



WASCLA

Washington State Coalition for Language Access

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

WASCLA Annual Meeting

October 26, 2019

2019 WASCLA Summit, Tacoma, WA

*Language Access Pathways to Equity: Sharing the
Vision, Shaping the Future*



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Our Mission and Vision

WASCLA is a 501 (c)3 education and advocacy organization working to eliminate language barriers to essential services in all sectors, across Washington State, through the collaborative efforts of service providers, policy makers, interpreters and translators, advocates, and community members.

2018 Year in Review

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Board Transition Year

- 2018 was a transition year as we moved to staggered Board terms to improve continuity.
- 2016-2018 Directors completed terms in March 2018.
- Some prior Directors sought 1-year terms ending March 2019.
- Directors elected in 2017 mid-term to serve through March 2019.
- A new group of Directors were recruited and elected for 2-year terms ending March 2020.

Directors and Officers

January-March 2018

- Anita Ahumada
- Fanny Cordero-Secretary
- Rafael Estevez*
- Sarah Kaster- Treasurer
- Sarah Leyrer-Co-Chair
- Elena Patton*
- Joana Ramos-Co-Chair
- Elena Safariants
- P. Diane Schneider

* Elected 2017 to serve until March 2019

Directors and Officers

April 2018-

Anita Ahumada*

Kristi Cruz*

Jennifer Cole*

Rafael Estevez^

Angelina Garcia*-Secretary

Nicole Herrera*

Sabrina Morales* +

Elena Patton^ +

Mafé Rajul*-Treasurer

Joana Ramos** — President

P. Diane Schneider**

Saiqa Syeda*+-Vice President

Sophia Vackimes*

^ elected 2017 to serve until March 2019

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* elected 2018 to serve until March 2020

+ left Board in 2018

WASCLA Operations

- Continued planning and research into options for new website.
- Began advance planning for 2019 leadership changes.
- Joined new coalition networks.
 - Protecting Immigrant Families - US & WA State
 - Disaster Legal Aid Advocacy Center

2018 Financial Report

- **End-of-year account balances:**

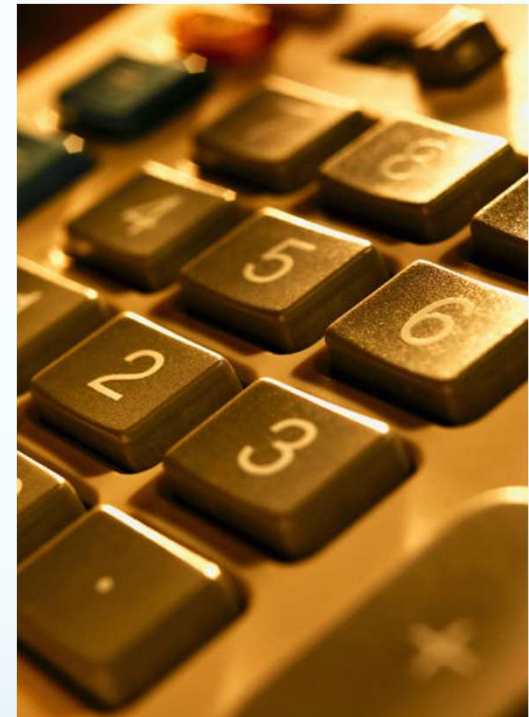
Checking: \$15,836.60

Savings: \$15,026.01

- **Donations:**

GiveBIG: \$675.40

Other: \$1,375.00



Funding Support

- Professional Development Award from National Network of Libraries of Medicine-PNW Region, to attend 2019 Western Forum on Migrant and Community Health, in Seattle.
- Latino Center for Health, University of Washington, 2nd grant to Language Access Research for Community Health (LARCH) coalition with WASCLA as community partner, for study on: “Evaluating the use of technology in language assistance programs servings Latinos and other LEP communities in Washington State.”

2018 Language Access Summit



2018 WASCLA SUMMIT
Together Everyone Achieves More
Bringing Partners Together for Effective Language Services

How do we integrate language access services into our programs statewide? WASCLA is putting the pieces together at our 2018 Summit! We invite you to become part of the effort to make language accessibility work for everyone. **Together Everyone Achieves More – TEAM**—is this year's Summit theme. TEAM up with us to learn about what's in place now, new efforts underway, and to work on action plans to move Washington forward.

Help us solve this puzzle to ensure that the components of successful language access systems serve limited English proficient and Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing individuals. At WASCLA Summit 2018, we'll share highlights from successful programs and best practices for improving services.

Friday, October 19
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Lacey Community Center
6729 Pacific Avenue SE Lacey WA 98503

Registration information coming soon!

Contact us at
wascsla.leg@gmail.com
to get all the details.

 **WASCLA**
Washington State Coalition for Language Access

**“Together Everyone
Achieves More”**

October 19, 2018
Lacey Community Center
Lacey, WA

2018 Summit Financials



- **Revenue:**
Registrations: \$9,775.00
Sponsorships: \$7,495.00
(organizational, individual)
- **Expenses:** \$10,275.54
- **Scholarships awarded:** 2

Communications & Outreach



- Held 6 Language Access Update calls.
- Published 6 e-Bulletins.
- Continued social media postings.
- Continued research of options for new website.
- Updated Interpreter & Translator Directory.

