

THE GET COMMITTEE



Michael P. Meotti, Executive Director of Washington Student Achievement Council, GET Committee Chair

Michael Meotti was appointed Executive Director of the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) by Governor Jay Inslee in December 2016. Mr. Meotti previously served as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education and Executive Vice President of the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Michael has extensive experience in financial matters involving higher education. He was the Board chair of the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation and board member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority. As the father of two college students, he has been an active user of 529 plans!

Prior to his service in state government, Mr. Meotti served in leadership positions in both the nonprofit and corporate sector. He was the President of the United Way of Connecticut and President of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council. Mr. Meotti is an attorney and worked in private firms and the law department of The Travelers Insurance Companies.

Michael holds bachelor's and law degrees from Georgetown University. He and his wife, Pamela, live in Olympia.



Duane Davidson, State Treasurer

Duane Davidson was elected as Washington State Treasurer in 2016. Prior to that, Treasurer Davidson took office as Benton County Treasurer in 2003, and was re-elected in 2014 to his fourth term. He is a Certified Public Accountant and keeps his license current.

He is currently serving his second term as President for the Washington State Association of County Treasurers (WSACT) and previously served as Treasurer for that organization. He has also served on the Audit, Legislative and Website committees as well as being the historian/archivist for WSACT.

Duane is the past-President for two separate Kiwanis Clubs in the Tri-Cities and currently the Treasurer for the Kiwanis Club of Tri Cities Industry Foundation. He has served as a Church Speaker for Gideon International and as Church Treasurer.

He served as the Chief Financial Accountant for Benton County immediately before his election to County Treasurer. Duane was previously an auditor for the Washington State Auditor's Office where he served as the Assistant Audit Manager in the Tri-Cities and was also in charge of the Walla Walla regional offices.

Duane was born and raised in Carnation, WA. He graduated from Tolt High School then started his undergraduate education at Bellevue Community College. After transferring to Central Washington University in Ellensburg he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.



David Schumacher, Director of Washington State Office of Financial Management

David Schumacher was appointed Director of the Office of Financial Management (OFM) by Governor Jay Inslee in January 2013. He has nearly 25 years of experience in budgeting and policy development.

David joined the Inslee administration after spending two years as Staff Director for the Senate Ways & Means Committee. He held the same position from 2003 to 2008 before serving two years as Northwest Government Affairs Director for The Boeing Company.

He began his career in state service in 1990, working as an Economic Analyst for the State Department of Revenue for three years. He then worked for two years as a Revenue Analyst in OFM's Forecasting Division. He served as a Budget Analyst for the Senate Ways & Means Committee for eight years before being named Staff Director in 2003.

David holds bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Washington. He and his wife, Katy, have two sons and live in Olympia.



Elizabeth "Beth" Berendt, Citizen Member

Beth Berendt brings over 35 years of hands on experience in the area of health care insurance regulation and compliance and purchasing with an emphasis on health care reform implementation and provider network adequacy.

Beth worked for 12 years as the Deputy Insurance Commissioner for Rates and Forms with the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner where she was instrumental in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Washington State and at the national level through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She spent six years as the Assistant Administrator for Health Plan Management at the Washington State Health Care Authority where she implemented the first joint procurement for the Public Employees, Basic Health and Healthy

Options (Medicaid) contracting efforts.

Beth has also served as the Vendor Accounts Manager for Microsoft, and procured and managed over 27 different employee benefit programs. She was a Senior Policy Staff for the State Board of Health and managed the first study of Access to Critical Health Care Services in Washington. She also held a variety of positions with insurance companies including Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska (Premera) and The Prudential Insurance Company assuring compliance with state and federal insurance laws.

Beth formed her own consulting firm in the summer of 2013 with a focus on helping clients navigate the new world of health care delivery and financing under the Affordable Care Act.

Beth is a graduate of the University of Washington where she studied Speech and Hearing Sciences.



Mooi Lien ("M") Wong, CPA, CTFA, CFP®, Citizen Member

Mooi Lien Wong is Senior Vice President and Regional Trust Manager for the western region of U.S. Bank's Wealth Management Group in the personal trust area. She is responsible for fiduciary oversight, compliance, audit, pricing, governance, and other day-to-day-management of trust business line functions.

Wong joined U.S. Bank in 1980 as a Trust Tax Accountant. She has held other positions within Personal Trust during her tenure with U.S. Bank such as Trust Officer, Team Leader, and Regional Trust Manager.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Washington University. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor (CTFA) and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®). In 1996, she graduated from a leadership development program for culturally diverse leaders through the Executive Development Institute in Seattle (founded in 1994 under the guidance and direction of the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce).

Her current community activities include serving: on the advisory committee for Washington State's Guaranteed Education Tuition Program (GET); as an advisory member on the UW Consulting & Business Development Advisory Board; a member of the Washington Society CPAs; and a member of the Seattle Estate Planning Council.