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## CONVENTION PROGRAM

Red Lion Hotel \& Convention Center - Pasco, WA


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## 2023 Convention Program

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# Thursday, October 19, 2023 <br> DAY 1 

## 10:00 am Registration Desk Opens <br> FOREST REGISTRATION FOYER

## 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Turn in Contest Entries registration foyer

## 11:00 AM Trade Show Set-up

OLYMPIC/GOLD
11:00 AM Convention First Timers Session PROJECT ROOM
Do not miss the First Timers Welcome! This session is designed to provide first-time attendees with an overview of the WSFA Annual Convention and how to get the most out of your time while attending sessions.
Carolyn Morley, WSFA Director and Manager, NCW Fair
11:30 AM-12:20 PM
A Session with State Vet's Office
Join us for an update with the State Veterinarian.
Dr. Bruce Hutton, WSDA Region 3 Field Veterinarian, Central WA

## 12: 30 PM Fair Managers' Session

PROJECT ROOM
This session is designed for Fair Managers/CEOs/Executive Directors whether you are paid, volunteer, appointed or a Fair board member who serves in the function of a fair manager. Greg Lybeck, CFE, General Manager,

Walla Walla Fair \& Frontier Days

## 12:30-1:30 PM Open Networking with Topic Ideas,

Hosted by WSFA Directors
Session 1 - Sponsorship
PINE ROOM
Tawnia Linde, CFE, IFMG, WSFA Director and Director of
Marketing \& Sponsorship, Clark County Fair
Session 2 - Operations and Grounds
OAK ROOM
Sherry Stovner, WSFA Director and Superintendent Coordinator,
Evergreen State Fair
Session 3 - Volunteers EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM
Roylene Crawford, CVFM, IFMG, WSFA Vice President and Board Member, Kittitas County Fair
Session 4 - Signage on Your Fairgrounds
DESIGN ROOM
Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President and Chief Experience
Officer, Washington State Fair

Session 5 - Traffic Flow and Fair Layout

## 2:00 PM Opening Session of the WSFA Convention

SILVER/BRONZE
Welcome - Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President National Anthem
Invocation - Paul Nimmo, Fair Commissioner \&
WSFA Past President
Committee Reports

## Adventures with IAFE



Jessie McLaughlin

Jessie McLaughlin serves as the Fair Coordinator for Spokane County Interstate Fair in Spokane, WA. She has been with Spokane County for 35 years, beginning in the Parks and Recreation Department then transferring to the Fair. She received her Certified Fair Executive designation through the International Association of Fairs and Expositions in 2009 and graduated from the Institute of Fair Management in 2011. She now serves as the IAFE's Course 131 (Competitive Exhibit Programming) instructor in the Institute of Fair Management program.
Jessie is an active member of Boy Scouts of America - Silver Beaver recipient, 2023 National Youth Leadership Training Course Director, and currently serves as the Council's Advancement Chair. She is on the Finance Committee for Camp Fire, having also served as Board President. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, currently serving as her ward's gospel doctrine instructor, and is Treasurer of Washington State Horsemen. She and her husband, Dale, have two children - Connor (22) and Emma (26). Emma and her husband, Kody, also blessed them with a grandson, Kaysen, in December. In her spare time, Jessie enjoys training/teaching outdoor skills, geocaching, camping, hiking, and traveling through the U.S. visiting National Parks.

## Opening IAFE Keynote 'Adventures with the IAFE: <br> A Journey of Learning in 2023' <br> SILVER/BRONZE

Jessica McLaughlin, CFE, Spokane County Interstate Fair
Traveling with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions during the past year has given Jessie McLaughlin, CFE, a unique opportunity to witness how fairs in other parts of the United States "do what they do." Get ready to be inspired by the magic of fairs as she takes you on a journey through her travels, highlighting the key insights and memorable moments that enriched her perspective on culture, entertainment, and event management.
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and the Spokane County Interstate Fair

