

WSGA Board Meeting

January 21, 2026

Executive Committee			
Present	Position	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	President	Antoine Pin	Winos_Seattle
A	Vice President	Steve Thurin	SMuddT
P	Treasurer	Annette Bailes	Peach of WA
P	Secretary	Kevin Defields	Cool Cow Cachers
Chapter Representatives			
	Chapter	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	48 North	Siri Owen	heySiriO
P	Cache-Cadian	Eugene Reed	Mr. Gadget #2
P	Inland Empire	Ashley Steinhart	LFLibrarian
P	Olympic Peninsula	Lori Kienholz	SeabeckTribe
P	Puget Sound	Jim Pommert	rocketglider
P	South Central	Diane Andrews	Andrews DK
A	Southwest	Val Larson	CougarCach24

CALL TO ORDER – Antoine Pin

- 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

- Completed
 - Others present: Jace – Tech committee; Roxanne – Merchandise committee; Mikel – Tech Committee
- Proxies:
 - Vice president – Antoine
 - Southwest – No proxy given

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Motioned and Approved

AGENDA AMENDMENTS – Antoine Pin

- Remove International Membership discussion from old and new business.
- Old Business – Award banquet request changed to \$500

CHAPTER REPORTS – Antoine Pin and Chapter Reps

- Reports were given by all Chapter Reps present.
- Received reports attached below.

TREASURER REPORT – Annette Bailes

- Treasurer reports reviewed. Detailed report attached.
- Chapter allocation reports reviewed and encouraged all Chapter Reps to use the rest of their allocated funds for the year. Detailed Chapter allocation report attached.

MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE - Antoine Pin

- Roxanne Cassidy has been added to the merchandise committee and will be acting as the merchandise manager, taking over the tasks of ordering merchandise and shipping new orders. Kevin DeFields will meet with her to show her the storage locker, and shipping procedures.

OLD BUSINESS – Antoine Pin

- PNWTC (Youth Group) is being tabled until further notice.
- 2025 Premium Membership Coins update – Mark Clemens has two designs ready to send to producers.
 - Mark has requested a \$300 design fee. Motion to pay the \$300 design fee was made and approved.
- WSGA Awards Event is coming in March 2026. The event committee is requesting \$500 for awards, frams, TB codes and to host the event. Motion to approve \$500 towards the WSGA Award Event was made and approved.

NEW BUSINESS – Antoine Pin

- 2026 Elections – Who intends to seek re-election?
 - President – Antoine Pin - No
 - Vice President – Steve Thuring - No
 - Secretary – Kevin DeFields - No
 - Treasurer – Annette Bailes - Yes
 - 48 North – Siri Owen - Maybe
 - CacheCadian – Gene Reed - Yes
 - Inland Empire – Ashley Steinhart - No
 - Olympic Peninsula – Lori Kienholz - Yes
 - Puget Sound – Jim Pommert – No
 - South Central – Dian Andrew – Yes
 - Southwest – Val Larson – Not present
- Antoine reads the bylaws regarding elections.
- The Nomination Committee is activated. Memembers:
 - Steve Thurin
 - Annette Bailes
 - Jim Pommert
- Antoine introduced the idea of hosting another APE Mega event. This will be different from the GOING APE events, which are now held less frequently.

FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING:

- March 18, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

- 8:15 PM

WASHINGTON STATE GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Bank Balance, October 31, 2025 \$ 12,589.16

INCOME:

Membership Income	\$ 1,057.00
Merchandise sales	86.40
Miscellaneous Income	-

Subtotal	<u>1,143.40</u>	<u>\$ 13,732.56</u>
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EXPENSE:

Chapter Allocation Expense-Olympic Peninsula	\$ 169.67
Postage Expense	17.94
Stripe Fees	59.73
Administrative Expense - Storage mo. Fees Nov & Dec	78.00
Administrative Expense - Zoom renewal	165.34
Ape event - Jim Bertrand - Ape re-usable log sheets	76.30
IT Expense - Password protection software	78.14
Miscellaneous Offset Expense	29.10

\$ 674.22

Bank Balance, December 31, 2025 \$ 13,058.34

Bank Balance 12/31/2025	\$ 13,084.34
Less: Outstanding Checks and Pmts after 12/31/2025	
Puget Sound Chapter Allocation	(129.34)
Cache-Cadian Chapter Allocation	(135.00)
Public Storage Monthly Expense	(50.00)

\$ 12,770.00

Sub-Total

Add: Dec. Balance in Stripe	286.56
Jan. Membership Income	408.00
Jan. Sales Transactions	-

Total Cash On Hand, 01/18/26	<u><u>\$ 13,464.56</u></u>	Actual Balance at Bank 01/18/2026
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1/18/2026
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REVISED CHAPTER ALLOCATIONS DATA FOR 2025 -26 FISCAL YEAR

