

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear WAESOL friends and family,

It has been an exciting and eventful year so far at WAESOL. In addition to our traditional work of offering the [WAESOL Annual Conference](#) and biannual [WAESOL Educator](#) publications, we have now established a procedure for offering meaningful professional development each month through our WAESOL Online platform.

To accomplish this, we now have three committees that have worked throughout this year to provide our members and associates with continuous, monthly professional development.

- The [WAESOL Online](#) Committee networks with presenters across the state and beyond to put together monthly offerings through our virtual platform.
- The Publicity Committee creates [monthly videos](#) to keep our membership informed of our latest announcements and professional development offerings.
- And the [Clock Hour](#) Committee works to ensure that K-12 teachers in Washington have diverse opportunities to obtain the necessary hours for certification.

As we forge ahead in 2021, our message continues to be one of hope and encouragement to each of you. We are grateful to our WAESOL board for their dedication and hard work, to our membership for their commitment to our organization, and to all of our WAESOL friends who support us through the year. We will continue to offer WAESOL Online sessions through the summer and fall, and we look forward to seeing you at our next annual conference in October.

Wishing you a restful summer,

Naomi Hagen

Your 2021 WAESOL Board President



Naomi Hagen is a dedicated teaching professional with 20 years of experience in the field of education including teaching, administration, and teacher training. Naomi has served on the WAESOL board for over five years as a member at large, assistant treasurer, treasurer, and recording secretary. She has a BA from Fresno Pacific University and an MA in TESL from Gonzaga University and holds teaching credentials in California and Washington with endorsements in Elementary Education, English, and English Language Development. She also holds certificates in TESOL and Differentiated Instruction training. She has worked with ELLs in the United States from pre-school to university, and her international teaching experience includes teaching English in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia as well as working with K-12 teachers from bilingual programs in Colombia. She currently works for Spokane Public Schools as the ELD Title III K-12 TOSA and serves as an adjunct professor in the ESL endorsement programs at Whitworth University and Gonzaga University. You can contact Naomi at naomi@waesol.org.