

President's MESSAGE

The Answer to our Questions

A few years ago the WAA embarked on a mission to determine whether or not a paid staff person would benefit the organization. A committee was formed, research was done, and the board hashed out the duties of what would be our very first employee. Up to this point, the WAA has functioned on a strictly volunteer basis, and I think we've done an outstanding job. However, as extra time continues to elude us all, and life seems to get busier by the minute, it was determined that our organization would benefit greatly by hiring an executive secretary. Creating this position will give the WAA a "permanent address" – a starting point for those with questions, complaints and requests for information. This position will lighten the load for our dedicated volunteers and allow them to focus more on the fun side of volunteering and less on the little details that sometimes get in the way of getting the job done.



The executive board is ready to move forward and determine how exactly to go about finding the perfect candidate for the job. As with all big moves of this sort, a myriad of details must still be hammered out. We have met with an expert in this sort of thing who is outlining the proper process and pointing us in the right direction. Part of that process involves you, the membership. The board needs your input. How do you feel a paid staff person could best be utilized? What do you think this person should bring to the position? Are there any qualifications you believe the executive secretary should possess? The board is waiting for your comments and questions. Any board member would love to talk with you about your thoughts on this matter as we look to move towards better organization and sustainability for the WAA. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us as we take these initial steps forward to improve the functionality of our association.

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