

January 2015 NEA Director's Report
By Amy Simpson

Happy New Year, my friends.

Education is a priority now more than ever. We strive to do our best in the classroom for our students, our colleagues, our schools and communities, all the while being the target of "teacher bashing." I salute you and lift you up to everyone I meet. I speak enthusiastically about the great things happening in Wyoming education because of you. I share your stories of successes as well as the challenges all of us in education face every day, all with a goal of helping students to succeed.

I know you will continue to do great things for and in the name of great public education. So thank you for all you do, and I hope that the rest of your school year is fantastic! See you at Delegate Assembly!

Please take some time to give me feedback regarding my new NEA Director newsletter, as well as taking time to like and follow my Facebook Page (*for members only*), Wyoming NEA Director, and follow me on Twitter, @wyoneadirector.

Here are some highlights from recent meetings and events.

- ❖ The WEBT Fall Retreat provided an opportunity for its trustees to get a true lesson in financial planning.
- ❖ The WEA Executive Committee has been working hard to create a valuable and relevant evaluation tool for the Executive Director position.
- ❖ The NEA Program and Budget Committee had a wonderful training in December and is beginning its work for the next budget, as well as revising the budget cycle we are in currently.
- ❖ The WEA Program and Budget Committee met recently to create the next budget for our state association and to discuss the direction of our association.
- ❖ SEROT (Southeast Region Organizing Team) continues to work towards increasing membership, building coalitions, and engaging members. I appreciate the leadership shown by our current SER President, Julie Tucker.
- ❖ I look forward to vital discussions surrounding education here in our state during this legislative session and to my upcoming trip to DC in February.

Travel/Meeting Schedule

October 24-26, 2014	WEA Board Meeting	Casper, Wyoming
November 7-9, 2014	WEBT Fall Retreat	Vee-Bar, Centennial, Wyoming
December 2, 2014	WEA Executive Committee	Cheyenne, Wyoming
December 8, 2014	NEA Board Meeting	Virtual Meeting
December 12-14, 2014	NEA Program & Budget	Washington, D.C.
December 16, 2014	NEA Program and Budget	Virtual Meeting
January 7, 2015	Cheyenne Teachers E.A. (reception)	Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 9-10, 2015	WEA Program and Budget	Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 10, 2015	WEA Executive Committee	Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 15, 2015	SEROT	Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 24, 2015	WEA Executive Committee	Torrington, Wyoming

Yours in service,
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