## 3:30-5:30 PM

Trade Show

## Time with the WSDA Fair Commission

DESIGN ROOM/PROJECT ROOM
Topics include 2023 Commissioner visits, changes to applications for the yearly allocation from the state Fair fund, Ag Exhibits, and evaluation of county, community, area fairs, and livestock shows every year.
Fair Program Administrator Tracey Keller, Fair Commissioners Laurie Davies, Rich Hartzell, Paul Kuber, Ph.D, Trish Meyers, Paul Nimmo, Tim Schneider and Greg Stewart, and Hannah MosleyGonzales, Administrative Regulations Manager

## 5:45-6:15 PM No Host Social in Hallway

## 6:15 PM Doors open for Dinner <br> SILVER/BRONZE

President's Welcome - Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President Introduction of WSFA Directors
Silent Auction
Dinner
Showcases
9:00 PM (APPROXIMATE)
WSFA President's Reception
WSFA HOSPITALITY SUITE

## Friday, October 20, 2023 DAY 2

7:30 am Registration Desk Opens forest registration foyer

## Engaging Our Communities - A DEI Series



Krista Perez

Krista Perez's work is anchored in cultivating spaces of belonging and accelerating equity in our homes, work and communities.

Her multi-disciplinary perspective allows her to view her work through several lenses, which include her identity as a second generation immigrant and descendant of a migrant working family, her background in law, economics and public policy, small business/entrepreneurial knowledge and experience, and her dedication to community organizing.
These experiences inform the work that Krista has done as president and founder of the nonprofit organization, the Tacoma Women of Color Collective, co-founder of The Community Market, a People of Color-centered market, and Perez Consulting, a diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion consulting business.

At Perez Consulting, authenticity, transparency and accountability are prioritized. Krista believes it is important to uproot anti-Black, racist, ableist and biased values while amplifying the voices of communities of color. Key in this pursuit is creating safe spaces for Black, Indigenous and People of Color, embedding longevity into these processes and striving for equitable outcomes.

Please find Krista's recently published book, Unearthing Our Roots; Restorative Practices for Cultivating Spaces of Belonging, here:

## Engaging Our Communities - A DEI Series

Who Do We Serve, How Do We Serve Them?
Krista Perez, Perez Consulting
This workshop will highlight the importance of knowing the communities that we serve, in assessing how we serve them, and offer beginning tools on how to adapt, change and do better.
WSFA is excited to partner with Perez Consulting to launch a series of discussions and educational workshops that integrate equity, cultivating spaces of belonging and organic community engagement into your organization's systems and processes. Perez Consulting will be facilitating four workshops, starting at the Convention and culminating next Spring. Perez Consulting's approach to integrating equity begins with assessing and reflecting on internal processes, areas of opportunity and strengths to build upon. We believe that equity work begins with each individual and is most probable to have long-term inpact when there is individual commitment and buy-in from all levels within the organization. sponsored by the Washington State Fair

## 10:15-11:30 AM WORKSHOP SESSIONS

## SESSION 1

DESIGN ROOM

## Cannabis and Alcohol at your Fair and Fairgrounds Events

 Beth Lehman, WA State Liquor and Cannabis Board
## SESSION 2

Creating Your Next Generation of Participants, And People Working at your Fair PROJECT ROOM Washington State Fair has embarked on a multi-year plan to reach new generations of competition and contest participants and the people who work with us. We will share the brainstorming, ideas, wins and challenges that we have already encountered on this journey.
Jennifer Schelbert, Competitions \& Livestock Coordinator and
Paige Rooney, Exhibits Coordinator, Washington State Fair
SESSION 3
Considerations for Vendor Management
OAK ROOM
How to prevent misunderstandings with your food and commercial vendors by setting clear expectations in your vendor materials.
Amy DeShazer, Managing Director of Events, Clark County Fair SESSION 4
Overview of the Governor's Executive Order 21-02 PINE ROOM
Consultation requirements for capital projects with the Department of Archaeology \& Historical Preservation. Maddie Levesque, Architectural Historian,

