

# BECOME A STATE COUNCILLOR



## A GUIDE TO THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A WACSSO STATE COUNCILLOR

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WACSSO State Council is made up of volunteers who represent individual electorates throughout WA, and a President. Members are nominated by their P&C Association.

Councillors represent the views, issues, concerns and opinions of all the P&Cs in their electorates through regular contact.

Many Councillors donate their time to sit on a variety of committees such as the Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee and Rural & Remote Education Advisory Committee.

Being a State Councillor is your opportunity to positively contribute to the education of students in government schools throughout WA.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCILLOR

#### SUPPORTING LOCAL ACTION

State Councillors are the grass roots connection between P&Cs and WACSSO. Councillors are often contacted by affiliates for advice and assistance and can be invited to attend P&C meetings in their electorate.

#### MEETINGS

State Council meets five times per year over a weekend.

When Council is not in session an Executive Committee conducts Council business. The President, elected Executive Committee members and rostered Councillors meet by teleconference.

State Council's direction is informed by Annual Conference, the forum for affiliates to establish priorities and policy for the coming year. Annual Conference is held on a weekend in August.

#### ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- A State Councillor must be a member of an affiliated P&C and be prepared to:
  - ✓ represent affiliates' views to State Council;
  - ✓ provide support and information to affiliates;
  - ✓ attend Annual Conference and State Council meetings;
  - ✓ promote WACSSO policy; and
  - ✓ communicate with affiliates as directed by State Council
- Willingness to work as part of an effective team
- Good standard of oral/written English
- Effective interpersonal skills

#### DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Ability to use email, Internet browsers and Word
- Interested in a wide range of educational issues

#### SUPPORT

Office staff support State Council by carrying out its resolutions and delivering quality services to affiliated P&C Associations.

As part of WACSSO's formal Buddy program, new State Councillors will be partnered with an experienced State Councillor for their first year in office.

#### REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS

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

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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

STATE COUNCILLORS REPRESENT THE P&C ASSOCIATIONS IN THEIR ELECTORATE.



The WACSSO Executive Committee