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A Letter from the President - Kristine Horndt



A warm welcome to a new academic year to all of you!! I could not be more proud of the current STTACC board serving you this year. As President, I feel it is my biggest duty to be accessible to you. I will always do my best to keep the lines of communication open. If you ever have questions, suggestions or concerns during the year please feel free to contact me anytime at President@sttacc.net.

Over the next year, your STTACC board will be focusing on a few things:

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MISSION

"STTACC supports innovation, training and leadership by providing resources and connections to our Classified Staff members throughout Washington State."



Letter from the President (continued)

- Promoting STTACC, providing information on who we are & what we do to Community & Technical Colleges statewide.
- Updating and utilizing our STTACC web and social media sites
- Clearly defining the term “Classified Staff Member”
- Create position responsibilities for STTACC College Contacts
- Increase our STTACC Training Resource Library
- Working with the Conference Planning Committee to plan the 2016 Conference

Thanks in advance for all of your support for the STTACC board this year, we are very excited to be working with you and seeing where we can all take STTACC in the future!!

I hope all of you have a lovely time celebrating the Fall Holidays with those dearest to you.

Sincerely,

Kristine Horndt

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2014-15 STTACC Board



2015 - 2016 STTACC Board

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2015 - 2016 Board Meetings

- November 20, 2015 – Everett Community College
- February, 19 2016 – Grays Harbor College
- May 20, 2016 – Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- August 10, 2016 – Pre-conference board meeting/dinner – Lake Washington Institute of Technology
- August 11 & 12, 2016 – STTACC Conference – Lake Washington Institute of Technology



POSITION OPENING FOR SECRETARY ON STTACC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Congratulations go to Chelcie Bailey for accepting an exempt position at Grays Harbor College. However, this means that the STTACC Board is now looking for candidates for the position of Secretary.

Serving as an officer is an invaluable leadership training opportunity for you and your colleagues. Participation in STTACC sends a clear message to your campus and the community college system that your institution is committed to training and professional development.

Application Instructions (form is located on pages 4-5)

Type or print in ink. Please complete each section fully, do not leave it blank. **Applications must be signed by the applicant and submitted electronically to PresidentElect@sttacc.net by October 31, 2015.** Your signature indicates you have your supervisor's approval and support to serve. Resumes are not accepted in lieu of this application and will not be reviewed. Letters of support are encouraged but not required and should be attached with your application.

The term of office for this position is one year. There is an average time commitment of eight hours during fall, winter, and spring quarters and 2 days for the annual conference held in August. This time commitment includes a mandatory full day board meeting per quarter, attendance at the annual conference, and the performance of the duties of the office. Depending on where the board meeting is located there may be travel and an overnight stay. Please be sure to obtain permission from our supervisor before submitting an application. Your signature on the application form indicates you have already received permission.

The responsibilities for Secretary include:

- Attend all STTACC business meetings and annual conferences.
- Take and transcribe minutes of all STTACC business meetings and distribute them to the executive board in a timely manner.
- Create and distribute announcements of new STTACC officers to member entities, college presidents, personnel directors, training committees, and executive board members
- Assisting the STTACC President in creation and distribution of printed information and correspondence in connection with STTACC business.
- Assisting in planning the Annual Conference and acting as an official conference host.
- Submitting the Annual Conference dates to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges for inclusion in Community College News.
- Assisting the STTACC Treasurer with correspondence, membership, billings, and reports as needed.
- Serving on any sub-committee designated by the STTACC President.

A complete list of job duties is available online in the STTACC Bylaws: <http://www.sttacc.net/bylaws.html>

Apply Today!



APPLICATION FOR '15-'16 BOARD POSITION

This form must be signed and fully completed to ensure that sufficient information is available to evaluate your application.

Position Choice: Secretary		Today's Date:
		Email Address:
PERSONAL DATA		
Name (Last, First)		Work Phone (include area code and ext.)
College or Institution		Cell Phone (include area code and ext)
College Address		Current Position Title
Department	Years at College/Institution (if different)	Years in Position
What skills, knowledge, or unique qualities will you bring to this STTACC position?		

Experience		
Have you ever served as STTACC College Contact?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Last year served:		
Have you ever served on the STTACC Board?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Last year served: Position(s) Held:		
Have you ever served on your college's Training and Development Committee?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Last year served: Position(s) Held:		
Do you have approval from your supervisor/manager to attend quarterly board meetings and to provide funding for travel, meals, mileage, and other costs that may be associated with attending these board meetings?		
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Supervisor's Name _____		

Application form continues on next page.



