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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. Joseph Garcia, Colorado lieutenant governor and executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, is the 2011 chair of the WICHE Commission; Bonnie Jean Beesley, vice chair of the Utah Board of Regents, is vice chair.

ALASKA
Susan Anderson, president/CEO, The Ciri Foundation
*Diane Barrans (WICHE chair, 2005), executive director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
James Johnsen, senior vice president of administration, Doyon, Ltd.

ARIZONA
Thomas Anderes, president, Arizona Board of Regents
*Leah Bornstein, president, Coconino Community College
David Lorenz, retired vice president of administration and finance, Northern Arizona University

CALIFORNIA
Positions vacant

COLORADO
*Joseph Garcia (WICHE chair), Colorado lieutenant governor; executive director, Colorado Department of Higher Education
Kaye Howe, executive director, National Science Digital Library
*D. Rico Munn, partner, Baker and Hostetler

HAWAII
*Roy Ogawa (WICHE chair, 2008), attorney, Ogawa, Lau, Nakamura & Jew
Roberta Richards, principal, Pauoa Elementary School
Steven Wheelwright, president, Brigham Young University-Hawaii

IDAHO
Robert Kustra, president, Boise State University
M. Duane Nellis, president, University of Idaho
*Michael Rush, executive director, Idaho State Board of Education

MONTANA
Clayton Christian, chair, Montana Board of Regents, and chief executive officer, Stewart Title of Missoula
Kim Gillan, state senator
*Sheila Stearns, commissioner of higher education, Montana University System

NEVADA
Warren Hardy, president, Associated Builders and Contractors
*Jane Nichols (WICHE chair, 2009), vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, Nevada System of Higher Education
*Carl Shaff, educational consultant

NEW MEXICO
José García, cabinet secretary, New Mexico Higher Education Department
Susanna Murphy, lecturer, Department of Educational Leadership and Organizational Learning, University of New Mexico, College of Education
*Patricia Sullivan, assistant dean, College of Engineering, New Mexico State University

NORTH DAKOTA
Duaine Espegard, member, State Board of Higher Education
William Goetz, chancellor, North Dakota University System
*David Nething (WICHE chair, 2006), state senator

OREGON
Ryan Deckert, president, Oregon Business Association
Tim Nesbitt, former deputy chief of staff, Office of the Governor
*Camille Preus, commissioner, Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

SOUTH DAKOTA
Robert Burns, distinguished professor emeritus, Political Science Department, South Dakota State University, and dean emeritus, SDSU Honors College
*James Hansen, regent, South Dakota Board of Regents
Jack Warner, executive director, South Dakota Board of Regents

UTAH
Bonnie Jean Beesley (WICHE vice chair), vice chair, Utah Board of Regents
Peter Knudson, state senator
*William Sederburg, commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

WASHINGTON
*Don Bennett, executive director, Higher Education Coordinating Board
Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, state representative
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, state senator

WYOMING
*Thomas Buchanan (immediate past WICHE chair), president, University of Wyoming
Deborah Hammons, former state representative and producer, Cloud Peak Productions
Position vacant

*Executive Committee member
2011 COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Executive Committee
Joseph Garcia (CO), chair
Bonnie Jean Beesley (UT), vice chair
Thomas Buchanan (WY), immediate past chair
Diane Barrans (AK)
Leah Bornstein (AZ)
Position vacant (CA)
D. Rico Munn (CO)
Roy Ogawa (HI)
Michael Rush (ID)
Sheila Stearns (MT)
Carl Shaff (NV)
Patricia Sullivan (NM)
David Nething (ND)
Camille Preus (OR)
James Hansen (SD)
William Sederburg (UT)
Don Bennett (WA)
Position vacant (WY)

Programs and Services Committee
Carl Shaff (NV), chair
Diane Barrans (AK), vice chair
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

Issue Analysis and Research Committee
Robert Burns (SD), chair
Jeanne Kohl-Welles (WA), vice chair
Thomas Buchanan (WY), ex officio
Susan Anderson (AK)
David Lorenz (AZ)
Position vacant (CA)
D. Rico Munn (CO)
Steven Wheelwright (HI)
M. Duane Nellis (ID)
Kim Gillan (MT)
Jane Nichols (NV)
José García (NM)
William Goetz (ND)
Ryan Deckert (OR)
Committee chair (SD)
William Sederburg (UT)
Committee vice chair (WA)
Deborah Hammons (WY)

Self-funded Units Committee
Kaye Howe (CO), chair
James Hansen (SD), vice chair
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

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

Audit Committee
Thomas Buchanan (WY), chair
Diane Barrans (AK)
David Lorenz (AZ)
Roy Ogawa (HI)
Bonnie Jean Beesley (UT)
WICHE STAFF

