



Wyoming Association of Student Councils

67th Annual State Leadership Convention

November 13 & 14, 2023

Gillette, Wyoming

General Information- Links to all forms are available online at

www.wyoasc.org Please look under convention

Location:

- Monday morning through mid-afternoon Complex Event Center
- Monday afternoon/evening- Thunder Basin High School
- Monday night (Dance)- Thunder Basic High School
- Tuesday morning- Complex Event Center

Forms/Deadlines- All forms are posted to the WASC website. All forms have been posted as PDF files. If you would like to access the form in Google Doc format, please email Gretchen McCafferty. Note that following nominations/applications are due by October 31, 2023.

- State Officer Application
- Regional Representative Application
- Workshop Presenter Application
- All State Student Council nominations
- Adviser of the Year nomination
- Hidden Hero nomination

Please also note that Convention Registration is due by October 31, 2023 _____

WHSAA Eligibility Form All student council advisers will need to submit the WHSAA

Eligibility Form directly to Brent Rose at the Wyoming High School Activity Association. You will not need to fill in the delegate names on this form. However, you and your activities directors will need to sign the statement verifying that all delegates attending the convention meet the minimum eligibility requirements as dictated by WHSAA regulations.

On this form, you will also report the number of student delegates and advisers who are attending the convention. Based on this information, Brent will issue an invoice to your school that you can submit to your bookkeeper for payment. Please do not bring vouchers for payment to convention.

The WHSAA Eligibility Form is posted to the WASC Website www.wyoasc.org.

Registration: Each school can bring six (6) voting delegates. Given that the Complex can seat 900+, each school may bring up to 20 additional non-voting delegates to the convention.

Lunch (Monday) Students will eat with their councils.

Dinner (Monday)- Dinner on Monday night will be at Thunder Basin High School.

Dress Expectations

- **Monday-** We ask that all student delegates and advisers dress in business casual attire. **Please, NO JEANS, t-shirts, shorts, short skirts, revealing tops or hats.** We encourage you to tell your students to follow your school district's dress code policy. We will be enforcing this expectation at the convention this year. Delegates who do not meet these guidelines will not be admitted into the convention.
- **Tuesday-** We ask that all student delegates and advisers wear their school council t-shirts to the general session. Thus, t-shirts and jeans **ARE** acceptable on Tuesday, however, all the other dress expectations will be enforced (no hats, short skirts, etc.) Delegates who do not meet these guidelines will not be admitted into the convention.
- **Advisers...** Please review with your student leaders our dress expectations.

Campus Security - While building student leaders is our mission, the safety of all students and advisers is our number one priority.

- Please remind delegates that they are to be wearing their name badge at all times during the convention. Should WASC adult board members, Thunder Basin or Gillette student council advisers, or campus security (at Complex or Thunder Basin HS) come across a delegate without a name badge, they will be escorted off the campus.
- Please remind your student leaders that they not only represent themselves, but they represent their school and community. We want the CAMPLEX, TBHS and the community to know that the cream of the crop is coming to Gillette to Spark a Connection.

Candidates for State Office- Running for a state office is an incredible experience for our student leaders! Each year, State President, State Vice President and State Secretary positions are elected at the state convention. We encourage current sophomores and juniors to run for office. The application is available on the WASC website. Detailed job descriptions and duties for each office can be found in the constitutional by-laws (located on the WASC website). We have an expectation that if they are a successful candidate, they will be expected to attend Vision Conference June 21-23 in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, SLC July 7-12 in Casper and Summit Sept 23-24 in Casper and Riverton. Please read the candidate information available on the website or contact Patty Mitchelson patty.mitchelson@swcsd2.org for additional information.

Candidates for Region Representative- Five student leaders will be elected to serve as region representative for 2023-2024 school year. Representatives are elected by delegates from their region. The application is available on the WASC website. The region representative job description and duties can also be found within the constitution by-laws, posted to the WASC website.

