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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. Joseph Garcia, Colorado lieutenant governor and executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, is the 2011 chair of the WICHE Commission; Bonnie Jean Beesley, vice chair of the Utah Board of Regents, is vice chair.

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Names in **bold** type indicate new employees or new positions within WICHE. The WICHE website, **www.wiche.edu**, includes a staff directory with phone numbers and e-mail contact forms.

Future Commission Meeting Dates

2012

May 21-22 – Fort Collins, CO
November 12-13 – Salt Lake City, UT

2013

May 20-21 – Spokane or Seattle, WA
November 4-5 – Boulder, CO

2014

May 19-20 – New Mexico
November 10-11 – Boulder, CO

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	aacc.nche.edu
AACTE	American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	aacte.org
AAC&U	Association of American Colleges and Universities	aacu.org
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities	aascu.org
AASHE	Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education	aashe.org
AAU	Association of American Universities	aau.edu
ACC NETWORK	Adult College Completion Network	adultcollegecompletion.org
ACE	American Council on Education	acenet.edu
ACT	(college admission testing program)	act.org
ACUTA	Association of College & University Telecommunications Administrators	acuta.org
AED	Academy for Educational Development	aed.org
AEI	American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research	aei.org
AERA	American Educational Research Association	era.net
AGB	Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges	agb.org
	Ingram Center for Public Trusteeship and Governance	agb.org/ingram-center-public-trusteeship-and-governance
AIHEC	American Indian Higher Education Consortium	aihec.org
AIHEPS	Alliance for International Higher Education Policy Studies	nyu.edu/steinhardt/iesp/aiheps/
AIR	Association for Institutional Research	airweb.org
APLU	Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (formerly NASULGC)	www.aplu.org
ASPIRA	(an association to empower Latino youth)	aspira.org
ASHE	Association for the Study of Higher Education	ashe.ws
CAE	Council for Aid to Education	cae.org
CAEL	Council for Adult and Experiential Learning	cael.org
CASE	Council for Advancement and Support of Education	case.org
CBO	Congressional Budget Office	cbo.gov
CCA	Complete College America	completecollege.org
CGS	Council of Graduate Schools	cgsnet.org
CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation	chea.org
CHEPS	Center for Higher Education Policy Studies	utwente.nl/mb/cheps
CIC	Council of Independent Colleges	cic.org
CLA	Collegiate Learning Assessment	cae.org/content/pro_collegiate.htm
COE	Council for Opportunity in Education	coenet.us
CONAHEC	Consortium for Higher Education Collaboration	conahec.org
CONASEP	CONAHEC's Student Exchange Program	conahecstudentexchange.org
CSG-WEST	Council of State Governments - West	csgwest.org
CSHE	Center for the Study of Higher Education	ed.psu.edu/cshe
CSPN	College Savings Plan Network	collegesavings.org
CUE	Center for Urban Education, University of Southern California	cue.usc.edu
DQC	Data Quality Campaign	dataqualitycampaign.org
ECS	Education Commission of the States	ecs.org

ED- U.S. Dept. of Education links:

ED-FSA	Federal Student Aid	ed.gov/about/offices/list/fsa
ED-IES	Institute of Education Sciences	ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies
ED-NCES	National Center for Education Statistics	nces.ed.gov
ED-OESE	Office of Elementary & Secondary Education	ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese
ED-OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education	ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope
ED-OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers
ED-OVAE	Office of Vocational and Adult Education	ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae

FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education	ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse
EdREF	EdRef College Search Reference	EdRef.com
EC	Electronic Campus Initiatives	ecinitiatives.org
EDUCAUSE	(An association fostering higher ed change via technology and information resources)	educause.edu
EPI	Educational Policy Institute	educationalpolicy.org
ETS	Educational Testing Service	ets.org
Excelencia	Excelencia in Education	edexcelencia.org
GHEE	Global Higher Education Exchange	ghee.org
HACU	Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities	hacu.net
HBLI	Hispanic Border Leadership Institute	asu.edu/educ/hbli
ICE	Internet Course Exchange (WICHE)	wiche.edu/ice
IHELP	Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, California State University Sacramento	csus.edu/ihelp
IHEP	Institute for Higher Education Policy	ihep.org
IIE	Institute of International Education	iie.org
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System	nces.ed.gov/ipeds
JBC	Joint Budget Committee	
JFF	Jobs for the Future	jff.org
McREL	Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning	mcrel.org
MHEC	Midwestern Higher Education Compact	mhec.org
MOA	Making Opportunity Affordable	makingopportunityaffordable.org
MSA/CHE	Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education	middlestates.org
NAAL	National Assessment of Adult Literacy	nces.ed.gov/naal
NACOL	North American Council for Online Learning	nacol.org
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers	nacubo.org
NAEP	National Assessment of Educational Progress	nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard
NAFEO	National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education	nafeo.org
NAFSA	(an association of international educators)	nafsa.org
NAICU	National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	naicu.edu
NANSLO	North American Network of Science Labs Online	http://wiche.edu/nanslo
NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators	nasfaa.org
NASH	National Association of System Heads	nashonline.org
NASPA	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	naspa.org
NASSGAP	National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs	nassgap.org
NCA-CASI	North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement	ncacihe.org
NCAT	The National Center for Academic Transformation	thencat.org
NCCC	National Consortium for College Completion	n/a
NCHEMS	National Center for Higher Education Management Systems	nchems.org
NCLB	No Child Left Behind	ed.gov/nclb
NCPPE	National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education	www.highereducation.org
NCPR	National Center for Postsecondary Research	postsecondaryresearch.org
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures	ncsl.org
NEASC-CIHE	New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education	neasc.org
NEBHE	New England Board of Higher Education	nebhe.org
NGA	National Governors' Association	nga.org
NILOA	National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment	learningoutcomeassessment.org
NLA/SLA	New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability	newleadershipalliance.org
NPEC	National Postsecondary Education Cooperative	nces.ed.gov/npec
NRHA	National Rural Health Association	nrharural.org
NSC	National Student Clearinghouse	studentclearinghouse.org
	Pathways to College Network	pathwaystocollege.net
NWCCU	Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities	www.nwccu.org
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	pescc.org
PPIC	Public Policy Institute of California	ppic.org
RMAIR	Rocky Mountain Association for Institutional Research	rmair.org
SACS-CoC	Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges	sacscoc.org
SFARN	Student Financial Aid Research Network	pellinstitute.org/conference_SFARN.html
SHEEO	State Higher Education Executive Officers	sheeo.org
SHEPC	State Higher Education Policy Center	n/a
SONA	Student Organization of North America	conahec.org/conahec/sona
SPIDO	State Policy Inventory Database Online	wiche.edu/spido
SREB	Southern Regional Education Board	sreb.org
SREC	Southern Regional Electronic Campus	electroniccampus.org
SURA	Southeastern Universities Research Association	sura.org
TBD	Transparency by Design	wcet.wiche.edu/advance/transparency-by-design
UCEA	University Professional & Continuing Education Association (formerly NUCEA)	ucea.org
UNCF	United Negro College Fund	uncf.org
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization	unesco.org
UPCEA	University Professional Continuing Education Association	upcea.edu
VSA	Voluntary System of Accountability	voluntarysystem.org
WACCAL	Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders	wiche.edu/waccal
WAGS	Western Association of Graduate Schools	wagsonline.org
WALF	Western Academic Leadership Forum	wiche.edu/walf
WASC-ACCJC	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges	accjc.org
WASC-Sr	Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities	wascsenior.org/wasc
	Washington College Directory Network	washington.collegedirectorynetwork.com
WCET	WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies	wcet.wiche.edu
WGA	Western Governors' Association	westgov.org
WICHE	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education	wiche.edu
WIN	Western Institute of Nursing	ohsu.edu.son.win

SHEEO Offices in the West:

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