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

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

Human Resources
Tara Hickey, human resources coordinator

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

Mental Health
Dennis Mohatt, vice president, behavioral health, and director,
Joanne Brothers, budget coordinator
Mimi McFaul, associate director
Tamara DeHay, research and technical assistance associate
Elisabeth Hahn, consultant
Tara Hickey, administrative coordinator
Debra Kupfer, mental health consultant
Chuck McGee, project director
Nicole Speer, research and technical assistance associate
Sabrina Tang, administrative assistant
Jessica Tomasko, research and technical assistance associate

Policy Analysis and Research
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis
Brian Prescott, director of policy research
Cheryl Graves, administrative assistant
Carl Krueger, project coordinator
Patrick Lane, project coordinator

Programs and Services and Communications and Public Affairs
Jere Mock, vice president
Candy Allen, graphic designer
Laura Ewing, administrative assistant
Annie Finnigan, communications manager
Kay Hulstrom, administrative assistant
Deborah Jang, web design manager
Ken Pepion, director, Bridges to the Professoriate
Margo Schultz, director, Student Exchange Programs
Pat Shea, director, WICHE ICE, the Forum, and the Alliance

Technology and Innovation
Louis Fox, senior associate

WCET
Ellen Wagner, executive director
Mollie McGill, deputy director, programs and membership
Russell Poulin, deputy director, research and analysis
Beth Davis, consultant
Sherri Artz Gilbert, manager, operations
Peggy Green, coordinator, web services
Cali Morrison, manager, major grants
Megan Raymond, manager, events and programs

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 contact forms.

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).

**AACC**
American Association of Community Colleges  
aacc.nche.edu

**AACTE**
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
aacte.org

**AAC&U**
Association of American Colleges and Universities  
aacu.org

**AASCU**
American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
www.aascu.org

**AASHE**
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
aashe.org

**AAU**
Association of American Universities  
aau.edu

**ACC NETWORK**
Adult College Completion Network  
www.adultcollegecompletion.org

**ACE**
American Council on Education  
acenet.edu

**ACT**
(college admission testing program)  
act.org

**ACUTA**
Association of College & University Telecommunications Administrators  
acuta.org

**AED**
Academy for Educational Development  
aed.org

**AEI**
American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research  
www.aei.org

**AERA**
American Educational Research Association  
aera.net

**AGB**
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges  
agb.org

Ingram Center for Public Trusteeship and Governance  
agb.org/ingram-center-public-trusteeship-and-governance

