



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

November, 2017

Hope everyone had a good Halloween and you are ready for the upcoming holiday season. As we go into the next year we have a lot to do in pursuing our Legislative Agenda and working in partnership with others to make lives better for people with IDD.

We will be finalizing our Legislative Agenda at this meeting. We are little behind. Also, it is time for the election of a new co-chair and, possibly, a new position for Secretary/Note Taker. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to get an update or share your opinions please contact Cheryl by emailing her at cheryl@arcwa.org or calling/texting 253-941-6994.

November 14, 2017 meeting will include:

- ◆ Getting to know the new SAIL Coordinator
- ◆ Addressing the Northwest Center position on sub-minimum wage
- ◆ Planning for Co-Chair election
- ◆ And much more!

Message from the Chair and Co-Chair

Hello SAIL Members!

I would like to congratulate Cheryl Monk on becoming SAIL's new coordinator. I am looking forward to finalizing our Legislative Agenda. Bring your ideas to our next SAIL Meeting. Dress warm and we will see you there. I will be attending by Skype.

Eric Matthes, Chair of SAIL



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October 2017 SAIL Meeting
Location: SeaTac Red Lion.

- ◆ After introductions, SAIL welcomed Representative Nicole Macri of the 43rd District. It was an interesting discussion that gave SAIL members the opportunity to hear the issues of importance to this lawmaker and provided education on the Legislative Agenda being pursued by SAIL. The Representative is very concerned with issues effecting people with IDD and will, hopefully, be a good ally going into the future.
- ◆ Before discussing the items on the Legislative Agenda, the group took a break to throw a baby shower for Co-chair Ivanova Smith. Ivanova's baby is due before the next meeting and everyone wanted to have the chance to celebrate this event and support Ivanova as she enters this new phase of life.
- ◆ The group reviewed the changes made to the Legislative Agenda made by staff. These changes were based on the discussion from previous meetings. The group has several suggestions on form and content. Staff will bring back an Agenda and the group will vote to finalize and publish it in November.
- ◆ The group discussed a response to the Northwest Center letter opposing the elimination of sub-minimum wage. This a core issue for SAIL and important to empowering all people with IDD. Ivanova Smith will draft a response and send it out for comment.

