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WICHE COMMISSION

WICHE's 45 commissioners are appointed by their governors from among State Higher Education Executive Officers, college and university presidents, legislators, and business leaders from the 15 Western states. This regional commission provides governance and guidance to WICHE's staff in Boulder, CO. Thomas Buchanan, president of the University of Wyoming, is the 2010 chair of the WICHE Commission; Joseph Garcia, president of Colorado State University–Pueblo, is vice chair.

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2010 COMMISSION COMMITTEES

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Mike Rush (ID)
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Patricia Sullivan (NM)
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Future Commission Meeting Dates

2010	2011	2012	2013
Nov. 8-9 – Boulder, CO	May 16-17 – California Oct. 31-Nov. 1 – Hawaii	TBD	TBD

HIGHER EDUCATION ACRONYMS

Higher ed is addicted to acronyms, so much so that the actual names of organizations are sometimes almost lost to memory. Below, a list of acronyms and the organizations they refer to (plus a few others).

AACC	American Association of Community Colleges	www.aacc.nche.edu
AACTE	American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	www.aacte.org
AAC&U	Association of American Colleges and Universities	www.aacu-edu.org
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities	www.aascu.org
AAU	Association of American Universities	www.aau.edu
ACE	American Council on Education	www.acenet.edu
ACT	College admission testing program	www.act.org
ACUTA	Association of College & University Telecommunications Administrators	www.acuta.org
AED	Academy for Educational Development	www.aed.org
AEI	American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research	www.aei.org
AERA	American Educational Research Association	www.aera.net
AGB	Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges	www.agb.org
	Center for Public Higher Education Trusteeship & Governance	www.agb.org/center/
AIHEC	American Indian Higher Education Consortium	www.aihec.org
AIHEPS	Alliance for International Higher Education Policy Studies	www.highereducation.org/reports/aiheps/
AIR	Association for Institutional Research	www.airweb.org
APLU	Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (formerly NASULGC)	www.aplu.org
ASPIRA	(an association to empower Latino youth)	www.aspira.org
ASHE	Association for the Study of Higher Education	www.ashe.missouri.edu
ATA	American TelEdCommunications Alliance	www.atalliance.org
CAE	Council for Aid to Education	www.cae.org
CAEL	Council for Adult and Experiential Learning	www.cael.org
CASE	Council for Advancement and Support of Education	www.case.org
CBO	Congressional Budget Office	www.cbo.gov
CCA	Complete College America	www.completecollege.org
CGS	Council of Graduate Schools	www.cgsnet.org
CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation	www.chea.org
CHEPS	Center for Higher Education Policy Studies	www.utwente.nl/cheps
CIC	Council of Independent Colleges	www.cic.org
CLA	Collegiate Learning Assessment	www.cae.org/content/pro_collegiate.htm
COE	Council for Opportunity in Education	www.trioprograms.org
CONAHEC	Consortium for Higher Education Collaboration	www.conahec.org
CONASEP	CONAHEC's Student Exchange Program	www.conahec.org
CSG-WEST	Council of State Governments – West	www.westrends.org
CSHE	Center for the Study of Higher Education	www.ed.psu.edu/cshe
CSPN	College Savings Plan Network	www.collegesavings.org
CUE	Center for Urban Education, University of Southern California	cue.usc.edu
DQC	Data Quality Campaign	www.dataqualitycampaign.org/
ECS	Education Commission of the States	www.ecs.org
ED	U.S. Dept. of Education links:	
ED-FSA	Federal Student Aid	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/fsa/index.html
ED-IES	Institute of Education Sciences	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies/index.html?src=mr
ED-NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	http://nces.ed.gov
ED-OESE	Office of Elementary & Secondary Education	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/index.html?src=mr
ED-OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html?src=mr