Policy Analysis & Advocacy

Continued efforts to:

- monitor the status of language access in public programs
- provide education to service providers
- advise on policy development
- participate in other community coalitions
- monitor and comment on proposed legislation and policies at local, county, state, and federal levels



Policy Work Highlights

- Oral and written comments to King County Council and staff on language access aspects of draft Immigration Ordinance.
- Review and comment on draft “Language Equity Guide” for Region X Health Equity Council.
- Letter of support to DSHS Secretary for adequate funding of Language Testing and Certification unit.
- Advance planning to address expected mass de-certification of DSHS-credentialed interpreters in April 2019.
- Alerted WASCLA network on language access harms of new proposed federal policies, and how to comment.

Bills We Followed



- **SHB 1022:** Immigrant victims' access to the legal system
- **SB 5020:** Concerning ethnic and diverse commissions
- **2SSB 6245:** Concerning spoken language interpreter services
- **SB 6273:** Concerning state charity care law
- **ESSB 6529:** Protecting agricultural workers and community members from pesticides.
- **SHB 1186:** Concerning the provision of and reimbursement for certain court interpreter services.
- **HB 1386/SB 5233:** Concerning the employee status of language translators and interpreters.
- **HB 1451:** Improving language access for public school students and families with LEP
- **SB 6479:** Relating to the training and monitoring of guardians

WASCLA Civic Engagement

- HCA-Interpreter Services Stakeholder Group
- Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities
- Governor's Wildland Fire Council
- DNR Wildland Fire Summit and Strategic Planning
- Medical Interpretation Task Force Forum (signed languages)
- Board for Judicial Administration's Interpreter Services Funding Task Force
- WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- WA State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Language Access Research for Community Health (LARCH)



Consultations provided:

- Health Benefit Exchange
- Department of Health
- Health Care Authority
- Dept. of Social & Health Services
- Labor & Industries
- Dept. of Natural Resources
- Seattle King County Public Health
- Healthier Washington
- Arc of King County
- Open Doors for Multicultural Families
- OneAmerica
- WA Health Alliance
- NW Center for Public Health Research
- City of Seattle OIRA

Focus Area: Education

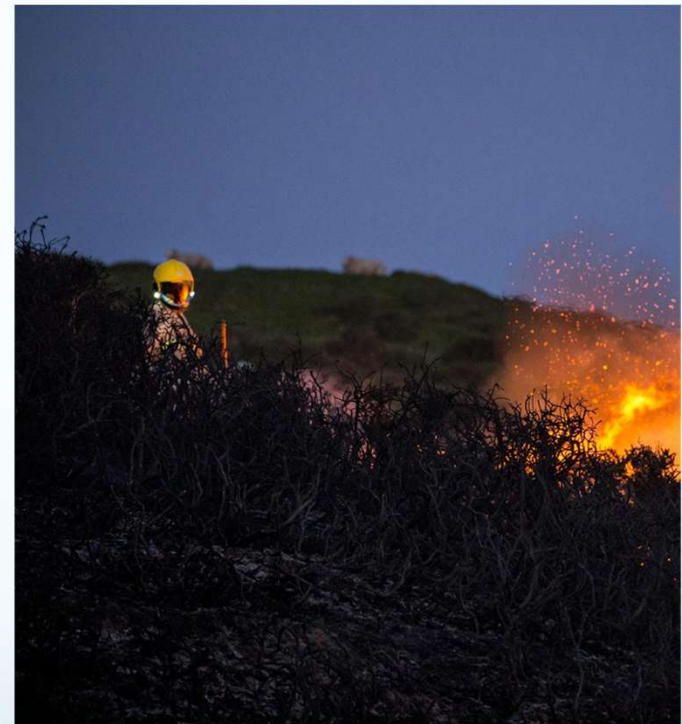


- HB 1451: Participated in stakeholder holder meetings, worked on bill draft, advocated to schedule hearing for bill to require interpreters to serve LEP families in schools.
- Continued work with community coalitions on equity in K-12 education.

Focus Area:

Emergency Services

- Outreach assistance and participation in Washington Wildland Fire Protection Strategic Plan meetings statewide.
- Networking to follow RCW 38.52.070 implementation (SB 5046) by local governments to provide language services by Dec. 2019.
- Featured emergency management topics on WASCLA Language Access Update calls.



Focus Area:

Health and Healthcare

- HCA-Interpreter Services Stakeholder group active throughout the year on improving services for LEP and Deaf clients of Medicaid and DSHS programs.
- Ongoing participation in Low Income Populations group of Healthy Washington Coalition.
- Continued advocacy collaboration to improve application questions about communication assistance needs on Medicaid applications.
- LARCH planning grant project completed for UW Latino Center for Health

**Thank you
for joining us, supporting
us, and working with us
for a more inclusive
Washington!**