APPLICATION FOR STTACC SECRETARY POSITION (CONTINUED)

Commitment

STTACC holds quarterly Board meetings each year. All board members are expected to attend these all-day meetings. Board members should be prepared to have the cost for attending these meetings (travel, meals, mileage, etc...) covered either by their respective college or individually. *In the event that your planned funding falls through, STTACC may be able to cover a portion this cost on a limited (case by case) basis.*

For the 2015-2016 year, STTACC Board meetings are expected to be held on *(tentative and subject to change)*

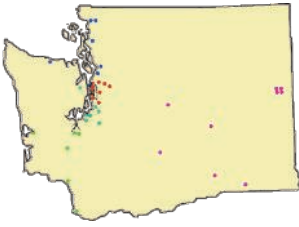
- Friday, November 20th, 2015 @ Everett Community College
- Friday, February 19th, 2016 @ Grays Harbor College
- Friday, May 20th, 2016 @ Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech)
- Wednesday, August 10, 2016 @ Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech)

I understand the purposes of the STTACC Board, and if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to fulfill this commitment. I understand that I will have **secured approval from my supervisor** for release time and financial support before submitting my application to the President Elect.

I understand if any participant proves to be a disruptive influence or shows disregard for STTACC objectives or well-being of the board, they may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board (article VII of the STTACC Bylaws).

Applicant Signature

Date



State Regions, Region Coordinators & College Contacts

The function of a region is to share ideas and to establish a communication network, assist in defining classified staff development regionally, furnish material to a newsletter and resource library once a quarter, and elect a regional coordinator who coordinates those activities.

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Submitted by Amy Nehme
Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech)

LWTech's Community Garden - Spring Blooms & Fall Bounty

How wonderful it was to see children, teachers, parents, staff, faculty, Early Childhood Education lab students, grandparents and siblings, and the entire community coming together to create a beautiful and functional garden for the children and families at the ELC. The project included removing weeds and then leveling the dirt in the area, raised wooden garden beds and two lower beds along with a tepee trellis. Many new friendships and relationships were formed and strengthened as a result. In an effort to strengthen home to school connections, the families were asked what they wanted to see the children plant and they provided the seeds, and the LWTech Horticulture department helped the children plant the seeds. The children showed such delight planting those seeds during their fieldtrip to the greenhouse and then when they brought the young plants over to our garden and planted the plants in the raised garden beds that the volunteers had made. Every child can show with pride exactly which one(s) he/she planted.

This spring the Early Learning Center at Lake Washington Institute of Technology launched a community event to build a beautiful functional garden space for their young toddler and preschool students.



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B Region B College Updates Continued

Spring Blooms & Fall Bounty (Continued)

Now we are moving into phase 2 of the garden project which involves creating learning centers and activities in the garden for children to engage with such as wagons, watering cans, benches to sit together on, games to play, and other elements that they can get creative and tinker around with including a tic-tac-toe board made from tree stumps.

We will continue to reach out to the LWTech College community to make connections. So far we have partnered with 7 different College Departments:

- We are launching a “farm to table” initiative with the **Culinary Department** and we will conduct Quarterly Cooking Classes with the children starting in the fall.
- We are also including some vegetables from our garden into the Fall **Foundation** Breakfast such as zucchini for bread to feature our harvest (and the children’s love and care for their plants that went into it).
- The **Architectural Technology Department** crafted a virtual garden blueprint for possible future improvements for the garden including a stairway and entryway onto the deck.
- The **Welding Department** is meeting with us in the fall to discuss building an arched trellis for a fun entryway into the garden space and other garden decorations including possibly a fountain.
- The **Marketing Department** is sifting through our garden photographs and has formulated a publicity plan that includes social media outlets and possibly a local newspaper.



- The **Horticulture Department** will meet with the children quarterly to talk about plants, to plant seeds, and to teach us about the different plants that thrive during all seasons of the year.

- And finally, we plan to meet with the **Public Health Department** here at the College to discuss teaching the children about nutrition and healthy food from our garden.

Parents are invited to bring in seeds throughout the year that the children can plant in the garden so that they can help decide what we will grow and cultivate and then ultimately enjoy eating together.





E Region E College Updates



Submitted by Chelsea Lindquist
Bates Technical College

On Tuesday, September 22, Bates Technical College kicked off a year-long celebration of the college's 75th anniversary during employee Opening Day.

Beginning with a proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee designating the day Bates Technical College 75th Anniversary Day, employees watched short videos, heard department updates, and finished the morning with birthday cupcakes.

The main events of the 2015-2016 celebratory year include a community-focused grand opening of the new Advanced Technology Center building at Central/Mohler Campus in January, and a formal gala at the new building on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Founded in 1940, the college opened on September 4 as the Tacoma Vocational-Technical Institute in the basement of Hawthorne Elementary School. The training programs were developed because of the need to offer workforce education in Pierce County aimed at supporting the war effort.

