

Washington State Environmental Health Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda



Date: Tuesday, August 25, 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	AB
PRESIDENT ELECT	Dayna Katula	X	OLYMPIC V-P	Anne Moen	Joined at 12:25 pm
IMM. PAST PRESIDENT	Vacant		SOUTHWEST V-P	Katie Lott	X
SECRETARY	Jen Garcelon	X	EASTERN V-P	Vikki Barthels	X
TREASURER	Jesse Smith	X	NORTHWEST V-P	Vacant	
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY*	Megan McNelly	X	NEHA REP*	Bill Emminger	AB

*non-voting positions

12:04 pm Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Agenda, Approve Minutes

J. Simmons

Action

Dayna wants to add 2027 AEC discussion-*ADDED*

Motion to Approve Agenda: Vikki, Katie seconds; all approved

Motion to Approve July 2026 Meeting Minutes: Dayna, Vikki seconds; all approved

Jeremy Debrief of NEHA State Delegates Meeting

J. Simmons

Discussion

Jeremy provided information shared at NEHA Delegates Meeting as attachments to an email to WSEHA Board members on 8/20/2026. Conference was awesome. The delegates meeting was where all the delegates from the states meet. They provide an update from NEHA Board. President's Welcome, Dr. Dyjack provided an Executive Director Report, then Rene provided financial information; NEHA is stable and they are getting federal grants and fared well comparatively; Doug Farquhar provided information on government affairs. Dr. Dyjack wants to invite federal partners to the NEHA AEC. Doug talked about the importance of talking to the local governmental leaders. They talked about the future needs for training and workforce development.

Jeremy thought the NEHA membership should be covered for the WSEHA President and President-Elect, so there is some cross over and planning for WSEHA.

2026 Scholarship and Award nominations

M. McNelly/E. Hovis **Action**

The Awards Committee recommends Ella Collins and Sophia Li receive a \$2,500 scholarship each and travel stipend (if able to attend the conference in person). We also recommend Michael Troutment be awarded Rookie of the Year.

Megan's note: Michael is not a current WSEHA member but some have applied for membership after nomination. The awards committee was not notified of this. A revision has been made to the application form to ask the starting date of the nominee for Rookie of the Year as I don't have any official note other than emails sent to his address in 2024.

We need approval for scholarship recipients and President's Award.

Discussion if Board members are on Awards Committee, can they vote today. Consensus is yes.

Dayna moves to approve the Awards Committee recommendation for Ella Collins and Sophia Li receive a \$2,500 scholarship each and travel stipend (if able to attend the conference in person). Jeremy seconds the motion. Vikki asked if there is a set amount for a travel stipend; Jesse said we budgeted \$500 per person in the past. WSEHA and WPHA handle student registration differently. The students are both from the west-side of the State.

Jesse amends the motion to have the students receive \$2,500 scholarship and \$500 for travel stipend, Anne seconds. Jeremy is open to increasing travel stipend to \$600. No further discussion to increase at this time. All in favor of \$2,500 scholarship and \$500 for travel stipend.

Jesse motions to approve the recommendation of Rookie of the Year to Michael Troutment. Vikki seconds. All approved.

2026 Board nominations

M. McNelly **Action**

No nominees for President-Elect. Dayna will happily talk with any potential nominees or interested parties. Send people her way.

Jen is open to continue as Secretary.

2027 Annual Education Conference Discussion

Yesterday, WSPHA pinged Dayna and Megan to discuss 2027 AEC. Acknowledging any partnership for 2027 is predicated on feedback from membership on this year's AEC, WSPHA is looking to schedule their next year's AEC. It is a big part of their organization's revenue stream. If we do partner next year, they want WSEHA to help solicit more sponsorships. Wenatchee is already booked for 2027 and only the last week of October is

open in Yakima. Big caveat is there may be less attendees in 2027 due to projected budget cuts, so the venue could be smaller. It's too early to commit. Katie and Vikki want to keep our options open. Vikki discussed using a survey after the conference. Dayna said WSPHA are very willing to accommodate the evaluation to perhaps include WSEHA only questions on the evaluation. Jesse mentioned, after this year, there would not be enough time to schedule a Spring AEC. Megan mentioned doing regional meetings or trainings.

Dayna: Is the Board okay with keeping the early-bird pricing? No issues raised

1:00 pm

Adjourn

J. Simmons

Action

Dayna moves to adjourn.
