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Washington State PTA Holds First In-Person Convention Since 2019

Tacoma, WA (May 27, 2022): Washington State PTA held its annual convention May 20 – May 22. Our 109th convention was rebranded as WSPTACon2022 - a hybrid convention and conference, which offered in-person activities, remote options, and on demand opportunities.

Convention registrants were able to participate in over 90 sessions, affording them the opportunity to learn about position-based skills, managing a nonprofit business, diversity and inclusion, advocacy and so much more. In addition, in-person attendees could sign up for one-on-one coaching sessions to help them with specific issues as well as participate in several separate social networking and game activities.

During the business portion of the annual meeting on Saturday, May 21, voting took place to amend the *WSPTA Uniform Bylaws*. Eight amendments were presented to the voting delegates in attendance and all eight were adopted as presented.

A single candidate for the WSPTA Nominating Committee was also elected during the business portion of the convention. Every two years, three candidates are normally elected for this important committee. As only one candidate came forward this year, WSPTA members will have an additional window of opportunity to self-nominate. The election for the remaining two seats on the nominating committee will be elected by email ballot in early July.

Washington State PTA was proud to announce its Primary Outstanding PTA of Year, Peter Kirk Elementary School PTSA (Kirkland) and the Outstanding Council of the Year, Everett PTSA Council.

Keynote and inspirational speeches by leaders in the field sharing messages about diversity and inclusion were featured during general sessions throughout the weekend. And, WSPTA awarded their prestigious state-level honors to individuals for Outstanding Advocate, Gwen Loosmore; Outstanding Student Advocate, Kellen Hoard; Outstanding Service, Laura Peterson; Honorary Lifetime Membership, Julie Haase, and the Friend of Children Award was given to Washington State Representative Laurie Dolan.

About Washington State PTA: Washington State PTA is the state’s oldest and largest child advocacy organization founded in 1905 by Abby Williams Hill of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington’s children. Thanks to her leadership and vision—and current members who continue to carry her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 115 years. To learn more about Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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