Community Service Project- To be determined by Hosting Councils

Monday Night Social Activity- The student leaders of the Thunder Basin and Campbell County Councils will be hosting a dance on Monday night at Thunder Basin High School. Please talk with your student leaders regarding appropriate dance and behavior at this social activity. TBHS and Gillette will have adult chaperones work the dance as advisers will be in an adviser meeting at the same time. The location of the dance will be at Thunder Basin High School, starting at 8pm. This will be a glow out dance. Bring your own glow sticks and white t-shirts.

T-Shirt Exchange- This is a time honored WASC tradition! On Monday, right before the dance, student leaders and advisers will gather to exchange our council t-shirts! How you choose to do this is up to you. Some schools purchase “generic” t-shirts while others have extra council shirts made to trade. Please remind your students that they are not exchanging the shirt that they are wearing.

Snacks-every council will supply snacks for their own council.

School Presidents Gavel Ceremony- School presidents are invited to be a part of the annual gavel ceremony to kick off the first general session on Monday, November 13.

Each President will be introduced, walk across the state and tie ribbons- in your school colors- on the WASC gavel. Please remind your school president to dress appropriately (business casual). A board member will line the school presidents up (alphabetically, by school name) at 8:30 am on Monday morning. Ribbons are provided by WASC. Please indicate your school president(s) on the registration form.

Advisers- You are an integral part of our student leaders' learning experience at convention. We ask that you please model active participation for student leaders. We ask that you please be present at **all** general sessions and refrain from using your mobile phone/digital device during each session. Furthermore, we ask that you please attend student-led workshops- to assist with any problems that might develop during a workshop. If you have students from your council presenting a workshop, we do ask that you attend their workshop rotations. We also ask that you help your students practice their workshops to ensure that the content is appropriate and relevant.

Attitude- Please encourage your students to maintain a positive attitude throughout the entire convention, to network as much as possible with students from other schools, and to enjoy this amazing opportunity you have provided to them. As always, we want to leave others with a great impression of Wyoming's student leaders- we need your help to do this.

Spirit of Three Scholarship- WASC member schools are encouraged to donate \$1.00 per person attending convention in support of Summer Leadership Conference (SLC). This scholarship was created in honor of three Evanston High School student leaders who tragically lost their lives following SLC many years ago. The monies collected from your donation will be applied toward a minimum of one scholarship to send students to SLC for free.

Board Elections- Each year, an adviser is elected to serve a three (3) year term on the WASC Executive Board. They may be re-elected for additional terms. The Wyoming Association of Student Councils Executive Director is selected by the adult board members. This year, Patty Mitchelson is up for election. In addition, we are adding two positions. One will be a one year position and the second will be for a two year term. Those positions will begin a three year rotation following their first term. These positions are non compensated positions. Nominations (you may nominate a fellow adviser or you may nominate yourself) may be made at the adviser's meeting (Monday night) and voting will commence during the adviser meeting. If you are interested in learning more or serving on the WASC Board, please contact Patty Mitchelson.

- Patty Mitchelson (Rock Springs High School) - term expires 2023
- Jolene Whitley (Kelly Walsh High School)-term expires 2024
- New board Member - term expires 2024
- Gretchen McCafferty (Sheridan High School- term expires 2025
- New board Member - term expires 2025

Schedule Highlights- Please understand that the schedule is still under construction. Patty will email the convention agenda to advisers one week prior to convention. In order to make your bus reservation, the following schedule highlights should help you.

Monday- **This is a tentative schedule and will be finalized soon.**

8-8:30 am- Honor Council Pictures (taken at Complex)

8:15 am- Candidate meeting at Complex

9:00 am- Opening session at Complex

1:30 pm lunch on own

4:00 pm Return to Thunder Basin HS

4-5:30 Workshops

5:30-6 t-shirt exchange

6:00 pm _____ Dinner at Thunder Basin

8:00 dance starts

10:30 pm Return to hotels

Tuesday-

8:45 am - 12 pm General Session at Complex

12 pm- get lunch and head home.

We are so very excited to get everyone back together to Spark a Connection on our leadership!

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