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President's Message by Layne Parmenter

Upcoming Events

- WAESP School Secretaries/ Administrative Assistant Conference-November 1, 2006-Casper
- WAESP Executive Board Meeting-November 17, 2006-Casper
- Deadline for NAESP Housing-January 16, 2007
- WAESP Executive Board Meeting-January 16, 2007-Sheridan
- WAESP Annual Conference-January 17-19, 2007-Sheridan

A bit like the *Tale of Two Cities*, we live in really interesting, wonderful times and we deal with some pretty horrendous events too. I'm specifically referring to the violent deaths that happened in schools this week in Colorado and Wisconsin. The impact of those deaths will be heavy in the communities where those two individuals lived. I shudder to think of such a violent event happening in one of our schools. May we all be spared such violence is my fervent hope.

I attended a school safety workshop in Memphis in the spring of '04 and took the opportunity to talk with a principal who had just been brought in to resurrect a failing school. Since the school had never made AYP from the beginning of No Child Left Behind, all the staff, including the former principal, were fired. The thought occurred to me then that the federal government is deadly serious about schools improving their performance. Talk about violence in schools!



Layne Parmenter

In spite of negative and discouraging events, I believe there is much to be optimistic about in Wyoming education and our opportunities to improve learning for our students. In a lot of ways, we are at a place where we can take advantage of new technologies—and I'm not just talking about computers. At a lot of schools around the state, schools have begun using Curriculum Based Measurement tools like DIBELS. I believe we are all becoming more sophisticated in our ability to gather and use data to make better decisions about how to proceed educationally and improve student learning.

Without the Internet, we just wouldn't be able to do a lot of the things we currently do. For example, last spring our district did an online video interview with several candidates from Alaska. Maybe some of you techie types do that sort of thing all the time, but it was a new and intriguing event for me. In addition, I really enjoy and learn from all of your comments on the WAESP listserv. Please keep up your good work there.

As I think about it, there are a lot of things I'm really grateful for and optimistic about: we have excellent funding for education in Wyoming. Research has opened a lot of interesting new doors for us and increased our awareness of what works in schools. I'm betting that, like me, you work with some outstanding staff members in your schools. Finally, I've learned so much from and really enjoyed the great principals in WAESP and the work they do.

I thought about Tom Cook and the project he organized to send good luck origami cranes

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as good luck emblems to Thailand after the tsunami in Asia. Barry Jankord recently wrote a grant to secure training from McREL for principals in the Northeast. The leadership of WAESP traveled to Washington D.C. late this summer to lobby federal officials on behalf of Wyoming education. I look for good things from Washington in the future—who can resist the beguiling, silver-tongued Matt Hoch. (Well, I can actually name quite a few...)

If you're not a member of WAESP—out there lurking in the shadows—come towards the light and join us. You'll get to know and be a part of a dynamic group of talented, dedicated professionals and have some unforgettable times. (You too can have Walt Wragge as your “daddy.”) If you don't already, you'll understand that comment more as time goes on. And Bob Heimbaugh and Brent Caldwell are in charge of the fun night this year at our conference in Sheridan. Need I say more? Best wishes to all of you for a great, safe year. These truly are the “best of times” in Wyoming education.

E-Knowledge Portal Website coming soon—stay tuned!

Are you tired of spending valuable time searching the Internet for educational research from reliable sources? Your days of sorting through countless records to find what you need will soon come to an end. This fall, the Educational Research Service (ERS), working with NAESP and five of its state affiliates, will launch the E-Knowledge Research Portal (EKP)—a world-class, technology-driven resource designed especially for educators.

Designed especially for you, this one-stop shop will allow principals to search from trustworthy educational sources. The EKP is a unique Web site where principals can go to search for vetted research materials to support your education initiatives. You will no longer have to worry about the validity of the information you find online—nor about sorting through paid or misleading information.

The EKP allows users to search for vetted research material of all types including journals, magazines, newspapers, books, video and audio files, presentations and more. These resources can then be purchased individually, in whole or part, or combined to create customized research reports. NAESP members will continue to receive all NAESP information for free, but also will be able to find materials from multiple sources at the same site and purchase them at one time. A “topics of interest” feature will notify you when new information is available about a particular issue.

WAESP will be providing this service for its membership through a link on its website, www.naesp.org/waesp. Stay tuned for more information when it is launched.

