

WSASEA Spring Conference
Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, Washington
April 27 – 29, 2008

30 Year Anniversary!!!!

Monday – April 27, 2009

11am – **Conference Check-in**

12 pm – **Networking Lunch** – Conference attendees shared lunch at Rainbow Lodge.

1 pm – **Welcome to the Conference** – WSASEA President Gayle Dohrman welcomed everyone to the 2009 Spring Conference. Each of the Executive Board members was introduced. Some housekeeping items were discussed as well as informing everyone about the open board positions for 2010 and directory of each member of WSASEA.

Icebreaker – Christi Rafer’s ingenious ice breaker question to get the attendees more acquainted with other. The fun question was “If Stranded On A Deserted Island What Item Would You Take With You?”

1:30 **Higher Education Coordinating Board- Update and Q & A**

Jeffery Powell and Marlena Rae Robbins

Topics covered by Jeffrey:

Legislative Update

State Work Study 2009-2010

Topic Covered by Marlena:

State Work Study - Operations

Marlena also covered –Public and Private time sheet Issues-for Heather Bertels, Program Coordinator (not in attendance)

Q & A topics:

If student has entered school thru “work first” they have the mandatory 19hrs per week, however if they enter school on their own that is where the we see the difference in what the case worker requires as far as day care and food stamps.

FICA-who pays? Students that are employed as work study employee and attends other public school. That host schools needs to pay the FICA not the visiting school. Like a consortium agreement.

Time limit that a student can be awarded SWS

High Demand – jobs that are in demand in your area.

3:30 Break

3:45 Breakout session- 2 groups were created for Public and Private Schools discussion.

4:22- WASEA Barometer on legislative changes-Round Table

5:00 pm Dinner

6: pm to 7:30pm Keynote Speaker Swil Kanim: Native American Violinist and Storyteller

8: pm Movie/Games/Other Activities/Free time

Tuesday – April 28, 2009

7:30am – Breakfast

8:30am - Welcome and Stress Management

Christi Rafer- presented techniques on how to deal with stress.

9:00am - Helping Foster Youth Access & Succeed in Higher Education

Juliette Knight and Kris Blumer – DSHS Children's Administration

Advice she has to offer per Gayle's questions: establish personal connection, be intrusive, be there and try multiple attempts.

10:00 am –, Employment Security Economists, Jami Mills

Recession-Resistant Industries and how to target them! - Dr. Mary Ayala

Presentation:

Occupational Trends in a tough Job Market – Jami Mills, Economic Analyst, jmills@esd.wa.gov 360-438-4874

11:30 am – Student Employee of the Year Award Presentation

WWU/Bellingham- Kate Batten was selected as the recipient of 2009 SETOY Award and \$100.00 gift and \$100 savings bond.

She will be apart of the nationwide Student Employee of the Year contest.

12-noon- Lunch

1:00 pm Job Location and Development Strategies Panel- Christi Rafer, Seattle Pacific U; Gayle Dohrman, Central WA U and Daphne Lightfoot, Columbia Basin College
Each panel member shared how they utilize JLD funds in their schools.

Can set aside 10% or \$75,000 from work study program budget to use for Student Employment purposes i.e. Job Fair, brochures and hire p/t employee to assist generating jobs. Buy application to create a database where you can post Campus and off campus jobs- work study and public job announcements.

Daphne Lightfoot-post positions for student and general public using Interfase.

Their budget is \$12,000 per academic year. Columbia Basin College used a portion to pay for WSASEA conference registration and renewal of Interfase application.

Track position, wage, hours needed and job duration, employers and create a reports on statistics.

2:30 – Break

3:00pm – WSASEA Business Meeting and President's Report

Gayle reminded members to please think about nominating themselves for the open positions for the Exec Board.

Covered how board purchased a new computer as old one is past its prime and needed a computer for to archive WSASEA documents.

Members voted unanimously that Gayle use the old computer to keep the WSASEA website updated.

Minutes for Town meeting were passed and unanimously voted approved

Treasurer's report was review and members voted and approved the report

Gavel was formally passed on to the President elect Pam Martin; Gayle will assume the Past President position.

3:30 pm Round Table/Best Practices Discussion

Topics discussed:

SWS and FWS wage rates on campus at state schools vs. FWS or institutionally funded job

Recruiting students for SWS HD projects

Job Development

Off-campus SWS employers must be in business a year to be approved- Marlena double checks State Work Study employers

SWS serving non-residents at 115% of allocation- yes law

Supporting students in the uncertain job market

Practices in employing international student

How do you get student to go off campus for SWS

How do other schools recognize their student employees in April?

Does your school provide WS Orientations?

5:00 pm Dinner

6:30pm Movie/Games/Other Group Activities/Free Time

Wednesday – April 29, 2009

7:30am Breakfast

8:30am Federal Aid Update, Linda Burkhardt from Federal Department of Education, Region X

Federal Work Study- What is it and how do we do it?

We were presented with a hand out and a thorough presentation on how the financial aid processes and awards work study. Federal work study jobs should be career related, can be on or off campus.

Off campus Jobs must have a contract with employer and institution. (Note include statement that employer will pay the exceeded amount earned). 7% needs to be spent on community service.

Definition of what is considered community service was reviewed.

Can use net earnings if there is an over award, accounting for 6.2% for ss.

Paid FWS Internship-

Student that has an internship position can be paid for that position if all other students in dept are being paid for that same job. However, if there is ONE volunteer that would make that possibility null and void.

10.00 am Lodge Tidy Up, Make Beds, Pack and Load Up

11:30am - Conference Ends

12: noon Executive Board Meeting (off site)