

President's Message

Happy Spring to my fellow PDK-Washington Kappans! I'm excited to let you know about a few upcoming events planned for members of PDK-WA.

First, our last happy hour/social meeting time for the academic school year will be held on June 4 at 5:30pm at Aqua Verde Cafe and Paddle Club in Seattle. Please rsvp for this event at: http://www.pdkwa.org/news_events.html. We hope to see many of you there for some stimulating conversation around education in our state.

Second, our fall conference is scheduled for October 5, 2013, at the Northeastern University- Seattle campus. Directions can be found at <http://www.northeastern.edu/seattle/contact-us/visit-us/>. Please watch our website for upcoming details around this conference. The theme of the conference is the Common Core State Standards. This is aligned with the fall call for manuscripts with the same theme. We are currently looking for another conference co-chair; please contact me if you are interested.

The board meets monthly to discuss PDK-WA possibilities; please feel free to contact any of us with ideas. In addition, I'd like to welcome the newest member of our board, Dr. Whitney Meissner, who is President-Elect. She is currently the secondary and alternative programs principal in the Chimacum School District. If you are interested in serving on the board or assisting PDK-WA in any way, please let me know.

And as always, we are looking for new members and ways to connect members in education around the state. Please pass our information along or encourage a colleague to join. http://www.pdkwa.org/pdk_membership.html

I look forward to seeing many of you at our last social event on June 4 in Seattle!

Regards,

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Dr. Angela Walmsley serves as the Associate Academic Dean for the Northeastern University-Seattle campus. Prior to this position, she was an Associate Professor and Associate Dean at Saint Louis University where her research and teaching topics included mathematics education, statistics, and research methods to mainly in-service and pre-service teachers. She has taught mathematics at the middle school and high school levels in the United States and the United Kingdom. Dr. Walmsley earned her B.S. in mathematics at the University of Illinois (Urbana/Champaign); her M.Ed. from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland; and her Ph.D. from St. Louis University. Dr. Walmsley is a long-time member of PDK; she was selected as a member of the PDK Emerging Leaders class of 2008-2009; served as Area Director for the State of Missouri; and will host the fall 2013 PDK-International education trip to Dublin and London.