

The WICHE Commission

WICHE's 45 commissioners are appointed by their governors from among state higher 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, Colorado. Robert "Tad" Perry, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, is chair of the WICHE Commission; Charles Ruch, president of Boise State University, is vice chair.

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Staff members whose names are in bold have joined the WICHE staff since the last commission meeting.

The WICHE Web site www.wiche.edu includes a staff directory with phone numbers and email addresses.

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
AAHE	American Association on Higher Education	www.aahe.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
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
AIR	Association for Institutional Research	www.airweb.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
CASE	Council for Advancement and Support of Education	www.case.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
COE	Council for Opportunity in Education	www.trioprograms.org
CONAHEC	Consortium for Higher Education Collaboration	www.wiche.edu/conahec/english
CONASEP	CONAHEC's Student Exchange Program	www.wiche.edu.conahec./conasep
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
ECS	Education Commission of the States	www.ecs.org
ED	U.S. Dept. of Education links:	
ED-NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	http://nces.ed.gov
ED-OERI	Office of Educational Research	www.ed.gov/offices/OERI
ED-OESE	Office of Elementary & Secondary Education	www.ed.gov/offices/OESE
ED-OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education	www.ed.gov/offices/OPE
ED-OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	www.ed.gov/offices/OSERS
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE

LAAP	Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnership	www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/LAAP
EDUCAUSE	(An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources)	www.educause.edu
ETS	Educational Testing Service	www.ets.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
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
McCrel	Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning	www.mcrel.org
MHEC	Midwestern Higher Education Commission	www.mhec.org
MSA/CHE	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education	www.middlestates.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
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges	www.nasulgc.org
NCA-CASI	North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement	www.ncacasi.org
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems	www.nchems.org
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures	www.ncsl.org
NCPPE	National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education	www.highereducation.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
NEON	Northwest Educational Outreach Network	www.wiche.edu/NWAF/NEON
NGA	National Governors' Association	www.nga.org
NPEC	National Postsecondary Education Cooperative	www.nces.ed.gov/npec
NUCEA	National University Continuing Education Association	www.nucea.edu
NWAF	Northwest Academic Forum	www.wiche.edu/NWAF
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
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers	www.sheeo.org
SONA	Student Organization of North America	www.conahec.org/sona

SREB	Southern Regional Education Board	www.sreb.org
SREC	Southern Regional Electronic Campus	www.electroniccampus.org
UNCF	United Negro College Fund	www.uncf.org
WAGS	Western Association of Graduate Schools	www.wiche.edu/wags/index.htm
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	Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications	www.wiche.edu/telecom
WGA	Western Governors' Association	www.westgov.org
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	www.wiche.edu

SHEEO Offices in the West, by State:

Alaska	ACPE	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	www.state.ak.us/acpe/acpe.html
	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	CCHE	Colorado Commission on Higher Education	www.state.co.us/cche_dir/hecche.htm
Hawai'i	UH	University of Hawai'i	www.hawaii.edu
Idaho	ISBE	Idaho State Board of Education	www.sde.state.id.us/osbe/board.htm
Montana	MUS	Montana University System	www.montana.edu/wwwbor/docs/borpage.html
New Mexico	NMCHC	New Mexico Commission on Higher Education	www.nmche.org
Nevada	UCCS	University & Community College System of Nevada	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