Stults to be honored by NAESP at NDP festivities

Scott Stults, principal of Sheridan Junior High School in Sheridan, and WAESP's 2006 National Distinguished Principal, will be honored during the NDP festivities in Washington, D.C., October 26-27. The annual NDP Program was established in 1984 to recognize elementary and middle school principals who set high standards for instruction, student achievement and character of the students, families, and staff in their learning community. The program promotes educational excellence for PreK-8 schooling and calls attention to the fundamental importance of the school principal. Stults was named Wyoming's NDP during the WAESP Annual Conference held in January in Cody.

Activities during the two days include orientation and briefing sessions, a reception in the U.S. Department of State Diplomatic Suite, a White House Briefing and an evening black-tie Awards Banquet and Dance.



The mission of WAESP is to promote and support the improvement of education for all Wyoming children through effective educational leadership.

WAESP takes stand on funding for Pre-K classrooms

The WAESP Board has adopted a statement on Funding For Quality Pre-K Programs Statewide. The statement, which appears below, will become part of the Wyoming Children's Agenda, published each year by Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, and is presented to each Wyoming Legislator.

If members would like more information they may contact either Dave Olsen, WAESP Legislative Coordinator, (307) 686-1778, or Walt Wragge, WAESP Executive Director, (307) 674-8821.

Funding For Quality Pre-K Programs Statewide

Children come into the world eager to learn. The first five years of life are a time of enormous growth of linguistic, conceptual, social, emotional, and motor competence. Right from birth a healthy child is an active participant in that growth, exploring the environment, learning to communicate, and, in relatively short order, beginning to construct ideas and theories about how things work in the surrounding world. Research has shown high-quality pre-k programs dramatically affect later achievement, high school graduation and college attendance, employment and earnings, crime and delinquency, health behaviors like smoking and drug use, even marriage rates. How we educate the nation's children will have important consequences not only for businesses, but also for the country's ability to compete in a global market.

Background:

Wyoming is one of only 10 states nationally that still does not offer state-funded pre-k programs. The financial windfall that Wyoming has enjoyed has inspired many elaborate new educational budgetary proposals but none includes building children's futures through high-quality pre-k. The cost of such a program would be a fraction of available funds but would pay dividends for decades to come. Wyoming is a partner in a pre-k wilderness where it is estimated 12,600 Wyoming students have been left behind due to neglect. Research has consistently shown that high-quality pre-k reduces the number of special education placements. Such findings serve to underscore the urgent need for pre-k in Wyoming.

Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal has discussed pre-k extensively in his state of the state address, noting that early childhood education was "the top priority recommendation" of a two-year study by "citizens, legislative committees, and professionals in the field," and arguing that "if we do nothing, our grandchildren will live in a society of neglected children and struggling families."

With these remarks, the governor continues his long-running efforts to persuade a resistant legislature of the importance of pre-k and to secure support for a modest early education system.

Pre-k is not a luxury. High-quality pre-k significantly improves the ability of children to thrive in school and later in life. The achievement gap will not be closed until all children have the opportunity to come to kindergarten prepared to succeed. The numerous social benefits from pre-k are well documented, and the public supports the effort to ensure that all our children have access to these critical educational services.

Policy Recommendations:

- Fund a state-wide high quality pre-k program that will ensure that all Wyoming children will be prepared for school and life.

WAESP announces 2007 Annual Conference speakers

The WAESP Executive Board has announced the speakers for the 2007 WAESP Annual Conference to be held in Sheridan, January 17-19, 2007. Please review the information below on these two outstanding speakers. Arnold Shapiro will present the full-day workshop on Wednesday, January 17, and Vicki Sanderson will be the "closer" on Friday morning, January 19.



Arnold Shapiro is the Academy Award®- and Emmy Award-winning producer, director, and writer of the documentary, SCARED STRAIGHT! Shapiro has received 16 Emmys, one Oscar, a Peabody, and 150 other awards for television documentaries he has produced during

his 30-year career. He also received an Honorary Doctorate from University of Massachusetts, Boston.

