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To the Members of WSSA

Do you know what happens to a president of WSSA that doesn't have a good memory? He gets reminded of things he said he would do in the Executive Meeting. Is that bad? No, in my case it is very good.

In one of our meetings we discussed the idea of doing a letter and posting it on the Website each month and I thought that was an excellent idea and volunteered to write the letter. Well, this is the first letter. I will be more vigilant in the future months.

WSSA is a wonderful organization for the line staff of Wisconsin. It is a place where the experts that actually do the work can be a voice to the State on how things should be done. This has been our tradition and it is a tradition that I want to make sure continues well into the future. I attended a meeting on Friday where one of the moderators made that point very clear. We are the experts, we do this work, day in and day out, we can be called upon to give expert advice when change is anticipated. However, do we have to wait to be called on? This is the avenue that WSSA has to look to. We must be vocal when doing our work and let those at the State know what is working and what is not working. This is also true with the laws that are passed by the Legislature. We again must stand and be recognized to change what is bad to something that is good for the residents of Wisconsin.

I ask you to work with me to make our voices and ideas known so that we may work and live in a State that cares for those who need our help.

Thank you for letting me share with you.

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