In 1945, the institute moved to 11th Street and Yakima Avenue in Tacoma, the current site of the college's Downtown Campus location. In 1969, the institute was renamed L. H. Bates Vocational-Technical Institute to honor the service of longtime director of vocational education L. H. "Verne" Bates. Legislation signed by Governor Booth Gardner in 1991 resulted in Bates becoming a part of the two-year college system, renaming the institute Bates Technical College.

The college is Washington state's oldest, continuously-running public technical college, and plays a significant role in our economy. Graduates and former students contribute \$241.1 Million in added income to the regional economy each year. According to the state's Education Research and Data Center, the five-year median salary for Bates Technical College students who graduated during the 2007-2008 academic year, was more than \$53,000—higher than any other public two-year college statewide.

We invite you to learn more about the college's history, anniversary events, and share stories. Go to www.bates75.org or www.bates.ctc.edu.





E Region E College Updates Continued

Info Submitted by Eric Corp
Tacoma Community College



Phase 1

- 32,000 square foot new addition
- Gym/event center with 2 NCAA-sized courts
- 3,000-seat event capacity
- New restrooms, concessions, offices and training room
- New student lounge area
- Summer 2016 completion

Phase 2

- 16,000 square foot renovation
- Renovation of existing restrooms and locker rooms
- Expansion and renovation of existing fitness center
- Code required upgrades to fire sprinkler systems and structural members
- December 2016 completion

TCC HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER RENOVATION

The construction of TCC's new Health & Wellness Center began on July 20. This project will expand and renovate the gym and fitness center, in Building 20, and is being funded through a COP (Certificate of Participation) process in partnership with the Associated Students of TCC (ASTCC). The new center will provide a much needed large gathering space that can be used to hold Commencement on campus. The project will be completed in two phases, to allow the building to be used during the construction process. Offices, exercise spaces and locker rooms will be relocated as needed. The new center should be ready for use by spring 2017.



ctcLink Update

On August 24, Tacoma Community College (and Spokane Community College) launched the new ctcLink (also know as PeopleSoft) system. This online administrative system has replaced the old legacy system and will streamline processes throughout the 34 public community and technical colleges in Washington. The day was spent activating new accounts, navigating the system and logging service tickets with local help desks and the SBCTC/ctcLink Service Desk. By the end of the day, over a thousand people had activated their account in ctcLink; about a quarter of them were student accounts. Over 135 service tickets were logged to the SBCTC/ctcLink Help Desk. Almost 65 percent were quickly resolved. The majority of those issues were login and security-related. For more information on the transition, please visit: www.ctclink.wordpress.com





A Letter from the Past President - Cindy Canella



Hello STTACC Members

I am happy to be back with you, serving on the STTACC board as your past president, but saddened by the circumstances that brings me back, the passing of Sandy Johnson. I was very fortunate to have served with Sandy, as she was president elect the year I was president. Sandy never intended to be president elect the year she ran, she was aiming for Region E Coordinator, but the need was there and she jumped in with both feet and caught the "STTACC bug" as she called it. Sandy was a bundle of energy and had a great passion for STACC, so much so, that she wanted to be president again to see some of the things she started in her first term come to fruition. One of her desires was to have a robust training resource library, so I hope we as an organization can continue that work for her.

STACC lost another board member with the passing of Shylowe Statzer, Region E coordinator for the past 2 years. I was fortunate to have worked with Shylowe, here at Pierce College since June of 2008. I convinced her to serve on the STTACC board. I always told her "if I can do it anyone can". Shylowe had a tremendous heart and was always willing to step in and help where needed. Both will be sadly missed.

STTACC is in good hands with Kristine at the helm with her strong leadership and organizational skills, which were evident this past year, which is what being on the STACC board is all about. So if leadership and organizational skills are part of your professional growth and development plan, please consider running for the STTACC board when opportunities arise.

Here's to a great 2015-2016.

Cindy Cannella

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Sandy Johnson (left) at the 2014 conference announcing the names of the 2014-15 STTACC Board



Staff Training for Technical and Community Colleges

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How you can get involved with STTACC

The STTACC Board is made up of Classified Staff employed at technical and community colleges throughout Washington State. They volunteer their time to manage the business of running STTACC and planning annual events.

There are three simple ways:

1. You can be a STTACC College Contact.
2. You can be a STTACC Region Coordinator representing a specific region. Region Coordinators are elected positions.
3. You can run for a STTACC Executive Board Office; elected positions are President-Elect, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Communication Coordinator. Webmaster is an appointed position. The position of President is a transitional position.

2015-16 STTACC Chat Deadlines

Your input to the STTACC Chat publication is critical to the mission of this organization. Below are the quarterly deadlines to submit news about the professional development opportunities available at your campus. Articles may also include interesting facts about your college and photos. This your chance to share what is happening at your college.

Articles are due to Region Coordinator

Please see page 6 for your region contact information.

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Include the following in the subject line of the email:

1. Your college name
2. The words "STTACC Chat Article"