Department of Archaeology \& Historical Preservation
NOON-2:00 PM Legislative Lunch
SILVER/bRONZE
Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President
Tawnia Linde, CFE, IFMG, WSFA Director and WSFA Legislative Chair WSFA and Olympia - Mike Burgess, WSFA Government Liaison Introduction of WA State Fairs Commissioner Ignacio Marquez,

Regional Assistant to the Director of the Department of Agriculture Silent Auction
Showcases

## 2:30-5:00 PM

Trade Show / No-Host Social Hour

## 5:45-6:15 PM No Host Social in Hallway

6:15 PM Dinner ..... SILVER/BRONZECandidate SpeechesLifetime Achievement AwardService Member of the Year AwardLive AuctionShowcases
after dinner-Hospitality Rooms Open
10:00 PM Jam Session
Saturday, October 21, 2023

## DAY 3

8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens FOREST REGISTRATION FOYER
8:30-9:15 AM SESSIONS
SESSION 1 ..... OLYMPIC/GOLD
How to deal with Aging Facilities and producing an up-to-dateplan for improving your facility.
A panel presentation.
Greg Lybeck, CFE, General Manager,
Walla Walla Fair \& Frontier Days
Erin Gurtel, IFMG, Immediate WSFA Past Presidentand Director, Spokane County Interstate FairKathy Kramer, CVE, CFEE, CMP President and CEO,Central Washington State Fair
Kady Porterfield, CFE, Manager, Kittitas Valley Event Center
SESSION 2
Junior Fair Boards ..... OAK ROOM
Jessica McLaughlin, CFE, Spokane County Interstate Fair
SESSION 3
Press Releases - Telling Our StoryPINE ROOM
In this session, we will review the steps in drafting a press releaseand discuss how to distribute them in an ever-changing mediaenvironment.Tawnia Linde, CFE, IFMG, Marketing \& Sponsorship Director,
SESSION 4
Clark County FairSuper Saturday Super School SessionDESIGN ROOM

"Hitting a Home Run with Department of Agriculture
Evaluations at your Fair"
Give your next evaluation a "Grand Slam" by receivingrecognition for all your Fair does well. Join a paneldiscussion that will share tips and tricks to "hit for the cycle."Paul Nimmo, WSDA Fair CommissionerPaul Kuber, Ph.D, WSDA Fair CommissionerBelinda Royal, Manager, Stanwood Camano Community FairKaren Welch, Manager, Chelan County Fair
9:30-10:15 AM SESSIONS
SESSION 1PINE ROOM
Social Marketing for Fairs: Brand, Strategy and Outcomes, Oh My!Join the Saffire Marketing Team for a discussion about currentsocial media marketing trends, best practices for successfulcampaigns and utilizing AI and automation tools to generate killercontent on limited budgets and timelines.Jeremy Emerson, Partner/Chief Creative Officer and
Megan Bartholomy, Marketing Manager, Saffire

SESSION 2
Idea Swap
OAK ROOM


## Entertainment on a Budget

What are creative ways that you have designed to engage entertainment at your fair on a budget? How have you worked with your entertainment in unique ways while on a budget? Bring your ideas and your questions to this Entertainment-focused swap.
Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President, Washington State Fair Fairs, please bring samples or be prepared to share how your fair manages this topic.
SESSION 3
Creating VIP Experiences at Your Fair
PROJECT ROOM
Learn how to ensure your fairgoers have the best possible experience.
Kathy Kramer, CVE, CFEE, CMP President and CEO,
Central Washington State Fair
Shanna Hauger, Marketing Director, Benton Franklin Fair \& Rodeo Jaclyn Van Hoof, Sales and Marketing Coordinator, King Co. Fair
SESSION 4
Super Saturday Super School Session
DESIGN ROOM
Creative Displays Revamping your Area
Revitalize your exhibits by shaking it up!
Judy Carrico, CFE, Agriculture and Exhibit Manager, Central Washington State Fair

