

2013-2014 WSWS

Legislative Committee Report

The Legislative Committee has been working to build a list of state contacts. We have compared the committee's personal knowledge to the membership list to develop a draft, see attached. This has proven to be a challenge, but the committee is still working to fill in the gaps.

This year, committee member Chad Clark sat in on the summer board meeting and got a bit more direction from the board which we have tried to implement. It seems that the board is more interested in grass roots and state projects than the committee pursuing legislative duties, which seems fitting since WSWS already works with Lee Van Wyken for those services. Current committee members have visited several times and it seems that this committee would be better fit to be changed to a state coordination team for on the ground projects or concerns. This may be a recommendation to the Board.

As chair of the legislative committee I listened to several conference calls and email conversations about legislative process and action in DC., most of which comments and letters were drafted by our advisor or WSSA.

The Legislative Committee is trying to be active and develop this list but as per its current members still feel like the committee does not serve WSWS in the best capacity. We would like more direction or a switch in direction.

To date we have not found members name to propose to the board for inclusion into the committee and would be open to any suggestions from the board.

Respectfully Submitted

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