

Linda Thompson Elected President

WVSSPA Spring Conference was held May 30 and 31, 2014 at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV. It was a great weekend for fellowship and learning. Linda Thompson, Cabell County, was elected President.

From the President's Desk:

It is an honor and I am overwhelmed at being chosen President of the WVSSPA. I thank each one of you for your faith and trust in me. I will do my best

to honor your confidence in me as we work together over the next three years. This is a responsibility that I will not take lightly, and I will endeavor to represent you with the utmost transparency and boldness.

Now that the election is over, I am looking forward to traveling the state I love and visiting with you in your counties in the months ahead. I am dedicated to WVSSPA and believe I will be able to



help ensure the future of this great organization and its members. I have truly enjoyed working for the betterment of my fellow service personnel in my own county, and I look forward to bringing that experience to the state level.

Joe White Assumes Position as Executive Director

The WVSSPA Executive Committee has hired Joe White as the new Executive Director. "It is a great honor to serve the members of WVSSPA. I look forward to working with President Linda Thompson, the Executive Committee, and each and every member of this great association. I look for-

ward to facing the day to day activities that comes with the job as well as the challenges. My door will always be open to the members. It has always been my opinion that the members are the association. After saying all of that, I want to thank the Executive Com-

mittee and the members for this opportunity, as well as all of you who have called me and congratulated me."



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A Delegation consisting of our President Linda Thompson, Joe White, Executive Director, Principals, Teachers, and Service Personnel addressed the Joint Senate and House Education Committee June 18, 2014, during the Interim Legislative Session.

The Early Childhood Requirements in SB359 have a broad reaching effect on everyone including principals who are struggling with schedules, teachers, aides with the paraprofessional certification, and bus operators with pre-school students on buses. These issues need to be addressed and taken into consideration.

Announcements

WVSSPA welcomes Carolyn Johnson to our office staff. She is highly qualified and will be an asset to our Association.

Ohio County Coalition Elects Friendly Board

After years of a contemptuous relationship with the leadership of the Ohio County Board of Education, Ken Siburt, President, Ohio School Service Personnel and Jerry Ames, Vice President along with Officers and members of WVSSPA decided to change the scenery. They banded together and encouraged more friendly county residents to run for positions on the Board of Education. WVSSPA members backed and supported three people

to run for the Board and were able to elect two of those supported to the Board.

WVSSPA members love working with the children of the county and have just wanted to be treated with dignity and respect, something they believe will now become a reality with new leadership on the Board.

They have now shown others what can be done when you band together and work for positive change.



County Associations Officers please contact our office if you have members who are not receiving an eNews letter so we can update their email addresses.

If your County Association is involved in an activity that would be of interest to our members, please contact us so we can include your activity in this eNews letter.

Back to School is coming fast. Let our office know if you would like to have WVSSPA included in your Back to School Activities.