



WASSP Winter Newsletter 2019



WASSP 2019 Assistant Principal of the Year



Daniel Abraham, Assistant Principal at Jackson Hole High School receiving his plaque at the Laramie conference. Abraham will be honored at the NASSP National Principals Conference in Boston in July.

Greetings Fellow Wyoming Administrators,

With the arrival of March and our state competitions for the winter sports seasons, I once again find myself realizing that it is just a short sprint to May and graduation. I am always amazed at how quickly the fourth quarter slips by as spring is such a busy time for principals with summative evaluations, job fairs, and of course giving final service to initiatives and goals that we had the best of intentions of implementing during the school year 2018-2019.

Knowing that all of us are super busy, I just wanted to take a second and remind folks of our "Ask the WASSP Network" link at the top of our WASSP website that can be found at <https://www.wassp.org/>. As we move forward on the never ending quest for continual improvement in our schools, please feel free to use this link to quickly survey the current practices of colleagues around the state or search out local expertise/best practices happening in buildings across the state.

I will be close by also reminding everyone to make sure that they are taking the time to take care of themselves and their loved ones. As this time of year can be extra demanding, we sometimes find that "energy is gold" and it important to make sure that we as professionals take the time to care for ourselves so that we can help others effectively.

Lastly, as your 2018-2019 WASSP President, I want to thank you all for the privilege of representing you as a Wyoming Secondary Principal and I am proud of the great work that is happening daily in schools across the state of Wyoming. As always, if I or WASSP can ever be of service to you, we are only an email or click on the website away.

Respectfully,

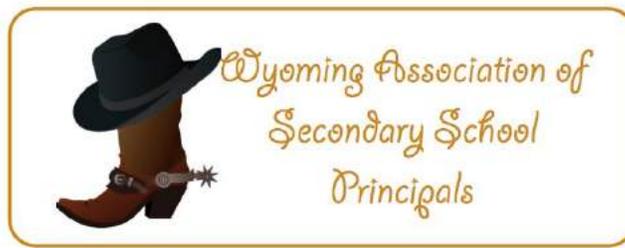
Jason L. Garman



WASSP: Your Voice in Cheyenne and Washington

Your association works hard to be sure our voice is heard in Cheyenne. As a member of the Education Coalition we keep our finger on the pulse of the legislation throughout the February session and beyond. You may receive calls to action on particular bills when they are at a critical point in the process.

In March a group from WASSP will be involved in the NASSP Advocacy conference in Washington and will be spending time on the Hill, bringing your voices to our Congressional folks.

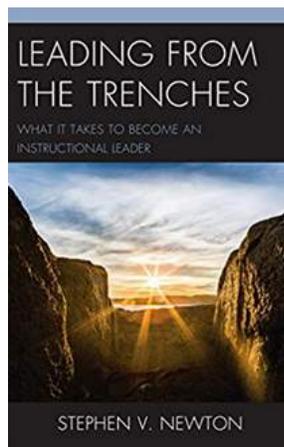


President Jason Garman presenting the coveted conference cutting board to Dr. Bill Ziegler following his presentation and workshop on "Building Ranks." All attendees received a copy of the book. A few are still available at kgriffith@wassp.org.



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Dr. Stephen V. Newton keynoted our Tuesday session in Laramie. Participants received the book and we have a few still available at kgriffith@wassp.org



Membership at All Time High

Membership hit 150 for the first time this month. The map at the right shows what membership looks like across our state.

While NASSP asks for a check when you renew, we can still take care of it with a PO, CC or just a click to kgriffith@wassp.org. Generally about 3 months out from your expire date, NASSP will start sending you mail. WASSP will jump in as you get closer to your renewal date.



If you are retiring, moving changing jobs, whatever, let us know, and be sure to leave a note on your desk for your replacement to join WASSP. Thanks!!

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2019 Legislative Session

The session ended Febr. 27 with a small flurry of votes and vetoes. We did get the ECA funding and some positive Hathaway changes. Thanks to those of you who answered the action calls and reached out to your legislators.

<http://p2a.co/woYzGNC>

NASSP advocacy site.

We are now focused on Washington and a team will head over there in mid March. The site above will take you to the new NASSP advocacy site and allow quick access to your congress folks.



TOP: Tony Anson received plaque for 15 years members at Laramie Conference

RIGHT: Becky Waters, NASSP Board member, received plaque for 5 years of membership.

BOTTOM: Senator Wasserburger and Tammy Johnson from WEA presents an advocacy update in Laramie



ZOOM Network Available

Our ZOOM account is available for members to use for networking with, among, for admin things or teacher PLC work. Just let kgriffith@wassp.org know and we can get your folks hooked in.

There is a middle/high school principal opening in Basin Wyoming. Very progressive school that will be opening new buildings next year. bgh4.org for employment information



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Winter Conference 2020 in Casper

WASSP will move back to Casper and the Ramkota for our winter conference January 26-28, 2020. Mark you calendars. Information will come out when available.

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Mark you calendars.

We will be at the Inn and spa in Saratoga for leading learning, effective administrator practices and building a leadership team.

Don't miss this one. Registration will be coming our from Kenny Jones soon.



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