

# WAEYC's Committees

## Increasing Our Capacity to Serve Early Learning Professionals

Early learning professionals and the field are facing difficult challenges. Building WAEYC's capacity to better deliver products and services to early learning professionals, the governing board revised its committees and recruited new members. The committees are drafting plans to guide our way forward.

### Advancement Committee

*Purpose:* to develop and maintain the association's strategic plan, recommending structures and initiatives that advance the strength, stability and reach of the association.

*Membership:* individuals with expertise or experience in non-profit management, communications and technology, or fund development.

*Communications Subcommittee Patricia Nan Anderson, Linda Crisalli, Tina Smith-Klahn (Chair), Leslie Meisner and Krista Rhea*

*Fund Development Subcommittee Agda Burchard, Kelvin Ceasar (Chair) and Mary Seaton*

*Governance Subcommittee Jamie Ashton (Chair), Nancy Ashworth, Brenda Boyd, Carol Spencer-Coons, Jeanie Pittman, Martha Scoville and Debra Shope*

### Finance Committee

*Purpose:* to oversee the financial operation of the association.

*Membership:* individuals with financial expertise or experience; *Agda Burchard, Brian Kenneweg (Chair), Leslie Meisner, Vera Sturm and Stacy Sullivan*

### Program Committee

*Purpose:* to develop and refine products and services that meet the needs of members, other early childhood professionals, affiliate chapters and early learning businesses.

*Membership:* individuals with expertise or experience in providing customer focused programs and services or knowledge about NAEYC Accreditation.

*Early Learning Professionals Subcommittee Tenlee Bell, Gene Gousie (Chair), Sally Halloway, Colleen O'Brien, Dana Stevens and Vidya Thirumurthy*

*Early Learning Organizations Subcommittee (affiliate chapters and early learning businesses) Channele Carlin, Karen Cooper, Missy Harrel, Jennifer Karshna, Michelle Kuwasaki, John Naegele, Diane Simons and Joan Whitley (Chair)*

### Public Policy Committee

*Purpose:* to promote the goals of the association related to public policy and advocacy.

*Membership:* individuals with expertise or experience in policy work or advocacy; *Cindy Ashworth, Laura Bowman, Agda Burchard, Hannah Lidman, Margie Reeves and Karen Tvedt (Chair)*

Committee membership is open to WAEYC and community members with relevant expertise or experience. Committee members serve two-year terms. For more information go to [www.waeyc.org](http://www.waeyc.org) or contact Sunita at (253) 854-2565 x23 or [sunita@waeyc.org](mailto:sunita@waeyc.org).

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