Professional Growth

WAEOP believes continuing education is essential to the professional growth of educational office professionals. Learning opportunities are provided through conferences, summit, institute, leadership training, and workshops. Certificates are provided to those who participate in WAEOP learning events. Visit the WAEOP website for a schedule of upcoming opportunities that includes:

Conference and Institute/Summit—The annual conference is held each spring; institute or summit in the fall. The two days of conference are loaded with classes, annual business meeting, awards, scholarships, keynote speakers, and installation of officers at a special banquet. Institute/summit offers attendees an opportunity to complete 15 hours (toward a half-point of PSP course work) on a topic specifically selected to enhance the career skills of educational office professionals.

Professional Development Program (PDP)—PDP workshop are held throughout the year in various areas of the state. PDP workshops are hosted by WAEOP area directors or a designee and are often held on Saturdays. PDP workshops may be half day or full day in length, and cover a variety of subjects.

Leadership Training—Annually, usually in the fall, this day of training, focuses on leadership skills. Location of this training varies.

Professional Standards Program (PSP)—For years, WAEOP has led the nation in the number of PSP certificates awarded. This is the only nationally recognized certification program for educational office professionals. To be eligible to enter the program, you must be a member of NAEOP (National Association of Educational Office Professionals). NAEOP encourages membership in local and state associations. PSP forms are available at www.naeop.org.

Local associations and individual members are encouraged to host training opportunities in their area. Contact your WAEOP area director, the continuing education coordinator, or any board member (links available at waeop.org) to discuss hosting a WAEOP workshop, leadership training, or PDP opportunity.

Board of Directors

The Washington Association of Educational Office Professionals is governed by an elected board of directors consisting of the executive committee and 11 area directors, supported by appointed committee chairs. The WAEOP board meets at least twice a year to conduct association business. Board meetings are open to general members. To contact a member of the board, visit the WAEOP website (waeop.org) and select the link to that specific board member.

Scholarships

WAEOP scholarships are supported by donations, fundraisers, endowments*, and a designated portion of conference registration fees. WAEOP offers the following scholarships:

Member Scholarships

Betty Meek	(approximately) \$500*			
Irene Usitalo	\$300			
WAEOP Member	\$500			

Student Scholarships

Affiliate sponsored	\$750
Member sponsored (two available)	\$1,000
Jean Fankell Scholarship	\$1,000

^{*}Betty Meek was a member of a Vancouver affiliate that established a scholarship in her name when she passed away. In 1996, the affiliate disbanded and money was donated by SWAEOP for WAEOP to set up an account from which interest would be awarded as a member scholarship. First consideration, when awarding the scholarship, is given to applicants in the ESD 112 service area; however, the scholarship may be awarded to any qualified applicant.

Awards

The WAEOP awards program is extensive and includes recognition of an:

- **★** affiliate.
- **★** administrator.
- ★ and office professional of the year as well as awards for distinguished service (Paula Thomas Distinguished Service Award) and excellence in communication.



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The mission of the
Washington Association
of Educational Office Professionals is to
promote the professional standards of
our diverse membership through
networking, information,
and education.

WAEOP is...

- A professional association for all educational office professionals in the State of Washington.
- An affiliate of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP).
- Allied with the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP).

WAEOP provides...

- Programs designed for development of professional and personal potential;
- Programs and learning opportunities to prepare members for career advancement and/or change;
- Opportunities to network, serve, and/or gain or enhance leadership skills;
- Scholarships for members and students;
- Annual recognition for Professional Standards Program (PSP) certificate recipients;
- Annual awards recognizing
 - ★ Office professional of the year
 - ★ Administrator of the year
 - ★ Distinguished service
 - ★ Excellence in communication;
- The nationally acclaimed WAEOP News:
- Workshops, conferences, leadership training, and more!

For more information about WAEOP programs, awards, scholarships, and/or learning opportunities, visit our website!

http://www.waeop.org

Membership

Join WAEOP (or renew your membership) by completing the membership form in this brochure and sending it with the appropriate fee to the membership chair. If you have questions about membership, contact the membership chair or any board member.

Active

Active membership is open to office personnel in public school districts, private schools, educational service districts, state educational offices, and institutes of higher education. Active members may vote, hold office, and participate in all activities of the association.

Annual active-member dues—\$35

Associate

Associate membership is open to persons not eligible for active membership, who are interested in promoting the purposes of WAEOP. Associate members have all the privileges of active members except the rights to vote and hold office.

Annual associate-member dues—\$10

Retired

Retired membership is open to members who have retired and can certify active WAEOP membership for the two years preceding retirement. Retired members have all the privileges of active members except the right to hold an elected office.

Annual retired-member dues—\$5

Student

Student membership is open to high school and/or college students. Student members have all the privileges of active members except the rights to vote and hold office.

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