During his career, Shapiro has produced 19 series, five TV movies, and dozens of primetime documentary and reality specials. Among the most notable are SCARED STRAIGHT! (Academy Award and eight Emmys); "Scared Silent: Exposing & Ending Child Abuse," hosted by Oprah Winfrey, which aired simultaneously on CBS, NBC, PBS, followed by ABC; "Rescue 911," which CBS Network series aired for seven seasons and is credited with saving the lives of more than 350 of its viewers; "Kids Killing Kids/Kids Saving Kids," which aired commercial-free simultaneously on CBS and FOX, and received an Emmy; "Break The Silence: Kids Against Child Abuse," (Peabody Winner) which aired commercial-free on CBS; "The Teen Files" – seven primetime specials, which received three Emmy Awards and dealt with issues including teen smoking, drinking, drugs, violence, sexuality, bullying, and violence; "Flipped" an MTV series that put teenagers on the receiving end of their own dangerous and destructive behavior; and "Small Town Ecstasy," an HBO documentary showing the destructive consequences of the drug ecstasy on one small town family.

More recently, Shapiro has been executive producing some of reality television's most successful shows, including three seasons of "Big Brother" on CBS.



Vicki Sanderson.

Vicki's enthusiasm, emphasis on content and entertaining style have made her a successful speaker and motivator. Vicki's presentations have inspired audiences to work better together, take risks, build stronger relationships and take a closer look at themselves.

Vicki Sanderson obtained her B.A. in Speech Communications and Radio/TV at Stephen F. Austin State University.

She is:

- A National Speaker
- A Seminar Leader
- A Facilitator
- An Entertainer and Humorist
- Co-author of the book "Life Would Be Easier If It Weren't For Other People"
- Co-Writer and Producer of the inspirational song "Together We Can Build A Better World"
- An Educator
- A Speech Coach

Education

Vicki was a classroom speech and debate teacher for 12 years. She received the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers Honorary Life Membership Award in recognition of her outstanding and distinguished service to children. She conducts highly motivated and content filled presentations and in-service programs to administrators, teachers and support staff. She also services the community by offering programs to parents and students. She has spoken to many districts and state administrators conferences including the National Secondary School Principals Association, The Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association and The Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

WAESP Executive Director's Report

Membership. Our Goal Buster + goal for this year is 185 members. I am very optimistic that we will make that goal and I am very encouraged by the response so far this Fall. Just a reminder that membership is everyone's responsibility; not just the Board or the Executive Director, but every member should be looking for those potential new members, either Active or Aspiring. Member principals are especially encouraged to provide an Aspiring Membership (\$85) for potential educational leaders in their buildings. What a great start for them in building a vast library of resources. Thanks for your help this year in spreading the good news of WAESP.

Middle Level Representative. A special note of recognition for our new member of the WAESP Board, Scott Schiller, the Middle Level Representative. I commend him for the work that he has done to date in regards to recruiting and promoting middle level principals to WAESP. We can see the effects of his work already and it has had a positive impact on middle level recognition in WAESP. Way to go, Scott!

Regional Presidents. Three of our Regional Presidents have indicated a desire to step down at the end of this year: Barry Jankord—NE, Dave Hvidston—SW/W, and Alleta Baltes—NW. Member principals in those districts are given notice to begin identifying member principals who would make outstanding regional leaders so that they can be nominated and elected at the general membership meeting at the Annual Conference in January.

School Secretaries/Administrative Assistants Conference. WAESP is gearing up for its 2nd Annual School Secretaries/Administrative Assistant Conference which will be held on November 1, 2006, at the Holiday Inn on the River in Casper. Program and registration materials are in the mail and have been sent to every school building in the state. Principals are encouraged to provide the time for their secretaries/assistants to attend as the program will have something for everyone. Special thanks this year to the American Heart Association, Wyoming Department of

Education, and Natrona County Department of Family Services for providing speakers, and Houghton-Mifflin Publishing for sponsoring the continental breakfast that morning. For more information you may contact me at (307) 674-8821 or (307) 752-4738.

WAESP Annual Conference. Mark it on your calendar right now. . . WAESP Annual Conference, January 17-19, 2007, Sheridan. The theme is "Refining Your Personal Mission" and we can guarantee that it will be

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worth your time and effort to be there. Please see the promotion on page 5 about the speakers, top quality. You won't want to miss it. Watch for registration material in the near future.

NAESP Convention. "Soaring to New Heights" is the theme of NAESP's 86th Annual Convention and Exposition, March 29-April 2, 2007, in Seattle, Washington. Thousands of professional colleagues. . . five amazing days. . . one picture-perfect city. . . the event you don't want to miss! If your goals are to learn, grow, and excel, then this will be the perfect opportunity to reach them all. Wyoming has a 15 room block at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers, which is just adjacent to the Convention Center. If you are planning on going, please contact me for room information. The Room Reservation Form can be found on page 9.

