

11/12/25: WVASPA Business Meeting

Board Position Nominations and Elections

- **Description:**
 - The meeting opened with nominations for vacant board roles.
 - Open positions: one-year member-at-large (three vacancies), president-elect, and membership chair.
 - Nominations:
 - Nikki Perkins for one-year member-at-large.
 - Kate Garlick for president-elect.
 - Rachel Harper for one-year member-at-large.
 - Maverick Hudson for member-at-large.
- **Conclusion:**
 - New officers confirmed:
 - **President-Elect:** Katie Garlick
 - **Members-at-Large:** Nikki Perkins, Rachel Harper, Maverick Hudson
 - **Membership Chair:** Autumn retained

Membership Chair Role and Activities

- **Description:**
 - Autumn outlined membership chair responsibilities:
 - Manage the listserv.
 - Identify opportunities to grow membership.
 - Oversee Constant Contact communications.
 - Prior discussions on charging membership dues have stalled but may be revisited.
 - Group activities often center on conference planning, alongside monthly Zoom webinars and tabling events.

Conference Attendance and Registration

- **Description:**
 - Attendance: 80 attendees.
 - No-shows: 7 registered individuals.
 - Approximately 10 paid attendees were present but not on the registration list, likely due to PayPal-related confusion.
 - Attendance was considered strong despite organizational challenges.

Treasurer's Report

- **Description:**

- Current bank balance: \$14,290.
- Estimated event costs (food, etc.): \$1,500–\$1,700.
- Goal: break even on conferences; typical profit around \$1,000 per event.
- MOU: partner organization receives 30% of profit.
- Recurring expenses: Constant Contact (monthly) and website (annual).
- Annual \$500 David Crockett Scholarship for student government.

Constitution Updates

- **Description:**
 - In January, the board added new positions and changed some member-at-large terms from one to two years in the constitution.
 - Roles for Autumn (Membership Chair) and Kendra were officially added or updated.
 - A vote was held to formally approve these changes so the website can be updated.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Motion to approve constitutional changes passed unanimously.

David Crockett Award Discussion

- **Description:**
 - The board reviewed nominations for the David Crockett Award (student-led initiative).
 - Criteria: clear platform, implementation plan, budget justification, and evaluation method.
 - Four proposals:
 - **WVU Parkersburg:** "Connecting Riverhawks" program for first-generation and non-traditional students.
 - **Bridge Valley CTC:** Mentorship program for high school seniors transitioning to college.
 - **Concord:** Campus accessibility improvements and ADA-compliant signage.
 - **West Virginia Wesleyan:** "Care packages" program for children in hospitals.
- **Conclusion:**
 - West Virginia Wesleyan's care packages program was selected as the award winner.

Adjournment

- WVASPA will schedule a board meeting for January 2026. Date and time forthcoming.