

Western Council of State Libraries Meeting Notes
Fall Meeting, October 24, 2022
@ Chico Hot Springs; Pray, MT

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. Seventeen WestCo members attended the fall meeting, partaking in introductory activities and a lovely dinner. An award was presented to outgoing president Michael Scott, who ably led this organization through pandemic times. Sara Jones (WA), a past WestCo president, also presented the Western Council gavel to President Jamie Markus. She recently found the long-lost gavel in a moving box and was glad to be able to pass it along.

Jamie introduced the Executive Board members to the group as a whole and invited anyone to attend the monthly meetings held every second Monday @ 2 p.m. Central Time. He then asked for input on quarterly member meetings. Those will likely last 60-90 minutes and we'll ask for 2-3 member updates each meeting. Jamie's staff at the WY State Library have done a fabulous job creating a new logo and refreshing the WestCo website. Several commented on how great everything looks.

Mary Soucie (ND) said she was leading an effort to document more of the WestCo history by interviewing longstanding and recently retired members.

Treasurer Robin Westphal (MO) reviewed the Professional Development Exchanges (PDEs) and let members know there is no expiration date for now for these travel stipends. She also updated members about the annual WestCo meeting to be held in Honolulu HI in May or June 2022. We'll try to avoid May 15-22 dates as Jennie won't be able to attend then. The meeting will likely run from Sunday evening to Thursday morning. More information will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.