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2024 OESPA Election Candidates

COSA President-Elect:

[Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD](#)

OESPA President-Elect:

[Gary Roberts, Principal, Millicoma Intermediate, Coos Bay SD](#)

Coastal Region Representative:

[Kristin Becker, Principal, Yaquina View Elementary, Lincoln County SD](#)

Southern Region Representative:

[Heather Lowe, Principal, Talent Elementary, Phoenix-Talent SD](#)



Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD

Running for the position of COSA President-Elect presents a unique opportunity to contribute significantly to the advancement of education in Oregon. Being a part of COSA provides a platform to collaborate with other passionate education leaders, share best practices, and drive positive change in the educational landscape. Ultimately, running for this position aligns with my commitment to serving the education community and making a meaningful difference in the lives of students and educators across Oregon.

As COSA President-Elect, my primary goal is to further the mission of COSA by facilitating collaborative planning of professional learning experiences for Oregon administrators. These opportunities will serve as platforms for educators to connect, exchange ideas, and enhance their leadership skills. By fostering a culture of shared learning and leadership, we can continue to advocate for schools, support staff, and ultimately, improve outcomes for students across the state.

As a learner who leads, I have held various leadership roles and served on several committees, showcasing my dedication to education and continuous improvement:

Current President of OESPA, demonstrating my commitment to advocating for educational excellence at both the state and local levels.

Experience as a School Improvement Collaborator, where I have worked collaboratively with colleagues to identify and implement strategies for enhancing school performance.

Shared Leadership Facilitator, facilitating collaborative decision-making processes to empower stakeholders and foster a culture of shared responsibility.

Early Reading Systems Specialist, specializing in implementing effective reading programs and interventions to support early literacy development.

Successful facilitation of a federally funded turnaround school through the Oregon Department of Education,

showcasing my ability to lead transformative initiatives and drive positive change within schools.

These roles and experiences highlight my diverse skill set, passion for education, and commitment to serving students, educators, and communities.



Gary Roberts, Principal, Millicoma Intermediate, Coos Bay SD

I am deeply committed to fostering a positive learning environment for our students, staff, and families. With a vision for inclusive education and a passion for empowering both students and educators, I aim to enhance collaboration, promote innovative leadership through professional development, and advocate for resources that ensure every child's success.

I aim to facilitate professional development opportunities for educators, empowering them with the strategies and resources to maximize effectiveness during these challenging times. Additionally, I hope to foster networking and collaboration among administrators, state, and community stakeholders to enrich the educational experience and create a vibrant learning environment for all.

OESPA Coastal Rep 2021-Present, COSA/Concordia Consortium Board Member 2014-2018, COSA Law, Summer, and Seaside Conference Planning Committee 2021-Present, COSA Conference Presenter 2018, 2022, 2023



Kristin Becker, Principal, Yaquina View Elementary, Lincoln County SD

I am interested in becoming more involved in COSA and OESPA. I have attended a number of COSA conferences (EL Alliance, Law Conference, Summer Conference, etc.) and have appreciated the high quality professional learning. It is time for me to move beyond participating and join in as a contributing member. This is an opportunity for me to continue to develop my leadership skills through work with a quality organization. My education background includes multiple subjects at the middle school level, upper elementary teacher, beginning teacher mentor, grant coordinator, and K-5 and K-2 principal. I have a variety of experiences that provide wide perspective.

Living and leading on the coast is amazing and, yet, presents unique needs. Our districts are rural and often cover a lot of square mileage for a single district. I am focused on equitable and culturally responsive practices in the classroom as well as with family engagement. I feel I have a lot to contribute in this way.

*K-5 principal (1.5 years)

*4-6 principal (.5 years)

*K-2 principal (8 years)

*LCSD Equity Team

*COSA Administrators of Color Network (participant)



Heather Lowe, Principal, Talent Elementary, Phoenix-Talent SD

I am running for OESPA's Southern Region Representative position because I believe in service. I understand the important role that advocacy plays in public education in Oregon. By sharing stories and the real-life impact that legislation has on our collective mission, we can influence positive change from the micro to the macro level in our state.

Specifically, I hope to help illuminate the crucial need for continued focus on early literacy investments, understanding that literacy is a human right. My goals also include tackling the crisis in attendance and decreasing enrollment within our school systems through community engagement efforts. Finally, I have a deep commitment to our state's focus on practices and policies that address issues surrounding equity and inclusion.

SIA/Strategic Planning Committee, Certified Evaluation Committee, EDI Committee, PTS Bargaining Team Member, PTS Elementary RAPS (Restorative Practices, Attendance, PBIS, SEL) Team Lead