Summer Reading Program. Thanks to all of the principals who had their school participate in the WAESP Summer Reading Program. Award Winning Schools will be announced through electronic means and I personally want to congratulate those schools and principals for their efforts. I am always amazed at the success that our Wyoming schools have with this program. We all know how important it is to keep the kids reading and many of you do an outstanding job. Congratulations!

Thanks For Your Continued Support!



**Walter Wragge,
Executive Director**

WAESP welcomes New and Returning Members

The WAESP is pleased to welcome as of **October 1:**

NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Charles Auzqui	Arvada/Clearmont School	Clearmont
Clark Coberly	Upton Elementary/Middle	Upton
Verba Echols	Frontier Middle School	Casper
Brenda Farmer	Sunset Elementary	Cody
Mike Finn	Rozet Elementary	Rozet
Pam Frederick	Wyo Indian Middle School	Ethete
Ken Griffith	Guernsey Sunrise School	Guernsey
Keith Harris	Cokeville Elementary	Cokeville
Steven Heeg	Wind River Elementary	Pavillion
Cathy Hemker	Truman Elementary	Green River
Cheri Hoffman	Lovell Elementary	Lovell
Kelly Merager	Eastside Elementary	Cody
Sue Stevens	Pine Bluffs Elementary	Pine Bluffs

NEW ASPIRING MEMBERS:

Deb Hofmeier	Tongue River Elementary	Ranchester
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RENEWING MEMBERS:

Jolene Adams	Sheridan Dist. No. 1	Ranchester
Linda Adelson	Highland Park Elementary	Sheridan
William Alley	South Elementary	Lander
Alan Allred	Afton Elementary	Afton
Teresa Anderson	Westridge Elementary	Rock Springs
Alleta Baltes	Ashgrove Elementary	Riverton
Shelly Bowen	Kemmerer Elementary	Diamondville
Larry Bowman	Baggs Elementary	Cheyenne
Jill Bramlet	Libbey Elementary	Wheatland
Liann Brenneman	Spring Creek Elementary	Laramie
Alan Burke	Cottonwood Elementary	Wright
Brent Caldwell	Big Horn Elementary	Big Horn
Valerie Calvert	West Elementary	Wheatland
Christy Campbell	Lyman Elementary	Lyman
Kelly Carroll	Velma Linford Elementary	Laramie
James Cassidy	Lakeview Elementary	Gillette
Joyce Chalstrom	Goins Elementary	Cheyenne
Mary Jo Chouinard	Rendezvous Elementary	Riverton
Curt Collins	Shoshoni Elementary	Shoshoni
Carolyn Conner	NW Wyoming BOCES	Thermopolis
Tom Cook	Livingston Elementary	Cody
Margaret Cosner	Hillcrest Elementary	Gillette
Brenda Creel	Bain Elementary	Cheyenne
Michael DeLancey	Lakeview Elementary	Gillette
Vesta Demester	Aspen Elementary	Evanston
Robin Devine	Beitel Elementary	Laramie
Dennis Dix	Rossman Elementary	Cheyenne
Robert Edmiston	Uinta Meadows Elementary	Evanston
Amy Enzi	Sheridan Junior High	Sheridan
Mike Estes	Lusk Elementary/Middle	Lusk

