

# Western Academic Leadership Forum



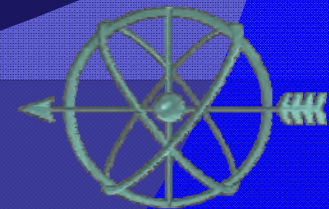
*Meeting the Needs  
of Academic Leaders at  
Four-Year Institutions in  
the WICHE States...*



# About WALF

## Members are:

- Academic leaders at **bachelor's, master's and doctoral** granting institutions
- Chief executives and chief academic officers for **systems and state governing and coordinating boards**
- **Public** and **private** institutions/systems

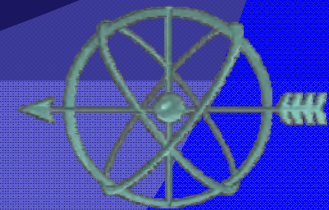


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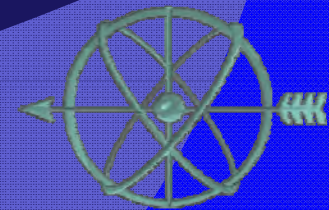
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# Membership

## ● FY 2010

- 47 members in 15 states
- Expanded to bachelor's level this year
- Eligible members: 140
- Dues: \$750 institutions; \$1500 system/state offices
- Executive Committee: One representative from each state



# Activities

## ◎ WALF Annual Meeting

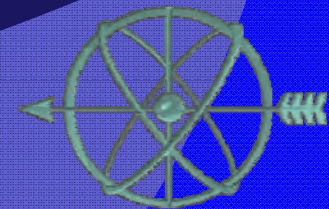
- *Academic Leadership: Charting the Future in a Sea of National and International Initiatives*
- Rapid City, SD; April 21-23, 2010– presentations at [www.wiche.edu/walf](http://www.wiche.edu/walf)
- Ft. Collins, CO; April 13-15, 2011

## ◎ WALF Toolkit—*coming this summer!*

- A searchable web-based collection of **planning and decision making tools** for academic leaders

## ◎ WALF Reading Group—*coming this fall!*

- **Discussions** on selected topics
- Webinars **with authors**



# New Forum for Academic Leaders at Two-Year Schools



*Meeting the Needs  
of Academic Leaders at  
Community & Technical  
Colleges in the WICHE  
States...*



# About Two-Year Forum

## Members are:

- Academic leaders at **community and technical** schools
- Chief executives and chief academic officers for **systems and state governing and coordinating boards**
- **Public** and **private** institutions/systems

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# Potential Members--275

- Alaska UAA w/5 two-yr campuses; UAF w/4; UAS w/2
- Arizona 1 board w/4 colleges; 1 district w/10 colleges; 6 others
- California 1 system with 110 community colleges
- Colorado 14 community colleges; 1 district with 7 campuses
- Hawaii 1 system with 7 community colleges
- Idaho 3 community colleges
- Montana 1 system w/ 9; MSU w/2 two-year campuses; UM System w/3
- Nevada 4 community colleges
- New Mexico 12 + ENMU w/1 two-year campus; NMSU w/4; UNM w/3
- North Dakota 9 + MSU w/1 two-year campus
- Oregon 1 system w/ 17 colleges
- South Dakota 2 community colleges; 4 technical institutes
- Utah 5 community colleges
- Washington 1 commission w/ 2 districts w/3 each; 7 techs; 24 others
- Wyoming 1 system w/ 7 community colleges; 1 other

# Activities

- Executive Committee
  - One representative from each state
  - Initial Meeting—in conjunction with AACCC in Seattle, April 16
    - Develop understanding of two year landscape
    - Identify **common interests**
  - Strategic Planning Meeting—July 2010
    - Develop membership services
    - Plan first annual membership meeting

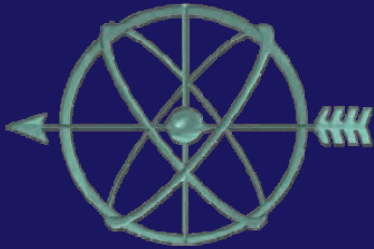
# Survey Results: Top Issues

- Cost efficiencies & best practices
- Funding development
- College readiness
- Access & alignment
- Transfer & articulation
- Leadership & professional development
- Quality assurance
- Online learning

# Funding

- FY 2011 Annual Dues
  - \$750 institutions; \$1500 system/state offices
  - Executive Committee: One representative from each state
- Grants

# Thank you!



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New Forum for Two-Year Schools  
*Coming soon!*

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