## Build a Better Now



Greg Bennick

Greg Bennick knows about focus. Through reading about his life, you wouldn't know that. He has been a thought provoker, public presenter, comedic juggler and punk rock vocalist (yes, you read that correctly), a TEDx speaker, a humanitarian and philanthropist, and an influencer devoted to transforming the world by inspiring personal and social change ... and a long-time fair performer and active past member of the WSFA! He is here to share ideas and laughs with us as we learn together. You can find out more at gregbennick.com

10:30-11:30 AM Keynote Speaker

## "Build a Better Now"

OLYMPIC/GOLD
Greg Bennick is here to inspire us to Build a Better Now. Greg comes from the Fair family and understands our world! His interactive keynote explores ideas around how we can best use this moment as a launching point for the future we want. He has customized his talk today for us to include ideas that he experienced in his many years serving this community. Greg is from Seattle and always makes sure audiences have a great time. Find out more at www.gregbennick.com

## 12:15-2:00 PM Luncheon

## 2:15-3:05 PM SESSIONS

SESSION 1

## Entertainment Scheduling Conflicts. Learn how to maximize your

 entertainment through scheduling.Are you getting the full potential out of your entertainment? Conflicting schedules? Monster Trucks going right by the
"Community Stage"? Not enough time to flip bands? A children's show at 9 pm? Do you put together a schedule that flows and makes sense? Join us for insight into this challenge.
Tammie Wood and Jessica Risney, The Source Management Group
SESSION 2
Rodeo: A "Fair" Experience
OAK ROOM
Creating and maintaining the ultimate fan and volunteer experience in an everchanging environment.
Selena Burgess, Manager, Northwest Washington Fair
SESSION 3
General Safety, including crowd control, severe
weather planning, partnering with local safety PROJECT ROOM entities and hiring private security
Guest safety is a top priority for public events, especially fairs, and has many facets to consider when planning an event. We will share how we approach safety plannign and what resources may be available to assist with your planning for events large or small. Andrea Thayer, CFE, WSFA President, Washington State Fair Erin Gurtel, IFMG, Immediate WSFA Past President and Director, Spokane County Interstate Fair

## SESSION 4

Super Saturday Super School Session
DESIGN ROOM


Fair Entry - Online Entries, How to Train Users
and Empower our Superintendents
Mike Seiber, Pierce County 4-H Program Coordinator, WSU Extension
Rebecca Martinez, WSFA Director and Fairgrounds Coordinator, Grant County Fair

## 3:15-4:20 PM SESSIONS

SESSION 1
PINE ROOM
Creating Successful Events for Your Community off season.
A panel presentation.
Greg Lybeck, CFE, General Manager,
Walla Walla Fair \& Frontier Days
Jim McKiernan, Director, Grant County Fair
Aric Gaither, Fair Manager, Skagit County Fair

## SESSION 2

## Build a Better Now Workshop

OLYMPIC/GOLD
with Keynote Speaker Greg Bennick
In this interactive session, we will have a talk about how we can best explore the future we want and bring it into action. Greg's
"Build a Better Now" approach talks about seven strategies that we can use to enhance the moment, build connections with others (think Fair board and service members) and together develop and grow. Attendees will hear ideas about ways to enhance relationships and focus, and we will have fun doing it.
SESSION 3
PROJECT ROOM
The ability to make decisions with incomplete information
"Do you have FOBO (Fear of Better Options)? Or are you crippled
by the anxiety of making the wrong decision, especially with a
time crunch on top of it? It's easy to struggle with these things even when we have ALL the information we could hope for. So, what are we supposed to do when we don't even have all the information? Come to this session and let's talk about some perspectives that just might help us during those moments." Kady Porterfield, Director, Kittitas Valley Event Center

## SESSION 4

## Idea Swap

OAK ROOM


Fairs, please bring samples or be prepared to share
how your fair manages this topic.
Erin Gurtel, IFMG, Immediate WSFA Past President and Director, Spokane County Interstate Fair
SESSION 5
Super Saturday Super School Session
DESIGN ROOM

