



New WASB Website

It has been a busy and exciting summer at the WASB. Last month, we launched a new website and member database. If you haven't done so recently, I encourage you to visit WASB.org. The revamped, mobile-friendly website makes it even easier to find WASB legal, policy, governance and advocacy resources. As before, a wealth of information is available on the site and even more is available to WASB members who log in.

By logging in, you'll have access to member-only resources as well as the ability to manage your account with the WASB through the online portal. In addition to allowing you to register for events as in the past, the portal provides you with greater control over the publications you receive from the WASB. Because it is a new database, you will need to set a new password the first time you log in. If you have any difficulty, just let us know and we'll get it quickly resolved.

We're very interested in knowing what you think of the new website. Please email your feedback to info@wasb.org. We want to continue to improve accessibility to our large array of services and programs.

Member feedback is always welcome so don't hesitate to contact us and let us know how we could better serve you.

As part of the process of setting up a new website and database, we've also reviewed our publications and emails. We know some of you want to receive less paper. So, earlier this year, we launched the Legal and Policy Services Newsletter, which is delivered to your email inbox twice a month. This electronic newsletter provides links and updates to Policy Perspectives, New Law updates, and other resources. If you prefer, you can choose to not receive these printed publications and just watch for links in the Legal and Policy Services Newsletter. The eConnection newsletter also provides links to publications, including the monthly *Wisconsin School News* magazine, which is posted on line each month in addition to being mailed.

Along with developing the new website database, we've been busy preparing for the upcoming Fall Regional Meetings. These special meetings take place in September and October in every WASB region in the state. They provide an opportunity to connect with your regional

director and network with colleagues. This year, the meetings will feature an optional workshop before each regional meeting on the "Implications of the 2017-19 State Budget for Schools." For more information or to register, visit WASB.org.

Preparations are also underway for the 97th State Education Convention, taking place Jan. 17-19 in Milwaukee. Thank you to the many districts that submitted session proposals. We received many great ideas and look forward to building the agenda. The Exhibit Hall is also quickly filling up with businesses and organizations from around the country signing up to join us in Milwaukee. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us this coming January.

In the meantime, I hope to see you this fall at the Regional Meetings. They are a great opportunity to connect with members and celebrate our wonderful school leaders in each part of the state. Until then, I encourage you to visit our new website — WASB.org — look around and log-in to ensure that you are making the most of your benefits as a member of the WASB. ■

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