Updated: 01/16/2026								
2025-26 Chapter Allocations (Paid Out)	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central	Total
April					\$2.60		\$6.50	\$9.10
May		\$42.07						\$42.07
June					\$148.54			\$148.54
July	\$240.00							\$240.00
August					\$62.20			\$62.20
September	\$197.12							\$197.12
October								\$0.00
November			\$169.67					\$169.67
December	\$129.34							\$129.34
January				\$135.00				\$135.00
February								\$0.00
March								\$0.00
								\$0.00
Used to date	\$566.46	\$42.07	\$169.67	\$135.00	\$213.34	\$0.00	\$6.50	\$1,133.04

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central	
Membership List as of 5/10/2025	88	33	24	18	32	29	11	
2025-26 Funds @ \$10/Mbr. For 2 Months	\$146.67	\$55.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$53.33	\$48.33	\$18.33	\$391.66
April Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
May Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2025-26 Funds @ \$7/Mbr. For 10 Months	\$513.33	\$192.50	\$151.67	\$105.00	\$186.67	\$180.83	\$64.17	\$1,394.17
Revised Allocation Funding for 2025-26	\$660.00	\$247.50	\$191.67	\$135.00	\$240.00	\$229.16	\$82.50	\$1,785.83
June Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
July Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
August Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
September Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
October Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
November Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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February Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
March Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Used	\$566.46	\$42.07	\$169.67	\$135.00	\$213.34	\$0.00	\$6.50	
Remaining Funds	\$93.54	\$205.43	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$26.66	\$229.16	\$76.00	\$652.79

WSGA 48N Chapter Report

January 16, 2026

Past Events:

GCBED25 “48 North Holiday Meetup”

WSGA 48North / HeySiri0 & LovOrca

12/6/25

24 Attended



Future Events:

GCBGZAJ “WSGA48N: National Cheese Lovers Day”

WSGA 48North 1/20/26

11 “will attend”

Still working on a Valentine’s Day Event.

A big shoutout to LovOrca for her time and effort in the “12 days of Cachemas” with 12 new caches in Anacortes, plus a bonus! It was a huge hit and success!

Up ahead we are continuing to find neat spots for both regular events and CITO. *Also, due to the recent flooding up here, many geocaches still need to be checked on and replaced.*

Current Goal: Finding ways to let others know about geocaching/ events/CITOs and helping new geocachers out.

At a CITO at Pass Lake an Everett Herald reporter interviewed some of the people there and after letting her know I was there for a geocaching event she said “isn’t that like a treasure hunt, what are you doing here?” I informed her what a CITO is and the goal of giving back and being stewards of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

heySiri0

Siri Owen

Events that have taken place in the Cache-Cadian Chapter during the last two months of 2025 and Jan 2026

GCBF4K2 Dec 13th Cache-Cadian Chapter 2025 Christmas Party, 14 in attendance

GCAKKEG Dec 28th 2025 Cache-Cadian Community Celebration Event by Ambrosia

GCBG9P5 Dec 31st Now 2025 is in our Rear View Mirror 8 in attendance

GCBG9QV Jan 1st Kicking 2026 Off with a Bang, No-No with a Event 12 in attendance

January 19, 2026
WSGA Inland Empire
November-December Report



GCBCTW8 IE WSGA Table Game Day! Come PLAY With Us!
Spokane

Nov. 9, 2025,



GCATMT0 13th Annual Christmas Party hosted by Martin5 Dec. 21, 2025 Spokane

November and December were excellent months for the Chapter! I hosted a game night event in November. I had originally planned to host a WSGA Christmas Party, but Martin5 (previous Chapter Rep) planned and posted his annual Christmas Party, which served as the WSGA Christmas Party in the past. I also had issues with the CCE process that made me unwilling to put effort into hosting a CCE. Those two factors made me decide to archive my originally planned WSGA Christmas Party and just let Martin5's serve in its stead.

Event hosted by LFLibrarian (and scareway) as WSGA event In November

GCBCTW8 IE WSGA Table Game Day! Come PLAY With Us!

Held November 9, 2025. About 20 people attended or stopped by (including children.)
Twelve accounts posted attended logs.



Events scheduled for Late Winter

GCBH5JF Ramen Romp 2026 Scareway and I will be hosting a snowshoeing event at the local Geophysical Park. February 7, 2026. This is intended to be a “north” event to serve cachers from Sandpoint, ID and other parts north of the I-90 corridor in our region.

