

## State Councillors represent the P&C Associations in their District.

The State Council of WACSSO is made up of volunteers who represent their individual State Education Districts throughout WA and a President. All members are nominated by their P&C Association. Once elected, Councillors' represent the views, issues, concerns and opinions of all the P&C groups in their District as a result of the regular contact they have with them.

Councillors also donate their time to be representatives and principal stakeholders of many committees including - Access Asia Advisory Group, Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee, Children's Physical Activity Coalition, Curriculum Council Values Advisory Group, Internet Safety for Children, Rural & Remote Education Advisory Council, Values Education Advisory Group, and WA College of Teaching Board.

**Being a State Councillor is your opportunity to have a positive input into the education of students in government schools throughout WA.**

### OUR MISSION

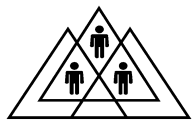
The WA Council of State School Organisations Inc. influences the direction of public education towards the views of parents and citizens for the benefit of students

WACSSO is the representative of over 650 Parent & Citizens' (P&C) Associations throughout Western Australia and influences the direction of education as one voice through negotiation with federal, state and local governments, the Minister for Education, P&Cs, schools, unions, and other agencies.

Founded in 1921, WACSSO strives to influence in a positive way, the future direction of education for the benefit of students encompassing all aspects of learning, including cognitive, social, emotional, health and physical education.

#### So what have we actually done?

Our most notable, recent achievements include: 40km zone around schools; on site Dental vans; changes to the report format; creation and delivery of a P&C and a School Council training course; formulation of a recognised Industrial Relations Award for Canteen Workers; input into the Healthy School's Review and Asbestos Management Memorandum of Understanding; Influencing the Federal Government to introduce the additional funding to schools through the Investing in our Schools process and; extensive input into the Education Act 1999 and School Education Regulations 2000.

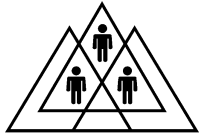


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# Get involved become a State Councillor

A guide to the roles and responsibilities of a WACSSO State Councillor



# **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCILLOR**

**WACSSO functions as an open and outward looking organisation providing quality service to school communities.**

**Being a State Councillor for WACSSO is a great way to extend your commitment to the education of students in government schools.**

**WACSSO plays an important role in the development of education policies and influences the direction of education for the benefit of students.**

**As volunteer representatives, State Councillors are able to assist the important work of school-based Parents and Citizens' Associations.**

## **SUPPORTING LOCAL ACTION**

WACSSO exists to represent and provide support to affiliated P&C Associations. State Councillors are the grass roots connection between P&C Associations and WACSSO.

Councillors are often contacted by affiliates for advice and assistance and can be invited to attend P&C meetings in their District.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

A State Councillor must be a member of an affiliated P&C Association. The WACSSO Constitution also requires Councillors to:

- represent the views of all affiliates in their electorate;
- provide support and information to all affiliates in their electorate;
- attend Annual Conference and State Council meetings;
- convene a meeting of affiliates in their electorate not less than once each semester;
- provide a written report on electorate activities at meetings of State Council;
- provide a written report to affiliates in their electorate on the activities and resolutions passed at each State Council meeting;
- become familiar with WACSSO policy and ensure that WACSSO policy is promoted at every opportunity; and
- ensure that their activities are in the best interests of children attending government schools.

## **MEETINGS**

State Council meets five times during the year over a weekend finishing early Sunday afternoon.

When Council is not in session an Executive Committee conducts Council business. The President, elected Executive Committee members and rostered Councillors meet 4 or 5 times during the year for approximately 1 hour on a weekday evening by telephone link-up.

State Council is directed by Annual Conference which is the forum for affiliates to establish directions, priorities and policy for the organisation for the coming year. Annual Conference is held once a year over a weekend.

## **SECRETARIAT**

The State Council of WACSSO is supported of a Secretariat. WACSSO employs a Systems & Projects Officer, Training & Development Officer, Policy & Research Officer, and Affiliate Services Officer.

It is the responsibility of the staff to carry out the resolutions of the Council as well as deliver quality services to affiliated P&C Associations.

## **REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS**

State Councillors are reimbursed for out of pocket expenses associated with WACSSO business such as telephone and fax calls. WACSSO also pays for travel costs, accommodation for all Councillors and meals where applicable.