

Letter of Intent

Position: Western Society of Kinesiology & Wellness (WSKW) 2022 President-elect

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My name is Heather Van Mullem. I am a Professor of Kinesiology and Health in the Movement & Sport Sciences Division at Lewis-Clark State College located in Lewiston, ID. I would like to serve Western Society for Kinesiology and Wellness (WSKW) as 2022 President-elect.

WSKW has played an integral role in my growth as a faculty member. I first began attending the annual conference in 2006. Membership in the organization helped me develop my research interests, improve my presentation skills, and create and foster invaluable professional relationships through networking with colleagues. Additionally, WSKW provided many opportunities to engage in professional service. I have served as the Young Scholars Award Program Coordinator (2011-2013), the Editor of the Journal of Kinesiology & Wellness (JKW) (2011-2013), and as WSKW President (2014-2015). Currently, I serve on the JKW Editorial Board (2019-present).

WSKW provides a welcoming and engaging conference to Kinesiologists from all sizes of colleges and universities to share their work. Additionally, WSKW has worked hard to create a safe and welcoming space for undergraduate and graduate students to learn and grow. My students and I have undoubtedly benefited from our engagement with the organization.

I would like to continue to give back to an organization that has given me so much and serve as the 2022 WSKW President-elect. I have previous experience planning academic conferences at the state and regional level, both online and face-to-face, and enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to work alongside colleagues to achieve organizational goals. I am committed to providing clear, consistent, and transparent communication and hope to contribute to the continued growth of the organization.