

2019 WLSTC Executive and Program Committee Elections

After you have chosen your sectionals, please vote for WLSTC Executive and Program Committee members. This year you will elect a new WLSTC Secretary. You will also elect two new females and one new male to the Program Committee. Read their biographies below and select your nominees on the "ELECTIONS" tab during registration. Election results will be announced at the conference.

Executive Committee Secretary

No nominees at this time.

Program Committee Members

FEMALES (vote for two)

Heidi Groth (incumbent)

Heidi has been serving in the ministry since 2006. She graduated from Martin Luther College and taught for four years in Hutchinson, Minnesota. She stayed in the home for two years with her daughters before returning to the public ministry at an ELC position at St. John's, Sparta. For the past five years she has been teaching kindergarten and upper grade literature at Christ-St. John's in West Salem. Heidi is currently in her final stretch of her Master's Degree from MLC. She lives in West Salem with her husband Justin and their four daughters: Emily, Sarah, Andrea, and Melanie. She has enjoyed the opportunity to work with other members of the conference and appreciates the chance to serve our Savior in this way.

Laura Pufahl

Laura is currently in her 20th year of teaching. Having served the first 17 years in the Minnesota district, she is now in her third year of teaching fourth grade at Trinity Lutheran in Waukesha. She is passionate about quality instruction, and just completed her Master's degree in Differentiated Instruction through Concordia University, St. Paul. She previously served on the program committee for the Minnesota District. When not teaching, you can find her participating in various church music roles, supporting her husband's ministry at WLHS, driving her daughters to their activities, or just reading.

Cindy Thiesfeldt

Cindy (Techlin) graduated from DMLC in 1990 and married Jeremy Thiesfeldt. She taught preschool for three years at Emanuel, West St. Paul, MN after which she became a full-time stay-at-home mom for their four children. Cindy returned to teaching half-time in 2003 in grades 3-4 at Redeemer, Fond du Lac. Half-time teaching eventually increased to 3/4 time, and then to full-time. She currently teaches grades 1-2 at Redeemer and helps with school and church music.

MALES (vote for one)

Robert Buss

Robert was assigned to St. Luke's, Oakfield, and taught grades 3-5 and served as Sunday school coordinator before moving to Milwaukee and forming Koiné while teaching several years in Milwaukee Public Schools. He re-entered the ministry by serving as sixth-grade teacher and professional development coordinator at Siloah from 2004-2010. During that time, he completed a Master's of Education in Literacy and Learning Across the Content Areas. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at WLC. After serving Hope High School as English department head, he took a position at St.

Marcus as an administrator, while forming another active gospel band, Forgiven, as well as the St. Marcus Mustang Drumline. He currently teaches a multi-grade classroom and is principal at St. Paul's, Menomonie.

Paul Schulz (incumbent)

Paul is a 2005 graduate of MLC and completed his Master's degree in educational technology in 2015. He has been teaching for 14 years and currently teaches fifth and sixth grades, departmentalized classes, and is also the Technology Director at St. John's, Newtonburg (Manitowoc). He and his wife, Ashley, have two children. In his spare time, Paul tinkers with computers and enjoys playing games with his family.

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