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WICHE COMMISSION

WICHE’s 45 commissioners are appointed by their governors from among State Higher Education Executive Officers, college and university presidents, legislators, and business leaders from the 15 Western states. This regional commission provides governance and guidance to WICHE’s staff in Boulder, CO. Jane Nichols, vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Nevada System of Higher Education, is the 2009 chair of the WICHE Commission; Tom Buchanan, president of the University of Wyoming, is vice chair.

**ALASKA**
*Diane M. Barrans (WICHE Chair, 2005), Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Patricia Brown Heller, retired State Director, U.S. Senate
Marshall L. Lind, former Chancellor of Higher Education, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**ARIZONA**
Leah Bornstein, President, Coconino College
David Lorenz, retired Vice President of Administration and Finance, Northern Arizona University
*Joel Sideman, Executive Director, Arizona Board of Regents

**CALIFORNIA**
Appointments pending

**COLORADO**
Joseph Garcia, President, Colorado State University-Pueblo
Kaye Howe, Executive Director, National Science Digital Library
*David E. Skaggs, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education

**HAWAII**
*Roy T. Ogawa (Immediate Past WICHE Chair), Attorney at Law, Ogawa, Lau, Nakamura & Jew
*Roberta M. Richards, Principal, Pauoa Elementary School
Helene I. Sokugawa, Institutional Analyst, University of Hawaii, Manoa

**IDAHO**
*Robert W. Kustra, President, Boise State University
Michael Rush, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education
Arthur Vailas, President, Idaho State University

**MONTANA**
Dan W. Harrington, Former State Senator
Kerra Melvin, Former Student Regent, Student, Montana Tech
*Mary Sheehy Moe, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year Education, Montana University System

**NEVADA**
Warren Hardy, State Senator
*Jane A. Nichols (WICHE Chair), Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Nevada System of Higher Education
*Carl Shaff, Educational Consultant

**NEW MEXICO**
Dede Feldman, State Senator
*Patricia Sullivan, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces
One appointment pending

**NORTH DAKOTA**
Bill Goetz, Chancellor, North Dakota University System
Pamela J. Kostelecky, Member, State Board of Higher Education
*David E. Nething (WICHE Chair, 2006), State Senator

**OREGON**
Ryan P. Deckert, President, Oregon Business Association
*Camille Preus, Commissioner, Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development
James K. Sager, Senior Education Policy Advisor, Education and Workforce Policy Office

**SOUTH DAKOTA**
Robert Burns, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Political Science Department, South Dakota State University, and Dean Emeritus, SDSU Honors College
James O. Hansen, Regent, South Dakota Board of Regents
*Robert T. (Tad) Perry (WICHE Chair, 2002), Executive Director, South Dakota Board of Regents

**UTAH**
Bonnie Jean Beesley, Vice Chair, Utah Board of Regents
Peter C. Knudson, State Senator
*William Sederburg, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

**WASHINGTON**
*Ann Daley, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Board
Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, State Representative
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, State Senator

**WYOMING**
*Thomas Buchanan (WICHE Vice Chair), President, University of Wyoming
Debbie Hammons, State Representative
*Klaus Hanson, Emeritus Professor of German, University of Wyoming

*Executive Committee member
**Executive Committee**
Jane Nichols (NV), chair  
Tom Buchanan (WY), vice chair  
Roy Ogawa (HI), immediate past chair

Diane Barrans (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
David Skaggs (CO)  
Robert Richards (HI)  
Robert Kustra (ID)  
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)  
Dave Nething (ND)  
Patricia Sullivan (NM)  
Carl Shaff (NV)  
Camille Preus (OR)  
Tad Perry (SD)  
William Sederburg (UT)  
Ann Daley (WA)  
Klaus Hanson (WY)

**Issue Analysis and Research**
David Skaggs, chair  
Position vacant, vice chair  
Tom Buchanan (WY), ex officio  
Roy Ogawa (HI), ex officio

Patricia Brown Heller (AK)  
David Lorenz (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Committee chair (CO)  
Robert Richards (HI)  
Arthur Vailas (ID)  
Dan Harrington (MT)  
Jane Nichols (NV)  
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William Goetz (ND)  
Ryan Deckert (OR)  
Robert Burns (SD)  
William Sederburg (UT)  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles (WA)  
Debbie Hammons (WY)

**Disaster Recovery Planning Committee**
Diane Barrans (AK), committee chair  
Camille Preus (OR)  
Bill Kuepper (CO), consultant and former WICHE  
Roy Ogawa (HI)

**Programs and Services**
Carl Shaff (NV), chair  
Joseph Garcia, vice chair  
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio  
Roy Ogawa (HI), ex officio

Diane Barrans (AK)  
Leah Bornstein (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Joseph A. Garcia (CO)  
Helene Sokugawa (HI)  
Michael Rush (ID)  
Kerra Melvin (MT)  
Committee chair (NV)  
Dede Feldman (NM)  
Pamela Kostelecky (ND)  
James Sager (OR)  
Tad Perry (SD)  
Peter C. Knudson (UT)  
Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney (WA)  
Klaus Hanson (WY)

**Self-funded Units**
Kaye Howe, chair  
Position vacant, vice chair  
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

Marshall Lind (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
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Roy Ogawa (HI)  
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Ann Daley (WA)  
Tom Buchanan (WY)

