

# Northwest CRLA

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## BEHIND THE SCENES – SINCE MAY

### EXECUTIVE BOARD - HARD AT WORK

Greetings! The Executive Board has been busy since we last met for the Spring Conference at University of Portland. Although not terribly exciting, there have been many necessary actions in order for us to get our chapter up and running again! Most of the tasks have been administrative in

the national organization. She has been in communication with folks from CRLA, as they guide us to our goal of becoming an active chapter once again. Last, but certainly not least, the Executive Board has been reviewing and

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nature. Our Treasurer, Jeffrey White, has been hard at work with past-Treasurer, RoeAnn Davis, transitioning the bank accounts over to a new credit union in Oregon. Sabrina Stevenson, our President, has filed post conference reports to

updating our purpose, mission, vision statements as well as, taking a look at our constitution, guiding principles, and by-laws.

## 2017 NW CRLA CONFERENCE/REGIONAL MEETING

***Save the Date*** – 2017 NW CRLA Conference will be Friday, May 13, 2017 – University of Portland

## NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



First off, I want to thank my amazing team for their dedication to revitalizing the NWCRLA chapter. Without their vital collaboration we would not have been successful in breathing new life into this valuable organization. A special thanks to Jennifer Silky for organizing our meetings, helping us stay connected; Jeff White for securing our Washington State Certificate of Incorporation; Sheri McIntyre for designing this impressive newsletter; and Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia for her treasured wisdom and guidance. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful people who share a passion for education, love of learning, and vision for a creating a vibrant chapter of CRLA.

Even the president of CRLA, Dorothy Briggs, is impressed by our work. Upon receiving our chapter Goals Report, she had this to say:

*"I really enjoyed reading the NW Chapter report. You have done so much! I am thrilled that you are revitalizing the chapter. The goals are fabulous. ... Your work is appreciated by the CRLA Board and by me."*

The highlights of our goals for this year include the creation of a strategic plan, updating chapter bylaws, hosting a membership drive, creating a social media presence, development of a chapter newsletter, and hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NWCRLA conference – stay tuned!

In support of these goals, we have secured a CRLA grant for \$1,000! This money, along with monies raised through our membership dues, will help us take a giant step toward becoming a vital resource for academic professionals to network, share, and collaborate in support of student success.

Look for us at the National CRLA Conference – we hope to connect with you in Louisville!

Sincerely, *Sabrina Stevenson*

## Upcoming Events

### Volunteer Opportunities:

If you're looking for ways to become more involved with NW CRLA, please let us know! We would welcome additional perspectives and expertise!

Currently, we are looking for members to help out with the following:

- Spring 2017 Conference Planning
- Webpage Management
- Membership Recruitment

If interested in any of the above listed opportunities or, if you have additional ideas for how you'd like to contribute, please contact anyone of us on the Executive Board.

### CRLA National Conference

Are you attending the national conference in Louisville in a couple of weeks? If so, we'd love to know. Please see regional events below:

#### *NW CRLA Hospitality Suite*

Please join our regional members on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:30 pm for a meet and greet hosted by our executive board members, Sabrina Stevenson, Jeffrey White, and Jennifer Silkey. Location - will be posted at conference.

*NW CRLA Regional Meeting* – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-12:30pm. Look in your conference schedule for room location.

## EYE TOWARD SPRING

### PLANNING FOR OUR 2017 SPRING CONFERENCE

Almost immediately following the conclusion of the 2016 Spring Conference, we began looking to next spring. We asked all attendees to fill out post conference surveys and give honest feedback. Many of you did and for that, we are grateful. We have reviewed your comments and suggestions and are utilizing this information as we start to make tentative plans and outlines for next spring. The Executive Board would like to continue the forward momentum established that rainy day last May and plan an even bigger and better experience for everyone next year. We are currently collecting ideas for key note speakers and a pre-conference workshop presenter. Let us know if you have someone great in mind for either. If you expressed interest and would like to be a part of the planning this event, please let us know! Many hands make light work. You can contact our president-elect, Jennifer Silkey at, [jdecker2@chemeketa.edu](mailto:jdecker2@chemeketa.edu).

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## NW CRLA MISSION

*NWCRLA provides college reading and learning professionals with opportunities for the vibrant exchange of ideas, strategies, and research of evidence-based practices to enhance student academic success and the development of self-regulated learners.*