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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. Jane Nichols, vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Nevada System of Higher Education, is the 2009 chair of the WICHE Commission; Tom Buchanan, president of the University of Wyoming, is vice chair.

## ALASKA

\*Diane M. Barrans (WICHE Chair, 2005), Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
Patricia Brown Heller, retired State Director, U.S. Senate  
Marshall L. Lind, former Chancellor of Higher Education, University of Alaska Fairbanks

## ARIZONA

Leah Bornstein, President, Coconino Community College  
David Lorenz, retired Vice President of Administration and Finance, Northern Arizona University  
\*Joel Sideman, Executive Director, Arizona Board of Regents

## CALIFORNIA

Appointments pending

## COLORADO

Joseph Garcia, President, Colorado State University–Pueblo  
Kaye Howe, Executive Director, National Science Digital Library  
\*David E. Skaggs, Former Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education

## HAWAII

\*Roy T. Ogawa (Immediate Past WICHE Chair), Attorney at Law, Ogawa, Lau, Nakamura & Jew  
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## IDAHO

\*Robert W. Kustra, President, Boise State University  
Michael Rush, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education  
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## MONTANA

Dan W. Harrington, Former State Senator  
Kerra Melvin, Former Student Regent, Montana Tech  
\*Mary Sheehy Moe, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year Education, Montana University System

## NEVADA

Warren Hardy, Former State Senator  
\*Jane A. Nichols (WICHE Chair), Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Nevada System of Higher Education  
\*Carl Shaff, Educational Consultant

## NEW MEXICO

Dede Feldman, State Senator  
Viola Florez, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Higher Education  
\*Patricia Sullivan, Assistant Dean, College of Engineering, New Mexico State University

## NORTH DAKOTA

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Bill Goetz, Chancellor, North Dakota University System  
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## OREGON

Ryan P. Deckert, President, Oregon Business Association  
Tim Nesbitt, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
\*Camille Preus, Commissioner, Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

## SOUTH DAKOTA

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Jack Warner, Executive Director, South Dakota Board of Regents

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Peter C. Knudson, State Senator  
\*William Sederburg, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education

## WASHINGTON

\*Ann Daley, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, State Representative  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, State Senator

## WYOMING

\*Thomas Buchanan (WICHE Vice Chair), President, University of Wyoming  
Debbie Hammons, State Representative  
\*Klaus Hanson, Emeritus Professor of German, University of Wyoming

\*Executive Committee member

# COMMISSION COMMITTEES 2009

## **Executive Committee**

Jane Nichols (NV), chair  
Tom Buchanan (WY), vice chair  
Roy Ogawa (HI), immediate past chair

Diane Barrans (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
David Skaggs (CO)  
Roberta Richards (HI)  
Robert Kustra (ID)  
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)  
Dave Nething (ND)  
Patricia Sullivan (NM)  
Carl Shaff (NV)  
Camille Preus (OR)  
James Hansen (SD)  
William Sederburg (UT)  
Ann Daley (WA)  
Klaus Hanson (WY)

## **Issue Analysis and Research Committee**

David Skaggs (CO), chair  
Robert Burns (SD), vice chair  
Tom Buchanan (WY), ex officio  
Roy Ogawa (HI), ex officio

Patricia Brown Heller (AK)  
David Lorenz (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Committee chair (CO)  
Roberta Richards (HI)  
Arthur Vailas (ID)  
Dan Harrington (MT)  
Jane Nichols (NV)  
Viola Florez (NM)  
William Goetz (ND)  
Ryan Deckert (OR)  
Committee vice chair (SD)  
William Sederburg (UT)  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles (WA)  
Debbie Hammons (WY)

## **Disaster Recovery Planning Committee**

Diane Barrans (AK), committee chair  
Camille Preus (OR)  
Bill Kuepper (CO), consultant and former WICHE commissioner  
Roy Ogawa (HI)

## **Programs and Services Committee**

Carl Shaff (NV), chair  
Joseph Garcia (CO), vice chair  
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio  
Roy Ogawa (HI), ex officio

Diane Barrans (AK)  
Leah Bornstein (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Committee vice chair (CO)  
Helene Sokugawa (HI)  
Michael Rush (ID)  
Kerra Melvin (MT)  
Committee chair (NV)  
Dede Feldman (NM)  
Duaine Espegard (ND)  
Tim Nesbitt (OR)  
Jack Warner (SD)  
Peter C. Knudson (UT)  
Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney (WA)  
Klaus Hanson (WY)

## **Self-funded Units Committee**

Kaye Howe (CO), chair  
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Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

Marshall Lind (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Committee chair (CO)  
Roy Ogawa (HI)  
Robert Kustra (ID)  
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)  
Warren Hardy (NV)  
Patricia Sullivan (NM)  
Dave Nething (ND)  
Camille Preus (OR)  
James Hansen (SD)  
Bonnie Jean Beesley (UT)  
Ann Daley (WA)  
Tom Buchanan (WY)

## **Audit Committee**

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David Lorenz (AZ)

# WICHE STAFF

## President's Office

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Robin Berlin, senior accounting specialist  
Peggy Green, accounting specialist

## Human Resources

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## IT Services

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Penne Siedenburg, help desk technician

## Mental Health

Dennis Mohatt, vice president, behavioral health, and director, Mental Health Program  
**Tamara DeHay**, research and technical assistance associate  
Maurene Flory, research and technical assistance associate  
Debra Kupfer, mental health consultant  
Mimi McFaul, associate director  
Chuck McGee, project director  
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## Technology and Innovation

Louis Fox, vice president  
Sherri Artz Gilbert, administration coordinator  
Mollie McGill, associate director

## WCET

Russell Poulin, interim executive director  
Sherri Artz Gilbert, administration and membership coordinator  
Peggy Green, administrative specialist  
Mollie McGill, associate director  
Cali Morrison, project coordinator  
Megan Raymond, project coordinator

Names in **bold** type indicate new employees or new positions within WICHE. The WICHE Website, [www.wiche.edu](http://www.wiche.edu), includes a staff directory with phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

### Future Commission Meeting Dates

2010	2011	2012	2013
May 17-18, Portland, OR	May 16-17, CA*	TBD	TBD
November 8-9, HI*†	October 31-November 1, CO*		
* City to be decided.			
† Location may change			

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

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

PESC	Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council	www.pesc.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
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
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