## Judging Systems

Blue, Red, White or $1^{\text {st }}, 2^{\text {nd }}, 3^{\text {rd }}$ - Danish, American or group method of judging; how do you decide? Judging requires basic rules and standards.
Sherry Stovner, Evergreen State Fair
4:30 PM WSFA Annual Business Meeting


6:30 PM
Doors open for Red Carpet Gala SILVER/BRONZE
Costume Contest
Classic, retro, glam or Hollywood, come dressed to impress and walk the red carpet!
We will be celebrating our fairs with their contest awards and wrapping up the 2023 Convention at our Red Carpet Gala.
Contest Awards
Showcases
10:00 PM Jam Session


## WSFA PAST PRESIDENTS

| 2022 Andrea Thayer | 1989 Rich Waldemar* |
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| 2021 Erin Gurtel | 1988 Marlyta Deck* |
| 2020 Tom Muchoney | 1987 Dean Boss* |
| 2019 Tom Muchoney | 1986 Sid Uhinck* |
| 2018 Terry Atchison | 1985 Dick Cochran |
| 2017 Terry Atchison | 1984 Harold Beeman* |
| 2016 John Morrison | 1983 Dick Moore |
| 2015 John Morrison | 1982 Pete LaFave* |
| 2014 Rich Hartzell | 1981 Fred Polinder, Jr.* |
| 2013 Rich Hartzell | 1980 Pat (Goodrich) Anderson |
| 2012 Paul Nimmo | 1979 Robert Carlson |
| 2011 Val Watson | 1978 Karl Marks* |
| 2010 Jim Baron | 1977 Greg Stewart |
| 2009 George Clary* | 1976 Jim Hamilton* |
| 2008 Rick Storvick | 1975 Bill Heaston |
| 2007 Bob Reynolds | 1974 Gust Skarberg* |
| 2006 Yvonne Knuth* | 1973 Dean Boss* |
| 2005 Tom Musser | 1972 Marlyta Deck* |
| 2004 Mark Campbell | 1971 Bill Walck |
| 2003 Danny Jones | 1970 Keith Marney* |
| 2002 Rose Waring | 1969 James Hanger |
| 2001 E. Lee Graham | 1968 Charles Meenach* |
| 2000 Sid Willuweit* | 1967 Charles Meenach* |
| 1999 Nancy Ruark | 1966 Joseph Smith |
| 1998 Dan Sharp | 1965 John McMurray |
| 1997 Kathy Underwood | 1964 Charles Clements* |
| 1996 Pat Nostrand | 1963 Robert Loney |
| 1995 Kent Hojem | 1962 Kenneth Killingsworth* |
| 1994 Ellis Schneider* | 1961 James Blair* |
| 1993 Neil Stephens | 1960 Paul Creighton* |
| 1992 Daphne Eshom | 1959 Donald Clark* |
| 1991 Fred Blauert | 1958 Donald Clark* |
| 1990 Max Read | * DECEASED |



MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING
Friday, March 15, 2024
Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds
32 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma 98541

## SUPER SCHOOL MEETING

Saturday, March 16, 2024
Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds
32 Elma-McCleary Road, Elma 98541

## 2024 WASHINGTON STATE FAIRS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

## Dates will be announced in early 2024.

Check our website then for more information.

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Contest Awards \& Ribbons
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## TABLE DECORATIONS

| EVERGREEN STATE FAIR | Thursday Dinner |
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| SPOKANE COUNTY INTERSTATE FAIR | Friday Lunch |
| KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR | Friday Dinner |
| GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FAIR | Saturday Lunch |
| NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON FAIR | Saturday Dinner |



## WSFA TRADE SHOW HOURS

Thursday, October 19
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Refreshments in the Trade Show Area
Friday, October 20
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Refreshments in the Trade Show Area

## Red Lion Hotel \& Convention Center

MEETING ROOM FLOOR PLAN


Just Possibly...The Worlds Finest Carnival.

