

WAVES 2026 Business Meeting

Welcome to the Western Association of Veterans Education Specialists 2026 Business meeting.

At this time I call the meeting to order.

Secretary Report

Minutes from the 2025 business meeting are available online at www.uswaves.org.

Treasurer Report

The 2025 Treasurer Report is available online at www.uswaves.org.

Old Business:

1. This year, the WAVES Board undertook an initiative to modernize our marketing, social media, and communication platforms while expanding our outreach efforts. We sincerely appreciate the positive support and feedback from our members and partners as we continue strengthening WAVES' presence and ensuring our organization remains a relevant and trusted resource within the Veterans Education community.

Are there any Questions at this time?

New Business:

2. The WAVES Board is proposing an amendment to Article IV, Section 4 of the bylaws.

The current language reads: *"Annual dues for membership shall be established by the Executive Board during the annual conference. (Set at \$100.00 to run July 1–June 30.)"*

The proposed amendment would read: *"Institutional membership dues and membership periods shall be established annually by the Executive Board."*

This amendment will provide the Board with the flexibility to better align membership periods with conference registration cycles and the organization's annual operations.

In accordance with our bylaws, notice of this proposed amendment was provided to the membership in the WAVES Spring Newsletter, published on May 11, 2026.

Are there any questions regarding the proposed amendment?

If there are no further questions, we will proceed with a vote.

All voting members in favor of adopting the proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 4, please raise your hand.

Pause while votes are counted.

Thank you.

All voting members opposed, please raise your hand.

Pause while votes are counted.

Thank you.

If adopted:

The motion carries, and the amendment to Article IV, Section 4 is hereby adopted and will take effect immediately.

~~If rejected:~~

~~The motion does not carry. The proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 4 is rejected, and the current bylaw language will remain in effect.~~

3. At this time we would like to to announce the newly elected board officers.
 - a. President: Jason Garcia , National University
 - b. 1st Vice-President: Darcy Schnuth, International Education Corporation
 - c. 2nd Vice-President: Firdaus Yusuf, International Education Corporation
 - d. Secretary: Chelsea McElroy, Oklahoma State University
 - e. Treasurer: Tamara Jadallah, National University
 - f. IHL Member-at-Large: Renee Montilliano, Golden Gate University
 - g. NCD Member-at-Large: Teresa Patton, Western Governors University

Are there any Questions at this time?

4. The 2027 WAVES Conference will take place at Loews of New Orleans Marriott Hotel. Further information will be provided beginning in our 2026 Winter Newsletter. Receive our newsletter by following us at uswaves.org.

Are there any Questions at this time?

5. The WAVES board and Membership would like to formally thank **The Los Angeles Film School** and **International Education Corporation** for their assistance and logistical support during planning of this year's conference. We truly appreciate your partnership to make this year's conference extra special. Would a representative please come forward if present?

Are there any Questions at this time?

6. Is there any other new business at this time?

At this time I propose a motion to adjourn the WAVES 2026 business meeting.

- Shauna Best, 2nds the motion. The meeting adjourned.