Debbie Fanning	Slade Elementary	Laramie
Stephen Fenton	Pronghorn Elementary	Gillette
Marilyn Flammang	Laura Irwin Elementary	Basin
James Fraley	Anderson Elementary	Cheyenne
Dave Freeland	Wagonwheel Elementary	Gillette
Richard Freudenberg	Desert Elementary	Wamsutter
Christine Frude	Paradise Valley Elementary	Casper
John Gores	West Elementary	Lander
Carla Gregorio	Hebard Elementary	Cheyenne
Kip Hanich	Eastside Elementary	Cody
Robert Heimbaugh	Tongue River Elementary	Ranchester
Bruce Heimbuck	Retired	Guernsey
Wanda Heiser	White Mountain Elementary	Rock Springs
Christine Hendricks	Grant Elementary	Glenrock
Jason Hillman	Meadowlark Elementary	Sheridan
Margaret Hudson	U.W. Lab School	Laramie
Charles Hull	LaBarge Elementary	LaBarge
Randy Hurd	Hobbs Elementary	Cheyenne
David Hvidston	Overland Elementary	Rock Springs
Barry Jankord	Meadowlark Elementary	Gillette
Chad Jenkins	Holdaway Elementary	Thayne
Mike Kadera	Sheridan Junior High	Sheridan
Dale Kari	Hanna/Elk Mountain School	Hanna
Gayle Kendall	White Mountain Elem	Rock Springs
Kip Kiser	White Mountain Elem	Rock Springs
Sharon Knudson	Jessup Elementary	Cheyenne
George Kopf	Chugwater Schools	Chugwater
Owen Lampert	Jackson Elementary	Riverton
Janet Materi	Arp Elementary	Cheyenne
George Mathes	Retired	Buffalo
Alayne Matthews	Clark Elementary	Evanston
Christine Meiring	Big Piney Elementary	Big Piney
Beverly Miller	Highland Hills	Rawlins
Scott Mills	Lakeview Elementary	Gillette
Kevin Mitchell	Big Horn District No. 1	Cowley
Colleen Model	Retired	Thermopolis
Suzanne Mores	Indian Paintbrush Elem	Laramie
Heather Moro	Rock River Schools	Rock River
Scott Morrow	Fremont District No. 14	Ethete
Teresa Nauman	Sundance Elementary	Sundance
Anne Ochs	Rawhide Elementary	Gillette
Harper Lee Park	Verda James Elementary	Casper
Patrick Panches	White Mountain Elementary	Rock Springs
Terrence Quinn	Stocktrail Elementary	Gillette
David Rangitsch	Saratoga Elementary	Saratoga
Rene Rickabaugh	Bar Nunn Elementary	Bar Nunn
Karma Sanders	Rocky Mountain Elem	Deaver
Scott Schiller	Powell Middle School	Powell

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New and Returning Members (cont'd)

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Betsy Sell	Park District No. 6	Cody	Kelly Tolman	Osmand Elementary	Afton
Coley Shadrick	Greybull Elementary	Greybull	Dori Trustem	Southside Elementary	Powell
Michael Sharum	Ten Sleep School	Ten Sleep	Dianna Webb	Apple Tree Learning Center	Casper
Kevin Sinclair	Sunflower Elementary	Gillette	Lisa Weigel	Douglas Intermediate	Douglas
Richard Skatula	Southridge Elementary	Casper	Toni Wendt	Holy Name School	Sheridan
Ginger Sleep	Southside Elementary	Powell	Sheryl Wilson	Washington Elementary	Green River
Shawna Smith	Sunset Elementary	Cody	Linda Wolfskill	Moorcroft Elementary	Moorcroft
Teresa Staab	Rocky Mountain Middle	Deaver	Mike Wood	Sagebrush Elementary	Sheridan
Scott Stults	Sheridan Junior High	Sheridan	Walter Wragge	WAESP	Sheridan
			Christy Wright	Sheridan District No. 1	Big Horn

WAESP leaders take needs to Capitol Hill

Joined by more than 400 colleagues from across the country, WAESP state leaders took the critical needs of Wyoming schools directly to lawmakers on Capitol Hill in July.

WAESP President, Layne Parmenter, President-Elect, Scott Stults, Federal Relations Coordinator, Matt Hoch, NAESP State Representative, Kenny Jones, and WAESP Executive Director, Walt Wragge, traveled to Washington, D.C., for a joint meeting of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP), which brings together leaders from affiliate school leadership associations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Following briefings on a number of education issues such as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), special education, federal education funding, and leadership training, the school leaders met with members of Congress and staff to advocate on behalf of their colleagues from their home state. The WAESP delegation urged Congress to:

- Fully fund No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The FY2007 budget proposed by the President and the House falls ap-

proximately \$9 billion short of what was authorized. Schools cannot meet the objectives of NCLB without adequate resources.

