

Washington State Environmental Health Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda



Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Time: Noon – 12:55 pm
Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84021147359?pwd=d4JCbb42xpV62j1hUMCsm2c2346XBG.1>

PRESIDENT	Jeremy Simmons	x	CENTRAL V-P	James Rivard	x
PRESIDENT ELECT	Dayna Katula	x	OLYMPIC V-P	Anne Moen	x
IMM. PAST PRESIDENT	vacant		SOUTHWEST V-P	Katie Lott	x
SECRETARY	Jen Garcelon	--	EASTERN V-P	Vikki Barthels	x
TREASURER	Jesse Smith	--	NORTHWEST V-P	Vacant	
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY*	Megan McNelly	x	NEHA REP*	Bill Emminger	x

*non-voting positions

Noon	Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, Approve Minutes	<i>J. Simmons</i>	Action
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Agenda approved: 0 nay

May minutes approved: 0 nay

Motion: Katie Lott

Second: Dayna Katula

	2026 IHC Recipient proposal	<i>M. McNelly</i>	Action
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IHC respectfully requests that the board approve Etta Projects as the 2026 IHC recipient. IHC has worked with Etta projects in the past. They do wonderful environmental work, are highly rated on non-profit vetting websites such as Candid/GuideStar, and their founder/executive director is a compelling and engaging presenter.

Etta Projects is based in Tacoma and works in Bolivia. In rural areas of Eastern Bolivia, their current service area, the majority of families live without adequate water, sanitation and access to health care. Through their work, over 200, 000 people in Bolivia have benefited with improved health and nutrition, water, sanitation, and education. 192 community leaders (90% women) have been trained in health promotion in 46 villages. Also, 46 villages now have clean water systems and water committees to manage them. And 843 families in 47 villages now have environmentally sound sanitation systems. More information can be found by visiting the organization's website.

Please note that Etta Projects is aware that funds raised cannot be used towards the medicinal plants program. Layken can confirm that Etta Projects is happy to provide a progress report after the money is received. Additionally, Pennye Nixon, Founder and Executive Director of Etta Projects, will be able to present during the conference.

Vote: 0 nay, 0 abstain

Motion: Dayna Katula

Second: Jeremy Simmons

2026 AEC Social Committee

D. Katula

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AEC social night at combined conference and WSPHA doesn't usually put on a formal social or budget. Social committee has had challenges in finding a venue for the social on second night, would likely need to rent out a facility. One facility would require \$2,000 minimum in revenue, either through patrons for the night or the difference made up. WSPHA doesn't have a budget for this so is WSEHA willing? Ballpark of 150 people for planning purposes, which means an average spend of \$13 per person.

Social committee feels confident about the venue, especially given limited responses. It's within a 1-2 (.3 mi) block walk from the conference facility. WSEHA isn't offering a drink ticket or anything so anticipated sales are up.

Need to promote social event to encourage participation and ensure maximum sales. Good to offer opportunity to network outside of conference to connect. Would be good low pressure meeting space for new people in profession. <https://pinnaclebeerworks.com/>

Vote: 0 nay; 0 abstain

Vikki motions that WSEHA approve the Board to make up the differential of the \$2,000 for the social event, if needed, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Second: Anne Moen

Adjourn

J. Simmons

Action