**Audit Committee**
Roy Ogawa (HI), chair and immediate past  
WICHE chair  
Linda Blessing (AZ), former WICHE commissioner  
Position vacant (NM)  
David Lorenz (AZ)
WICHE STAFF

President’s Office
David Longanecker, president
Erin Barber, executive assistant to the president and to the commission

Accounting and Administrative Services
Robin Berlin, senior accounting specialist
Peggy Green, accounting specialist
Craig Milburn, chief financial officer

Human Resources
Tara Hickey, human resources coordinator

IT Services
Renae Dahiya, web/database developer
Penne Siedenburg, help desk technician
Jerry Worley, chief technology officer

Mental Health
Dennis Mohatt, vice president, behavioral health, and director, Mental Health Program
Tamara DeHay, postdoctoral fellow
Mauren Flory, research and technical assistance associate
Debra Kupfer, mental health consultant
Mimi McFaul, associate director
Chuck McGee, project director
Gabriela Montoya, rural mental health policy fellow
Jenny Shaw, administrative and project coordinator
Nicole Speer, research and technical assistance associate
Jessica Tomasko, research and technical assistance associate

Policy Analysis and Research
Cheryl Graves, administrative assistant
Carl Krueger, project coordinator
Patrick Lane, project coordinator
Demarée K. Michelau, director of policy analysis
Jeanette Porter, administrative assistant
Brian T. Prescott, director of policy research
Brandi Van Horn, research analyst

Programs and Services and Communications and Public Affairs
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Candy Allen, graphic designer
Laura Ewing, administrative assistant
Annie Finnigan, communications manager
Kay Hulstrom, administrative coordinator
Deborah Jang, web design manager
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Ken Pepion, director, Bridges to the Professoriate
Terese Rainwater, program director, State Scholars Initiative
Margo Schultz, program coordinator, Student Exchange Programs
Pat Shea, program director, WICHE ICE and Western Academic Leadership Forum

Technology and Innovation
Louis Fox, vice president
Sherri Artz Gilbert, administration coordinator
Mollie McGill, associate director

WCET
Louis Fox, executive director
Sherri Artz Gilbert, administration and membership coordinator
Peggy Green, administrative specialist
Mollie McGill, associate director
Cali Morrison, project coordinator
Russell Poulin, associate director
Megan Raymond, events coordinator

Names in bold type indicate new employees or new positions within WICHE. The WICHE Website, www.wiche.edu, includes a staff directory with phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Future Commission Meeting Dates

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**HIGHER EDUCATION ACRONYMS**

Higher ed is addicted to acronyms, so much so that the actual names of organizations are sometimes almost lost to memory. Below, a list of acronyms and the organizations they refer to (plus a few others).

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ED-OERS  Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services  www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr
ED-OVAE  Office of Vocational and Adult Education  www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html?src=mr
FIPSE  Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education  www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html
EDUCAUSE  (An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources)  www.educause.edu
ETS  Educational Testing Service  www.ets.org
GHEE  Global Higher Education Exchange  www.ghee.org
HACU  Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  www.whes.org/members/hacu.html
HEA  Higher Education Abstracts  www.cgu.edu/inst/hea/hea.html
ICE  Internet Course Exchange (WICHE)  www.wiche.edu/ice
IHEP  Institute for Higher Education Policy  www.ihep.com
IE  Institute of International Education  www.ie.org
IPEDS  Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System  www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds
JFF  Jobs for the Future  www.jff.org/
McCrel  Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning  www.mcrel.org
MHEC  Midwestern Higher Education Compact  www.mhec.org
MOA  Making Opportunity Affordable  www.makingopportunityaffordable.org
MSA/CHE  Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education  www.middlestates.org
NAAL  National Assessment of Adult Literacy  http://nces.ed.gov/naal/
NACOL  North American Council for Online Learning  www.nacol.org
NACUBO  National Association of College and University Business Officers  www.nacubo.org
NAEP  National Assessment of Educational Progress  www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard
NAFEO  National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education  www.nafeo.org
NAFSA  (an association of international educators)  www.nafsa.org
NAICU  National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  www.naicu.edu
NASC  Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges  www.cocnasc.org
NASFAA  National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  www.nasfaa.org
NASPA  National Association of Student Personnel Administrators  www.naspa.org
NASULGC  National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges  www.nasulgc.org
NCA-CASI  North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement  www.ncacasi.org
NCHEMS  National Center for Higher Education Management Systems  www.nchems.org
NCLB  No Child Left Behind  www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml
NCPPHE  National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education  www.highereducation.org
NCPR  National Center for Postsecondary Research  www.postsecondaryresearch.org
NCSL  National Conference of State Legislatures  www.ncsl.org
NEASC-CIHE  New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  www.neasc.org
NEBHE  New England Board of Higher Education  www.nebhe.org
NEON  Northwest Educational Outreach Network  www.wiche.edu/NWAF/NEON
NGA  National Governors Association  www.nga.org
NPEC  National Postsecondary Education Cooperative  www.nces.ed.gov/npec
NRHA  National Rural Health Association  www.nrharural.org
NSC  National Student Clearinghouse  www.studentclearinghouse.org
NUCEA  National University Continuing Education Association  www.nucea.edu
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