



WSEA

Winter Convention

January 16-19, 2025

Expanded Agenda

Welcome to the Washington State Elks Association Annual Winter Convention in SeaTac, Washington.

Many of you have attended our conventions before, but in case you haven't, the following may help you with a more descriptive detail of the convention events.

Digital versions of this expanded and a regular agenda are available on the My Elks mobile app.

Expected attire descriptions can be found below each date header. Full attire (dress code) descriptions can be found as an addendum to this agenda.

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Thursday, January 16, 2025

Attire: State Uniform – Attendees will either be in state uniform or business attire for the meetings. The WSEA Officers will be in their state uniform for the welcome reception and state casual afterwards.

Today's sessions are the association's Winter Quarterly meetings consisting of the meetings for the board of the state association, therapy program, and charitable trust in the morning and afternoon meetings are between the State Association Executive Board and the various State Trustees, Committee Chairs and our State Major Project.

As an Elk, spouse, or visiting dignitary you are encouraged to attend all the meetings if you are inclined to learn more about the inner workings of the WSEA.

7:30am-5:00pm **Registration.....G Foyer**

8:30am-10:30am **PRIVATE Exec. Board ClosedNW 1**

10:45am-11:30am **WSEA, WECT, WETP OpenNW 1**

This is the corporation board meetings for the State Association, Charitable Trust and Therapy Program.

11:30am-1:00pm **Lunch On Your Own**

Some of the hospitality rooms may be open and have food available for you if you wander out into that area of the hotel. There is also food available for purchase at the hotel restaurant and many nearby restaurants.

1:00pm-1:45pm **Financial Trustees NW 1**

2:00pm-3:30pm **State Committee Chairs..... NW 1**

3:45pm-4:30pm **WETP Committee w/State Officers .. NW 1**

A closed meeting with the executive board.

5:00pm-8:00pm **Welcome Reception NW Ballroom**

A pre-purchased ticket is required for the Welcome Reception. You will have purchased your ticket during the registration process.

5:00pm-11:00pm **Hospitality Rooms Open**

You will find hospitality rooms from the state's districts in rooms along the hallway just north of the main foyer. Please enjoy them all at your leisure each day. You will find them closed during the clinics and sessions of convention.

6:00pm-9:00pm **Past State President Reception Private**

All Past State Presidents and their invited guests know what's going on here so have a great time.

11:00pm **11 O'clock Toast..... Hospitality Area**

Friday, January 17, 2025

Attire: State Uniform (Friday) - Please wear red shirts in honor of service men and women that are deployed. The WSEA officers will be wearing their state jacket and tie with a red shirt for the day's sessions and for the evening's reception and dinner, others will be wearing business attire, again with a red shirt.

As an Elk, spouse, guest, or visiting dignitary registered at the convention, you are welcome and encouraged to attend all the clinics and presentations listed below. Please enjoy and let us know about anything that stood out to you.

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- 7:30am-5:00pm** **Convention Registration.....G Foyer**
- 8:30am-10:30am** **Membership & MarketingE 3-4**
- 8:30am-9:30am** **Child ID ProgramC 1**
How the program works, how it will benefit your lodge and community, and how to use it at your events - hands on training!
- 8:30am-9:30am** **Budgets.....C 3**
Information on how to prepare and monitor a budget for your lodge.
- 8:30am-11:30am** **Secretary Training.....E 1-2**
This is mandatory training for all lodge secretaries. Other interested Elks are welcome to attend.
- 9:30am-10:30am** **Scholarships, MVS & Vocational.....C 1**
Please attend for information about our all-new Vocational Scholarship program that includes supplemental lodge grants. Learn about MVS scholarships and the procedures of judging at District and State levels.
- 9:30am-10:30am** **Hoop Shoot.....C 3**
- 10:30am-11:30am** **Lodge ActivitiesC 3**
Discuss the State end-of-year awards and share ideas about money making events that bring in new members at the same time.
- 10:30am-11:00am** **Intro to Ritual.....E 3-4**
- 11:00am-12:45pm** **Ritual ContestsE 3-4**

Lunches

- 11:00am-12:30pm Spouses LuncheonOffsite**
Pre-purchased tickets required for the luncheon at the Burien Elks Lodge #2143. Transportation leaves at 10:30am. Business attire or Business level lodge uniform is acceptable.
- 11:00am-12:00pm Lunch**
Many of the hospitality rooms will have food available for you if you wander down the hospitality hallway. There is also food available for purchase at the hotel restaurant and many local establishments.
- 11:30pm-1:00pm Past State President LunchPrivate**
All Past State Presidents and their invited guests know what's going on here so have a great time.
- 1:00pm-2:00pm New Exalted Ruler Tune-UpE 1-2**
Leading Knights, Incoming Exalted Rulers expected to attend. All others are welcome to attend.
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Therapy Program DemonstrationG 1-2**
Learn about our State Major Project from the Therapists and participants in the program. A Can't Miss Presentation.
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Elks National Foundation.....C 1-2**
Share current Lodge standings (per capita donations, grants), examples of grants a lodge can apply for, Chairman's Challenge, Fidelity Club, how to increase awareness within your Lodge and community.
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Discover ElksC 13**
Come learn about the Discover Elks programs – streaming advertising, Mobile App, Digital Membership Card, Youth Race Car Drivers, etc.
- 2:00pm-5:00pm Secretary Training Lab.....E 1-2**
This is mandatory for all lodge secretaries. Other interested Elks are welcome to attend.
- 3:00pm-4:00pm Veterans.....C 1**
Come learn about our nationally recognized and leading programs and how you can get involved and do more through your lodge.
- 3:00pm-4:00pm Drug Awareness.....C 3**
At no time in our nation's history has drug awareness been more vital to saving the lives of our youth – come learn how you can help.
- 3:00pm-4:00pm Grand Lodge Convention.....E 3-4**
All Leading Knights to attend and those others that may become Exalted Ruler in the 2025-2026 year if your lodge does not have a Leading Knight that will be advancing.