ED-OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html?src=mr
ED-OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/index.html?src=mr
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html
EDUCAUSE	An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources	www.educause.edu
ETS	Educational Testing Service	www.ets.org
Excelencia	Excelencia in Education	www.edexcelencia.org
GHEE	Global Higher Education Exchange	www.ghee.org
HACU	Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities	www.whes.org/members/hacu.html
HEA	Higher Education Abstracts	www.cgu.edu/inst/hea/hea.html
ICE	Internet Course Exchange (WICHE)	www.wiche.edu/ice
IHELP	Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, California State University Sacramento	www.csus.edu/ihelp/
IHEP	Institute for Higher Education Policy	www.ihep.com
IIE	Institute of International Education	www.iie.org
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System	www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds
JBC	Joint Budget Committee	
JFF	Jobs for the Future	www.jff.org/
McCrel	Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning	www.mcrel.org
MHEC	Midwestern Higher Education Compact	www.mhec.org
MOA	Making Opportunity Affordable	www.makingopportunityaffordable.org
MSA/CHE	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education	www.middlestates.org
NAAL	National Assessment of Adult Literacy	http://nces.ed.gov/naal/
NACOL	North American Council for Online Learning	www.nacol.org
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers	www.nacubo.org
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard
NAFEO	National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education	www.nafeo.org
NAFSA	(an association of international educators)	www.nafsa.org
NAICU	National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	www.naicu.edu
NASC	Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges	www.cocnasc.org
NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators	www.nasfaa.org
NASPA	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	www.naspa.org
NCA-CASI	North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement	www.ncacasi.org
NCAT	The National Center for Academic Transformation	www.thencat.org
NCCC	National Consortium for College Completion	n/a
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems	www.nchems.org
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	www.ed.gov/nclb/landing.jhtml
NCPPHE	National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education	www.highereducation.org
NCPR	National Center for Postsecondary Research	www.postsecondaryresearch.org
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org
NEASC-CIHE	New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	www.neasc.org
NEBHE	New England Board of Higher Education	www.nebhe.org
NGA	National Governors Association	www.nga.org
NILOA	National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment	www.learningoutcomeassessment.org
NLA/SLA	New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability	www.newleadershipalliance.org
NPEC	National Postsecondary Education Cooperative	www.nces.ed.gov/npec
NRHA	National Rural Health Association	www.nrharural.org
NSC	National Student Clearinghouse	www.studentclearinghouse.org
NUCEA	National University Continuing Education Association	www.nucea.edu
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	www.oecd.org

PISA	Program for International Student Assessment	www.pisa.oecd.org
PESC	Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council	www.pesc.org
PPIC	Public Policy Institute of California	www.ppic.org
RMAIR	Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research	www.unlv.edu/PAIR/rmair
SACS-CoC	Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges	www.sacscoc.org
SFARN	Student Financial Aid Research Network	www.pellinstitute.org/SFARN
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers	www.sheeo.org
SHEPC	State Higher Education Policy Center	n/a
SONA	Student Organization of North America	www.conahec.org/sona
SPIDO	State Policy Inventory Database Online	www.wiche.edu/spido
SREB	Southern Regional Education Board	www.sreb.org
SREC	Southern Regional Electronic Campus	www.electroniccampus.org
SSI	State Scholars Initiative	www.wiche.edu/statescholars
SURA	Southeastern Universities Research Association	www.sura.org/home/index.html
TBD	Transparency by Design	www.wcet.info/2.0/index.php?q=TransparencybyDesign
UNCF	United Negro College Fund	www.uncf.org
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization	www.unesco.org/
VSA	Voluntary System of Accountability	www.voluntarysystem.org
WAGS	Western Association of Graduate Schools	www.wiche.edu/wags/index.htm
WALF	Western Academic Leadership Forum	www.wiche.edu/walf
WASC-ACCJC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	www.accjc.org
WASC-Sr	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	www.wascweb.org/senior/wascsr.html
WCET	WICHE unit, an organization focused on education and technology	www.wcet.info
WGA	Western Governors' Association	www.westgov.org
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	www.wiche.edu
WIN	Western Institute of Nursing	www.ohsu.edu.son.win

SHEEO Offices in the West, by State:

Alaska	ACPE	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	www.alaskaadvantage.state.ak.us
	UAS	University of Alaska System	www.alaska.edu
Arizona	ABOR	Arizona Board of Regents	www.abor.asu.edu
California	CPEC	California Postsecondary Education Commission	www.cpec.ca.gov
Colorado	CDHE	Colorado Department of Higher Education	www.highered.colorado.gov
Hawai'i	UH	University of Hawai'i	www.hawaii.edu
Idaho	ISBE	Idaho State Board of Education	www.boardofed.idaho.gov
Montana	MUS	Montana University System	www.mus.edu
New Mexico	NMHED	New Mexico Higher Education Department	www.hed.state.nm.us
Nevada	NSHE	Nevada System of Higher Education	www.nevada.edu
North Dakota	NDUS	North Dakota University System	www.ndus.nodak.edu
Oregon	OUS	Oregon University System	www.ous.edu
South Dakota	SDBOR	South Dakota Board of Regents	www.ris.sdbor.edu
Utah	USBR	Utah State Board of Regents	www.utahsbr.edu
Washington	HECB	Higher Education Coordinating Board	www.hecb.wa.gov
Wyoming	WCCC	Wyoming Community College Commission	www.commission.wcc.edu
	UW	University of Wyoming	www.uwyo.edu