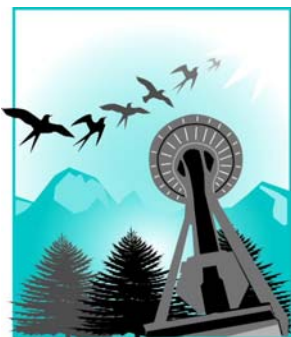
- Use a growth model to determine the progress of individual students and student subpopulations.
- Support literacy by increasing funds for the Reading First and Early Reading First programs and providing funds for the new Striving Readers initiative, which focuses on middle level and high school students.
- Oppose eliminations and funding cuts to critical elementary and secondary school improvement programs including Comprehensive School Reform, Dropout Prevention, Smaller Learning Communities, and Innovative Education Grants.
- Provide \$16 million in School Leadership program funding to give high-need districts a better chance to recruit and retain high-quality principals.
- Reserve public funds for public education by rejecting all funding plans that would lead to vouchers and thereby lessen the public funds available for public education.



WAESP leaders meet to plan Capitol Hill strategies. From left, Layne Parmenter, Kenny Jones, Scott Stults, and Matt Hoch



Matt Hoch thanks Senator Craig Thomas for his funding efforts



NAESP CONVENTION & EXPOSITION

March 29 – April 2, 2007

Seattle, Washington

Room Reservation Form

Wyoming has been allotted **15 rooms** at the **Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers**, 1400 65th Avenue, Seattle. Room rates are **\$178** for a single or double. The Hotel is ideally located across the street from the Convention Center and has been designated a Headquarters Hotel. (Hotel fact sheet available on request)

All reservations for rooms must be sent to Walt Wragge **no later than January 16, 2007**, and must be accompanied by a guarantee deposit of **\$170 per room**, or **\$320 per suite (credit card only accepted)**. (Please stay with the Wyoming Delegation at this hotel while at the Convention)

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NAESP 86th Convention & Exposition
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Please complete the following information per each room needed:
(please copy as necessary)

Name: Address: City,St,Zip:						
Email:						
Sharing With:						
*Type of Room (see below) (circle your preferences)	01	02	03	07	smoking	non-smoking
Day and Date of Arrival: Day _____ Date _____						
Day and Date of Departure: Day _____ Date _____						
Amount of Deposit (please circle)	\$170				\$320	
Credit Card No./ Exp. Date						
Name shown on Credit Card						

***Please use the following codes for type of room requested:**

(specify smoking or nonsmoking room; wheelchair accessible or special needs.)

01 – Single-1 Bed, 1 Person

03 – Double/Double-2 Beds, 2 Persons

02 – Double-1 Bed, 2 Persons

07 – Extra Person

Additional Information:

Additional rooms will not be given unless all rooms have been filled in our block.

DO NOT call NAESP housing service for a reservation.

Cancellation must be made 72 hours before your arrival date, for a refund.

Mail/fax this form, with credit card information for deposit by January 16, 2007, to: Walt Wragge, 346 South Main, Sheridan, WY 82801, Fax: 307 674-8821

Our Principal Mission *is* YOU..... Join Us Today!

Please type or print ___ New member ___Renewing member (information is the same) ___Renewing member (with changes below)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Position _____ School _____ Grade Config. _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ School Fax _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Preferred Address: ___ Home ___ School Referred by: _____

Type of Membership:

___ WAESP/NAESP Active	\$350
___ WAESP/NAESP Institutional/Active	400
___ WAESP/NAESP Retired	80
___ NAESP Emeritus	108
___ WAESP/NAESP Aspiring	85
___ WAESP/NAESP Associate	145

Method of Payment, check one:

Make checks payable to WAESP.

___ Check enclosed ___ PO ___ Payroll Deduction

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Email: wwragge@fiberpipe.net**

Sheridan group promotes bully-free schools

In 2003 a steering committee comprising three members of the Sheridan People For Human Rights organization began a local bully-prevention program for the three school districts in Sheridan County, which has been quite successful. Using money raised from three different sources they provided training for local teachers and administrators in 2004, with follow-up training in 2005. They also incorporated into the bullying-prevention program the concept of restorative justice, which grew into their hiring experts in circle training to train the local administrators, teachers, and staff in this additional tool to remediate the bullying problem. They have also created a Bully-Free Wyoming website, which can be seen at www.bullyfreewyomg.com.

This site seems to be the only one in Wyoming and they are hoping that you and your teachers and staff will share with them your efforts to combat bullying. They hope to add any and all information from other Wyoming school districts that could benefit all of us in our efforts to educate people about the prevalence of bullying to help eradicate it.



WAESP President Layne Parmenter honors out-going President Rene Rickabaugh at the General Meeting at the Wapiti Conference



WAESP Executive Director Walt Wragge presents a gift to out-going Vice-President Dave Rangitsch at the Wapiti Conference