



February 2019

Greetings!

I hope this finds all of you safe and warm. Who knew winter conferences would be cancelled to be re-scheduled or not? Who would have guessed school closures would be called state-wide? A huge thank you to my team for keeping me on top of things. Thank you for your dedication and service to Washington State FBLA.

As we prepare for the state conference in April, the Professional Division would like to remind all of you what we have done since school started and/or will be doing in the coming weeks.

- **Revamped the Website.** Many of you have been looking for our Wild Apricot site. While the board loved the work we had done, we could not continue to justify the cost of maintaining that site. Washington FBLA has graciously given us space on the state site. Please look here <https://wafbla.org/professional-division> for the information we have available.
- **Scholarships.** Again, thanks to the silent auction, membership dues and additional donations, the Professional Division will be offering the Carl E. Jonsson Scholarship in honor of a former FBLA State president and founding member of the professional division's state chapter. Again, due to an anonymous donor, there will be a second scholarship offered. Both will be worth \$1,000. The application is on the PD section of the website.
- **Sponsoring a Competitive Event.** In honor of their many years of service to FBLA at the local, regional, state, and national levels, the Professional Division has asked for the *Introduction to Parliamentary Procedures Event* be named in honor of Marsha and Tom Quigley. We will sponsor this in their honor. Marsha and Tom join the list of people who have been major influences to the growth and success of Washington State FBLA.
- **Judging.** Many have had the opportunity to judge at regional conferences and will have the opportunity and privilege to judge at SBLC. Our students benefit from the time you share with them during the judging and the comments they can use after their event to better prepare them for the next time.
- **Advocacy – Judges.** Sarah continues to seek volunteers to judge at state. Please ask your legislative people and/or administrators to assist. How better to show off our students and their abilities than to have them listen and question our students while they present their projects. We have some very awesome students...let them shine!
- **Silent Auction.** Once again, the Professional Division will be sponsoring the Silent Auction from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 12. Please bring items for the auction and turn them in at the registration area. They may be student themed or adult themed. Once again, we will have a Flea Market Section. If you have any items that you want to donate, please bring those by as well. Remember to fill out the form so that your chapter may be in the running for one of the top three prizes given to the chapters whose donations bring in the top three amounts. All proceeds will go towards funding scholarships. Our goal is to add another scholarship next year!
- **Administrator's Day at SBLC.** WA-FBLA is once again hosting an Administrator's Day. Please invite your district and school administrators to come and see what our kids are doing!

Please join us during SBLC for our annual meeting. We need to elect one at-large delegate. We want to involve all of you. I would like to know where you see us moving in the next few years.

I look forward to seeing all of you at SBLC in Bellevue.

Always, Jackie