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WSSHE HISTORY

Situation

The history of WSSHE is in various forms and lacks a convenient way for members to access this valuable information.

Background

WSSHE has a Historian position who has gathered information over the years. WSSHE's history has been recorded in various ways. There are meeting minutes with some in hard copy form and others in digital form. For many years, photo albums were made to show people, places and activities. The albums were popular and regularly displayed for many years at educational conferences. As physical items, they were transported to the events but are no longer present at conferences. The current website link to "About" WSSHE has a brief description of the early formation and is more of an incentive to join the organization than a historical reference.

Assessment

There is no easy way to access the history of WSSHE.

Solution

The State Board in 2025 established a History task force under the leadership of the Historian to assemble in digital form each year's facts, photos and descriptions of various activities to include Annual Conferences, Spring Symposiums, List of Officers, Award Winners and key issues of the year. This work was completed over several months in 2025 by six members with a long history of service to WSSHE. The activities included dividing the years beginning in 1973 to present among the members and assembling data from various sources to create a Summary Page for each year with associated photos. Over 200-hours of time was spent by the task force members. The historical information will be located on the website for easy retrieval by members. The website will be migrating to a new design in 2026 and will host WSSHE's History.

WSSHE History Task Force

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