**AIHEC**
American Indian Higher Education Consortium  
aihec.org

**AIHEPS**
Alliance for International Higher Education Policy Studies  
nyu.edu/steinhardt/iesp/aiheps/

**AIR**
Association for Institutional Research  
airweb.org

**APLU**
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (formerly NASULGC)  
www.aplu.org

**ASPIRA**
(an association to empower Latino youth)  
aspira.org

**ASHE**
Association for the Study of Higher Education  
ashe.org

**CAE**
Council for Aid to Education  
cae.org

**CAEL**
Council for Adult and Experiential Learning  
cael.org

**CASE**
Council for Advancement and Support of Education  
www.case.org

**CBO**
Congressional Budget Office  
cbo.gov

**CCA**
Complete College America  
completecollege.org

**CGS**
Council of Graduate Schools  
cgsnet.org

**CHEA**
Council for Higher Education Accreditation  
chea.org

**CHEPS**
Center for Higher Education Policy Studies  
utwente.nl/mb/cheps

**CIC**
Council of Independent Colleges  
cic.org

**CLA**
Collegiate Learning Assessment  
cae.org/content/pro_collegiate.htm

**COE**
Council for Opportunity in Education  
coenet.us

**CONAHEC**
Consortium for Higher Education Collaboration  
conahedic.org

**CONASEP**
CONAHEC’s Student Exchange Program  
conahesstudentexchange.org

**CSG-WEST**
Council of State Governments - West  
www.csgwest.org

**CSHE**
Center for the Study of Higher Education  
ed.psu.edu/cshe

**CSPN**
College Savings Plan Network  
collegesavings.org

**CUE**
Center for Urban Education, University of Southern California  
cue.usc.edu

**DOC**
Data Quality Campaign  
dataqualitycampaign.org

**ECS**
Education Commission of the States  
ecs.org

**ED- U.S. Dept. of Education links:**

**ED-FSA**
Federal Student Aid  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/fsa

**ED-IES**
Institute of Education Sciences  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies

**ED-NCES**
National Center for Education Statistics  
nces.ed.gov

**ED-OESE**
Office of Elementary & Secondary Education  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese

**ED-OPE**
Office of Postsecondary Education  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope

**ED-OSERS**
Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers

**ED-OVAE**
Office of Vocational and Adult Education  
ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovaed
FIPSE  Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education  ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse
EdRef  EdRef College Search Reference  EdRef.com
EDUCAUSE  (An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources)  educause.edu
EPI  Educational Policy Institute  educationalpolicy.org
ETS  Educational Testing Service  ets.org
EC  Electronic Campus Initiatives  ecinitiatives.org
Excelencia  Excelencia in Education  edexcelencia.org
GHEE  Global Higher Education Exchange  ghee.org
HACU  Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  hacu.net
HBLI  Hispanic Border Leadership Institute  asu.edu/educ/hblli
ICE  Internet Course Exchange (WICHE)  wiche.edu/ice
IHHELP  Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, California State University Sacramento  csus.edu/ihelp
IHEP  Institute for Higher Education Policy  ihep.org
IE  Institute of International Education  iie.org
IPEDS  Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System  nces.ed.gov/ipeds
IHELP  Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy  csus.edu/ihelp
IHEP  Institute for Higher Education Policy  ihep.org
IIE  Institute of International Education  iie.org
IPEDS  Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System  nces.ed.gov/ipeds
JBC  Joint Budget Committee  jff.org
JFF  Jobs for the Future  jff.org
McCrel  Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning  mcrel.org
MHEC  Midwestern Higher Education Compact  mhec.org
MOA  Making Opportunity Affordable  makingopportunityaffordable.org
MUA/CHE  Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education  middlestates.org
NAAL  National Assessment of Adult Literacy  nces.ed.gov/naal
NAACU  National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  naicu.edu
NASFAA  National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  nasfaa.org
NASGCHE  National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs  nascgap.org
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NCA-CASI  North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement  ncaciche.org
NCAT  The National Center for Academic Transformation  thencat.org
NCCT  National Consortium for College Completion  n/a
NCHEMS  National Center for Higher Education Management Systems  ncems.org
NCLB  No Child Left Behind  nclb.org
NCCPPHE  National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education  www.highereducation.org
NCPR  National Center for Postsecondary Research  postsecondaryresearch.org
NCSL  National Conference of State Legislatures  ncl.org
NEASC-CIHE  New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education  neasc.org
NEBHE  New England Board of Higher Education  nebhe.org
NGA  National Governors’ Association  nga.org
NILOA  National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment  learningoutcomeassessment.org
NLA/SLA  New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability  newleadershipalliance.org
NPEC  National Postsecondary Education Cooperative  nces.ed.gov/npec
NRHA  National Rural Health Association  nrharural.org
NSC  National Student Clearinghouse  studentclearinghouse.org
NCED  National Center for Education and the Economy  pathwastocoll.net
NWCCU  Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities  www.nwccu.org
OECD  Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development  www.oecd.org
PISA  Program for International Student Assessment  www.pisa.oecd.org
PESC  Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council  pesc.org
PPIC  Public Policy Institute of California  ppic.org
RMAIR  Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research  rmair.org
SACS-CoCS  Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges  saccoc.org
SFARN  Student Financial Aid Research Network  pellinstitute.org/conference_SFARN.html
SHEEO  State Higher Education Executive Officers  sheeo.org
SHEPC  State Higher Education Policy Center  n/a
SONA  Student Organization of North America  conahec.org/conahec/sona
SPIDO  State Policy Inventory Database Online  wiche.edu/spido
SREB  Southern Regional Education Board  sreb.org
SREC  Southern Regional Electronic Campus  electroniccampus.org
SURA  Southeastern Universities Research Association  sura.org
TBD  Transparency by Design  wcet.wiche.edu/advance/transparency-by-design
UCEA  University Professional & Continuing Education Association (formerly NUCEA)  ucea.org
UNCF  United Negro College Fund  uncf.org
UNESCO  United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization  unesco.org
UPCEA  University Professional Continuing Education Association  upcea.edu
VSA  Voluntary System of Accountability  voluntarysystem.org
WACCAL  Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders  wiche.edu/waccal
WAGS  Western Association of Graduate Schools  wagsonline.org
WALF  Western Academic Leadership Forum  wiche.edu/walf
WASC-ACCJC  Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  accjc.org
WASC-Sr  Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities  wascsenior.org/wasc
WCET  WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies  wcet.wiche.edu
WGA  Western Governors’ Association  westgov.org
WICHE  Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education  wiche.edu
WIN  Western Institute of Nursing  ohsu.edu.son.win

SHEEO Offices in the West:
ACPE  Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  state.ak.us/acpe/acpe.html
UAS  University of Alaska System  alaska.edu
ABOR  Arizona Board of Regents  abor.asu.edu
CPEC  California Postsecondary Education Commission  cpec.ca.gov
CCHE  Colorado Commission on Higher Education  highered.colorado.gov/cche.html
CDHE  Colorado Department of Higher Education  highered.colorado.gov
UH  University of Hawai’i  hawaii.edu
ISBE  Idaho State Board of Education  www.boardofed.idaho.gov
MUS  Montana University System  mus.edu
NMHED  New Mexico Higher Education Department  hed.state.nm.us
NSHE  Nevada System of Higher Education  nevada.edu
NDUS  North Dakota University System  ndus.nodak.edu
OUS  Oregon University System  ous.edu
SDBOR  South Dakota Board of Regents  ris.sdbor.edu
USBR  Utah State Board of Regents  utahsbr.edu
HECB  Higher Education Coordinating Board  hecb.wa.gov
WCCC  Wyoming Community College Commission  commission.wcc.edu
UW  University of Wyoming  uwyo.edu