

# IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS &amp; COMMISSIONERS

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 27, April 2026

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

There's growth and momentum in the air. Time together at our board meeting and banquet created space to recognize progress, to reconnect with one another and our shared mission, and to carry that energy forward.

Here's one quick way to stay part of that momentum. At the top of this issue, you'll find a short follow-up on future board meeting times. If you weren't able to join us, your input will help shape how we plan for strong and meaningful participation moving forward.

It was so wonderful to connect in person last month. This board is of the highest caliber, and it is an honor to be in this work with you.

Thank you,



Lisa Romine, CEO

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## Board Meeting Follow-Up

**What a special evening!** Thank you to everyone who could join us for the 35th Recognition Banquet and board meeting.

**We have an important follow-up item.** We took a poll at the board meeting for our **Preferred Board Meeting Time**.

This is where preferences currently stand:

#1 - Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 PM

#2 - Tuesdays, Noon - 1:30 PM

#3 - Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 PM (current)

**If you have not yet weighed in with your preference, please reply to this email and rank your choice based on the above before April 30.**

**Announcing our new Executive Committee and Officers:**

Chair - Tad Hildebrand

Vice Chair - Ryan Beebout

Treasurer / Secretary - Michelle Price

Past Chair - Zach Williams



**Welcome New Board Members!**



**Heidi Huddle**

All State  
Insurance,  
Chelan County



**Savannah  
Knowlton**

Welcome Home  
Care, Okanogan  
County



**Maritza  
Enriquez**

Joyson Safety  
Systems, Grant  
County



**Lindsay Prows**

Johnson's Glass  
& More, Adams  
County



## Story & Photos

Please [read and engage with the banquet story and photos](#).

Re-share on your own [LinkedIn](#) profile, comment on [Facebook](#), like on [Instagram](#), forward the story in an email ... these little engagements add up, helping us shorten the distance from awareness to impact. Thank you!

[READ STORY HERE](#)

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**Tune in: Common Thread, May 15**

# COMMON THREAD

Stories and perspectives that connect  
our regional workforce system.



**Randy Curry**  
IBEU #191



**Augustine Gallegos**  
Teamsters 760



**Nate Mack**  
LiUNA 348

**Friday May 15, 2026**

**11 - 11:45 AM**

**[Zoom Link → skillsource.org/events](https://skillsource.org/events)**

## **Common Thread: May Conversation**

**Friday, May 15, 2026 | 11:00–11:45 AM**

Featuring Randy Curry, Augustine Gallegos, and Nate Mack

You are invited to listen in on our third Common Thread conversation coming up in May with voices from Labor: **Randy, Augustine, and Nate**. Please share the invitation with your staff and network.

The Zoom link is available on the SkillSource calendar:

**[skillsource.org/events](https://skillsource.org/events)**

*UP NEXT ...* Common Thread will take a break for summer and return in September 2026. Interested in being a guest? **Please email Kelli.**

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## For Your Information

The request for Direct Delivery was **approved through June 2027** at last Friday's State Workforce Training & Education Board meeting.

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## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Big Bend Hiring Event:** April 23, 10 am - 2 pm

**Okanogan Graduation:** June 8, 6 PM at Okanogan High School

**Moses Lake Graduations:** June 9 and 10 (*details to come*)

**Othello Graduation:** June 11 (*details to come*)



*Photo from last year's graduation at Okanogan High School.*

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Thank you for engaging with this month's issue of In The Loop! Want to peek at past issues? You can find them and more on the [Board](#) page of

[the website](#). If there is anything you need -- a Thrilled to be Skilled t-shirt, copies of the Impact Report -- please reply to this email, or [reach out to Kelli](#) or Lisa at any time.

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