

President's Message for the fall 2012 journal:

Greetings! I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer before heading back to the classroom this fall. As your new Chapter President, I look forward to working with fellow Kappans and the PDKWA 1599 Board to create some exciting events this year. Having recently moved to Washington, I'm excited to get involved in PK-16 education in this beautiful state. While summer came a little bit later than I was used to, it's been wonderful getting to explore the state and meet other educators.

The board met this summer to elect new officers and brainstorm new ideas. We are grateful to have long-standing board members with PKDWA history and expertise, and many new board members with some fresh and exciting ideas. I would like to welcome our newest board member, and the first recipient of the John and Brenda Armenia Scholarship: Eric Hougan. Eric has been a business teacher in the Seattle area and is currently a graduate student at the University of Washington. We are grateful he has agreed to serve as Treasurer for our chapter. Welcome Eric!

Some of the ideas the Board discussed include: social meetings, the PDKWA emerging leaders program, scholarship opportunities, and a fantastic journal among others. Please mark your calendars now for three social meetings this year: September 27, 2012; January 18, 2013; and June 4, 2013. All three will be held in the Seattle area (Location TBA) around 5:30. This will give us a time to get together, meet fellow Kappans, and "talk shop." If you are interested in organizing a social meeting in another part of the state, please contact me. We are also in the process of revamping our website, so please watch for an updated version soon:

[www.pdkwa.org](http://www.pdkwa.org)

The journal will be posted there but also mailed to each PDKWA member. The PDKWA newsletters will be electronic-only and emailed to each member by PDK International. Please make sure PDK International has your current email and mailing addresses in order to receive our notifications. Please contact Member Services at [800-766-1156](tel:800-766-1156) or [memberservices@pdkintl.org](mailto:memberservices@pdkintl.org). Thanks!

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming year!

Regards,

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