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2021 NAHU Virtual Annual Convention

The 2021 NAHU Annual Convention will be a virtual event this year.

The 2020 Convention was the first time this event had been held virtually and there was amazing attendance as travel was not required and the reduction in registration fees made it accessible for more members.

Save the dates! The Convention starts on Sunday, June 27th and ends on Tuesday, June 29th, 2021. \$99 for NAHU members, \$199 for non-members.

Click [HERE](#) to check out agenda and registration information as they are added.



Join the NAHU Power Hour for Fun!

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The pandemic has made us all feel disconnected. That is why the F&F Committee (points for guessing what this means) has created new and innovative ways to stay connected. Check out what's planned for the next three events:

April 28 (4:00 p.m. PST/7:00 p.m. EST)

What Are You Struggling with in This Virtual Environment?

You are not alone! Hear from colleagues across the country how they are

adjusting and moving forward, personally and professionally.

May 26 (4:00 p.m. PST/7:00 p.m. EST)

NAHU Game Show Featuring Candidates for Secretary: Hear from Susan Rider and Patrick Burns, who are vying for your vote for NAHU secretary during the NAHU Convention in June. We promise to make it fun for all!

June 23 (4:00 p.m. PST/7:00 p.m. EST)

Virtual Happy Hour – NOLA Style! We will be entertained by mixologist T. Cole Newton from his bar in New Orleans. He will demonstrate NOLA-style cocktails and mocktails that everyone will enjoy. [Register](#) in advance to receive the recipe card so you can mix your own drink during the event. Prizes will be given for mixing along!



Jan Fernandez,
Communications Chair

This month's WAHU Board Member

Jan Fernandez is the Employee Benefits Practice Leader for PLC Insurance and a shareholder in Acrisure Holdings. She's been on the WAHU board since joining PLC and was encouraged to take an active role by her former employer and former president of WAHU Chris Free. Jan comes to the board with over eight years' experience as a Human Resource Director,

five years building self-funded health plans with various third party administrators and now consulting. Her specialty is understanding and developing health plans that not only satisfy the needs of the participants but also cost effective solutions to today's healthcare needs for employers. In her spare time she loves playing and

hiking with her 20 month old yellow Labrador Rocky and running the compliance side of the business that she co-owns with her daughter, Party on the Rocks event staffing and bartending service. She says her favorite quote works for both her insurance passion and her private event passion –

"We'll figure it out!"

Legislative Update

The Legislature adjourned the 2021 Regular Legislative Session on Sunday, April 25, just hours before the deadline set by the State Constitution. Prior to adjournment, the legislature approved a \$59 billion operating budget for the next two years and a new transportation budget.

The House and Senate also approved some controversial and sharply-divided measures on the last day of the 2021 Legislative Session, including a new Capital Gains Tax, a Cap and Trade program intended to address greenhouse gas emissions, and a bill establishing low carbon fuel standards.

High profile bills that did not pass include a package of transportation projects, a

controversial data privacy bill, a carbon tax plan, and various tax proposals aimed at funding public health.

For bills that are delivered to the Governor more than five days before the adjournment of the Legislative Session, the Governor has five days, excluding Sundays, to take action. Bills that are delivered to the Governor fewer than five days before the Legislature adjourns have 20 days, excluding Sundays, to be acted on by the Governor. Thus, May 18 is the last day for Governor Inslee to take action on bills that have been passed during the 2021 Regular Session.

Because there is no "pocket veto" in Washington State, if the Governor fails to take action on a measure, it becomes effective without the Governor's signature. Unless otherwise specified, measures passed by the Legislature become effective 90 days after the close of the session—July 25, 2021.

Mel Sorensen – WAHU
Lobbyist



President's Corner

After a week or so of beautiful, sunny weather, Spring is reminding me that she is fickle! We are back to overcast and chilly, but I'm already working on Summer plans!

My home projects this year include painting the house, new garage doors and a shop for my old-truck-loving husband.

I've been working on inside projects (linen closet organization with matching baskets!) and planting roses.

My personal goal is to golf more than once this Summer!

I'm coming near the end of my term as President for WAHU and am thinking about my projects for WAHU that I plan on continuing (newsletter!) and new projects (Facebook!) and whatever else I can do to support our incoming President, Angela Dubai.

I am very proud that WAHU is a Gold Certified state chapter for NAHU.

Our South Sound local chapter also received Gold Certification!

Our local chapter Presidents are doing the work to bring excellence and value to all our members, and I love being a part of this organization.



Mary Pierce, President



Anna Choi,

Coming Back by Popular Demand!

Anna Choi was the keynote speaker at our State Symposium and definitely left us wanting more!

We are pleased to be bringing her back for a full presentation of her **5 Keys to Reclaim Your Energy and Prevent Burnout**

This virtual event will be coming this Summer.

Anna will be available afterwards for a "happy half-hour" to answer questions and provide an opportunity to get to know her better.

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Welcome New Members!

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Kim Modrow, Molina HealthCare, Spanaway – Sponsored by Casey Meehan

Joni Tomol, Baker Insurance Group, Snoqualmie

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