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Washington Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences

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PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone and welcome to a new school year! I am extremely privileged and honored to be your association President for this year. A little history about me: I am a retired submarine sailor and have been working in the Auburn School District since 1997 teaching various courses dealing with technology, mostly computer maintenance and electronics. I am also heavily involved with SkillsUSA.

I have been a member of this wonderful association for ten years and have reaped the benefits of my membership. Now it's time to give back to the association as your President.

I have three goals for this year that I believe will help to make the association larger and stronger.

Goal 1: Increase Cluster President Involvement and improve communication flow. I firmly believe that the cluster president has one of the most important duties that can make or break the success in our association. The cluster presidents are responsible for knowing their constituents and making every effort to listen and meet their needs as we prepare for professional and technical upgrades. I am fortunate to work with some outstanding and dedicated cluster presidents. They have been exceptional in striving to provide the best sessions possible for this upcoming Fall Conference. I'll be asking the cluster presidents to introduce themselves and share their goals in upcoming newsletters. So please stand by.

Goal 2: Increase membership. At last count there are 305 members in our organization. There are approximately 1200 potential members in the state. The association is only as strong as the membership. I challenge all of you to pass the word to your CTE Dept, get your CTE Director to promote a grass root effort in your building to get your colleagues motivated to join. Strive to achieve 100% membership in your school and in your district. Please take a close look at the registration process because any member who brings in the most new members will receive a very nice prize that will be announced at the awards banquet.

Goal 3: Increase award nominations. Nominate your colleagues for awards! Everyone deserves to be recognized for their contributions. I know that every person in the association knows of a teacher, a support staff member, or an administrator that deserves to be recognized. Please fill out a nomination form that's located in the www.wasts.us website. Please be aware of the nomination deadlines. If no one submits nominations then all of my entries will win.

These goals are reasonable and achievable if we all work together.

I am extremely excited for this year! Our organization has faced many challenges and we are making great strides in meeting them. Please stay informed, get involved, and spread the word. Please join us for the Fall Conference!

Next Newsletter:
Meet your Cluster Presidents

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Fall Conference 2009 Nov 19-21

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The registration, speaker, and award nomination forms are at www.wasts.us to submit on line. They're easy to fill out.

Share your expertise at the Fall Conference 09. The theme this year is: "Fall Back to the Future."