**WSA Board Openings!**

**We have four Open Board Positions to be elected at our**

**WSA Fall Association Meeting in Pasco, Oct 15-17.**

**Vision, commitment, and passion a must!**

**Opportunities abound for on the job training and continuing education.**

**Open positions include:**

**ECEAP Parent Representative:** This position is open to candidates who are parents from an ECEAP funded program.

**Early Head Parent Representative:** This position is open to candidates who are parents from an Early Head Start funded program.

**Staff at Large Representative:** This position is open to candidates who are a staff member from a Head Start, Early Head Start and ECEAP funded program.

**At Large Director Representative:** This position is open to candidates who are a director from an Head Start, Early Head Start, ECEAP program.

**Applications are available at** [**www.wsaheadstarteceap.com**](http://www.wsaheadstarteceap.com)**. You can bring it with you to the WSA Fall Meeting. We will hold an orientation for prospective board members 10/15 at 5:00pm. If you have any questions, call Katy Warren at 425.453.1227 or email** **katy@wsaheadstarteceap.com****.**

# So you want to be a WSA Board Member?

Here are a few of the key things to know:

Election process:

* Fill out Board Application (available at front table)
	+ Questions about your eligibility or other things? Ask the WSA Secretary/Treasurer or another WSA board Member or staff.
* Get signatures of support from your program director, and your Policy Council Chair.
* Submit application for review by WSA board by 5:00 pm on 2nd day of WSA Conference
* Give 2 minute speech at the WSA Business Meeting on 3rd day of WSA Conference

Board Member Basic Responsibilities (more detailed in the Board Member Job Description:

* Attend and participate in board meetings on a regular basis
	+ Board members are expected to attend three in-person board meetings: the day before the WSA Winter Meeting, the day before the WSA Fall Meeting, and a 2-day Board Retreat in June. All other meetings are via conference call.
	+ Board members who miss two consecutive meetings are removed from the board.
* Participate in board committees
* Maintain understanding and knowledge of the issues of the Association by attending Board retreats, WSA semi annual meetings and other Board development activities
* Develop an annual budget and provide periodic financial reports and an annual accounting to the membership;
* Provide leadership, plan the work of the Association, problem-solve, and implement the mission of the Association
* Oversee the work of the Association’s Executive Director.

Program Responsibilities:

* The Board Member’s program is responsible for all registration, travel, hotel and other costs associated with sending the Board Member to the WSA Fall Meeting and WSA Winter Meeting and the board meetings that precede them.
* WSA pays for all expenses related to the board member attending the WSA Board Retreat.