Learning Centers who is retiring this summer. Contact Jack at jack@awsp.org.



Greg Barker

Greg Barker:

Greg will be taking over the student leadership division of AWSP in the Summer of 2019 after shadowing Susan Fortin

for a year. He has also taken the lead on implementing our new Fonteva

database system, which is launching internally this summer. Prior to AWSP he has worked with activities and ASB since 1992 with 12 years in Marysville School District, two years at Auburn Riverside High, and the last 12 in the Snohomish School District. Contact Greg at greg@awsp.org.



AWSP's New "Hourglass" Animated Video

Principals play a vital role in our education system. They must deliver and communicate from district down and students up. AWSP put together a new "Principals and the Hourglass" animated video that shows how principals' capacity is crucial to the health of our system. Watch the video at www.awsp.org/hourglass.

AWSP 2019 Washington State Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year

AWSP is excited to announce our FIVE winners of Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year Awards for 2019! Watch for more details about each of these outstanding leaders in the fall issue of our magazine.



Alfonso Lopez

Elementary Principal of the Year Alfonso Lopez

Lewis & Clark Elementary,
Wenatchee Public Schools



Guy Kovacs

Middle Level Principal of the Year Guy Kovacs

Kalles Junior High,
Puyallup School District



Jason Smith

High School Principal of the Year Jason Smith

Gov. John R. Rogers High School,
Puyallup School District



Shelley Ramirez

Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year Shelley Ramirez

Thompson Elementary,
Bethel School District



Lacey Griffiths

Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year Lacey Griffiths

R.A. Long High School,
Longview Public Schools



AWSP TV is Now LIVE!

AWSP launched its first-ever live-streamed segment in April, with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykal and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Michaela Miller. Watch a replay at www.awsp.org/live. During AWSP TV Live, members can ask our studio guests questions in real-time and get live answers! Watch for information about our next episode.

New Professional Learning Opportunities Coming This Fall

Save the date for two new AWSP workshops that will be taking place in the fall of 2019:



AWSP/Scholastic Principals of Literacy Institute

Date: October 13-15, 2019

Location: Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center

Co-sponsored by Scholastic and AWSP, the Principals of Literacy Institute is designed to help you, your staff, and your leadership team lead the future of literacy with professional learning. Expand your expertise as an instructional leader and discover the best ways to implement a strategic schoolwide literacy plan that empowers teachers, families and students. Registration is coming soon. Learn more at www.awsp.org/literacy.



WELL Summit: Women in Education Leading and Learning

Date: November 6-7, 2019

Location: Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport

You asked, we listened! Save the date for this inaugural AWSP-hosted event to empower, connect, inspire, support, and develop women in educational leadership. Workshop will include "Tammy Talks" (the WELL version of Ted Talks), built in planning sessions for collaboration, and more. Registration is coming soon. Learn more at www.awsp.org/WELL.

Meet Beth Schultz

When we think of kindness, compassion, and a strong work ethic, we think of our very own Beth Schultz. Beth has been supporting AWSP members since 2009.



Beth Schultz and family

Unfortunately for us (but fortunately for her family!), Beth is moving on from AWSP at the end of June so she can spend more time with her four sweet kiddos: Ally, Blake, Leah and Stella.

Beth has been one of the friendly voices you'll often hear when calling our office. She has most recently supported our high school board (WASSP) and Advocacy Committee, and assisted with workshop registration, accounts payable, and student leadership.

We'll miss the joy and positivity Beth has brought to AWSP for the past nine-and-a-half years, and we know our members will miss her, too. Luckily, her kids all attend school in the Tumwater School District so we're hoping we'll see her around town often. Thank you so much, Beth, for all you've done for AWSP and our members!

Did You Know?

AWSP Active membership automatically includes professional liability protection for employment-related legal action for incidents occurring while holding a continuous Active membership. These legal benefits can only be activated if you retain membership in your current national affiliate.

Your affiliated membership status with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) or National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP), includes \$2 million professional liability insurance coverage, and a legal benefit fund that is built up at a rate of \$1,000/year based on continuous membership, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Have you changed your employment status for 2019-20? No longer a principal or assistant principal?

Whether you have retired, changed positions, or are leaving the educational field, AWSP strongly encourages you to retain your benefits in the event of an unexpected legal claim that may arise even after you retire or change employment status.

You continuously renew insurance policies to protect your home, your car, your health, and your family in the event of your death. Contact AWSP today to renew your memberships and retain your professional liability benefits.



Summer Conference Mobile App



With summer just around the corner, what better app to highlight than our very own WASA/AWSP 2019 Summer Conference app! Summer Conference is taking place June 30-July 2

in Spokane. If you're attending, you're going to want to download this powerful conference tool.

The interactive app will allow you to:

- View the complete conference schedule and explore the sessions offered.
- Bookmark sessions and create your own personal schedule.
- Keep your pulse on the most popular sessions by viewing the app's Activity Feed, which highlights useful comments, photos, ratings, and more.
- Receive announcements and obtain the most up-to-date information about what's happening at the conference.
- Expand your professional network and have fun by interacting with other attendees in the app.

Prior to the conference, registered attendees will receive notification the app is available for download. The app will take the place of printed conference programs this year. (Although the program will be available online to download as a PDF.)

Download instructions and watch for updates at <https://wasa-oly.org/Summer19>. We can't wait to see you there!