- 5:00pm-11:00pm** **Hospitality Rooms Open..... Hospitality Area**
- 5:30pm-6:00pm** **Cocktails - Reception NW Ballroom**
- 6:00pm-7:00pm** **Dinner..... NW Ballroom**
 Pre-purchased tickets required for attendance at the reception and dinner. Attire: State Uniform, Business, Semi-Formal or Formal. You may have assigned seating as a visiting dignitary, please check with the Elks at the door for any instructions they may have.
- 7:00pm-7:15pm** **Entertainment..... NW Ballroom**
 All dinner attendees are included in attending the entertainment. Entertainment only tickets can be pre-purchased.
- 11:00pm** **11 O'clock Toast..... Hospitality Area**

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Attire: State Uniform - WSEA officers will be in their state jacket and tie. All are encouraged to wear their state uniform, lodge uniform (jacket/tie/similar) or business attire for those it is appropriate for.

As a spouse, guest, or visiting dignitary at the convention, you are welcome and encouraged to attend any caucuses listed below and the General Business Session in the afternoon. Elk's members only for the Business Session and general session.

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- 7:30am-5:00pm** **Convention Registration.....G Foyer**
- 8:00am-9:00am** **District Caucuses..... Various Rooms**
- | Central | East | South | West | North |
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| C 12 | C 13 | C 14 | E 1-2 | E 3-4 |

As an Elk, spouse, guest, or visiting dignitary you are welcome to attend any of the district caucuses. Washington Elks are expected to attend their home lodge district caucus. Our districts get together each convention to go over district specific items that need to be addressed or voted upon.

9:15am-11:30am Business Session w/ VotingG 1-2

All registered Elks members of the Convention are encouraged to join our WSEA Business Session. Non-member guests and spouses can not attend this session. Visiting Dignitaries please check with the fine Elks at the door to the meeting room for any instructions. Attire is the same as the day's attire. We will be voting upon the incoming South District Vice President and other items during this business session

11:30am-1:00pm Lunchon own

Many of the hospitality rooms will have food available for you if you wander down the hospitality hallway. There is also food available for purchase at the hotel restaurant and many local establishments.

1:00pm-3:30pm General Session – Open to guestG 1-2

All registered Elks members of the Convention are encouraged to join our WSEA General Session. Non-member guests and spouses are welcome to attend. Visiting Dignitaries please check with the fine Elks at the door to the meeting room for any instructions. Attire is the same as the day's attire. You will hear unique presentations and words from each Past Grand in attendance.

3:30pm-11:00pm Hospitality Rooms Open..... Hospitality Area

11:00pm 11 O'clock Toast..... Hospitality Area

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:00am-12:pm Alcohol Server Training.....C 1-2



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WSEA Officer Uniform (Dress Code)

Below is what you can expect the WSEA officers to be wearing. Anything at a similar level from your state, lodge or business is acceptable attire.

1. FORMAL DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

- 1.1. Black Tuxedo w/ vest/cummerbund/button covers, bow tie, and black shoes.
 - 1.1.1. A long, floor-length evening dress; a very fancy cocktail dress or dressy slacks and dressy blouse, dressy shoes may be substituted for female officers.

2. SEMI-FORMAL DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

- 2.1. A dark suit, necktie, and black dress shoes.
 - 2.1.1. A cocktail dress or slacks with dressy blouse and dressy shoes may be substituted for female officers.

3. STATE UNIFORM DRESS CODE DEFINITION:

- 3.1. A sports coat of Kelly Green that was previously approved as the official state coat by the Washington State Elks Association Executive Committee.
 - 3.1.1. This is the official coat for all the Washington State Elks Association elected and appointed Officers, committee chairs/members and all other state positions of any type.
- 3.2. A white dress shirt.
 - 3.2.1. A white blouse may substitute a white dress shirt for female officers.
- 3.3. The official Washington State Elks Association necktie.
 - 3.3.1. A sash/scarf may substitute the official Washington state necktie for female officers.
- 3.4. A pair of black dress pants.
 - 3.4.1. A plain black dress or knee-length (or longer) skirt may be substituted for the trousers.
- 3.5. Shoes, socks, and belt shall be black in color.
- 3.6. A State approved name badge giving the wearer's name and position held should be worn on the Sports Coat pocket or similar area for female officer's dress choice.
- 3.7. Exalted Rulers when attending Grand Lodge Convention will also wear the state uniform when attending functions requiring this dress code.
- 3.8. Past Exalted Rulers from Washington State Lodges can wear this uniform at functions requesting this dress code as appropriate.
- 3.9. In support of our deployed veterans, a red dress shirt should be worn on Friday's.
 - 3.9.1. A red blouse or dress may substitute a red dress shirt for female officers.

4. STATE CASUAL – BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS DEFINITION:

- 4.1. In the event of an occasion (such as a picnic, golf tournament, meeting or outing) where the state elected/appointed officers, committee chairs or member wishes to represent the Washington State Elks Association and state/business casual is requested, or the dress codes described above would be out of place and no dress code is defined, they may wear Green/White or Red Washington State Elks Association logo button down short sleeve dress shirt or polo shirts available from the State Office with slacks/trousers, or skirt for females.
 - 4.1.1. Shorts may be worn when appropriate for the situation, but they will be at a business quality level.

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