GCBGT58 15th Annual WSGA IE Winter Party! Scareway and I will be hosting the “Annual Meeting” of our WSGA Chapter. We’ll have cache awards, a slide show, and nominations for 2026 Chapter Rep.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Steinhart

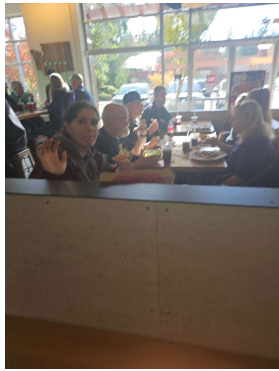
Olympic Peninsula Chapter

PAST EVENTS

WSGA OP November Gathering - National Circle Day

[GCBE0EN](#) ***** 11/2/25 ***** Attended 20

This was hosted at MOD Pizza in Gig Harbor. There was a larger turn out for this event. We enjoyed pizza and conversations for the upcoming holiday season plus how the year was wrapping up for goals.



WSGA OP December Gathering - Holiday Celebration

[GCBE0FD](#) ***** 12/14/2025 ***** Attended 25

This was hosted at the Kitsap Regional Library at the Sylvan Branch. We had a gift exchange and potluck. It was a great hit. As the chapter rep, I used my funds to give everyone a gift for attending, but if you were a WSGA member you received a second gift plus it was not part of the game. We played a game before they could open their gift. It was a dice we had to roll and follow the instructions. It seemed to be a hit. Examples: Gifts move one to the left, gifts move one to the right, you can open one gift to look at, make two other swap gifts, swap a gift with someone, take a peak at someone's gift, etc.



WSGA OP January 2026 Gathering

[GCBGZM6](#) ***** 1/15/2026 ***** Attended 6

This event was at Subway in Silverdale. It was a small group, but we did have a visitor for Virginia who was here for the Shipyard work but heading home that day. We chatted about Yuma and what everyone's plans were for the trip.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WSGA OP February 2026 Gathering

[GCBGZNY](#) ***** 02/14/2026 ***** Will Attend 1

This event is in the Gig Harbor area at The Hub which is a local restaurant at the Tacoma Narrows Airport.

WSGA OP March 2026 Gathering

[GCBGZP4](#) ***** 3/21/2026 ***** Will Attend 4

This event is in Sequim at the Black Bear Diner.

WSGA OP April 2026 Gathering

[GCBGZP8](#) ***** 4/18/2026 ***** Will Attend 3

This event is in Port Orchard at the Subway.

WSGA OP May 2026 Gathering (Unpublished)

[GCBHE94](#) ***** 3/17/2026 ***** Will Attend 1

This event is going to be at Vance Creek County Park in Elma.

With all my events this year will have a piece of Geocaching History on that day of the event, I am planning to have a sort of game at the end of the year with the information provided from each page from every event hosted.

Here is one example of what I am putting on the pages:

What happened on this day in Geocaching series?

Several community and website updates have occurred on January 15th in geocaching history, but no single universally significant event stands out above others like the hiding of the first cache or the removal of Selective Availability.

Notable happenings on January 15th include:

- **2025:** A geocacher shared a comment on the Geocaching While Black blog asking if there were any *South Park*-themed caches in Colorado.
- **2019:** Geocaching HQ released a website update allowing cache owners to add specific start and end times to their Event Caches.
- **2016:** An article was posted on the official Geocaching blog by Andrea Hofer recapping the first-ever Giga-event, Mia San Giga 2014, which had over 8,000 participants.
- **2008:** A discussion was started on the Geocaching forums about a geocache that led to a mountain rescue, highlighting the potential safety considerations within the hobby.

While these events mark specific dates in the game's timeline, there isn't one singular "January 15th" event that fundamentally altered the game, unlike the initial hiding of the first geocache on May 3, 2000, in Oregon.

January 13, 2026

WSGA Puget Sound November-December (and Year-End) Report



2025 Holiday Party

A Summary of November and December Chapter Hosted Events

Geocachers in the Puget Sound Chapter of WSGA have continued to enjoy our favorite activity during the short days and in the cool temperatures of winter, but have also been connecting with geo-friends by attending Geocaching events. Our chapter has hosted chapter events in Auburn, Issaquah, Tukwila, Renton, and Federal Way in the last two months.

This is only a listing of events held by the Chapter Representative as Chapter events; many other events were held within the chapter boundaries in November and December. I will NOT be listing all of those other events.

A Year-end Summary of 2025 Chapter Hosted and Chapter Rep. hosted Events

In 2025, the Chapter Representative hosted 36 Chapter events, including two CCEs and four CITO. The Chapter Representative also hosted another 36 non-Chapter events in 2025.

A listing of November-December WSGA-PS Chapter Hosted Events

GCBDFKK / November Geo-Cafe / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-11-1, 16 attended

GCBCEW7 / WSGA -PS Fall CITO / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-10-15, 22 attended

GCBFN57 / National Cocoa Day / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-12-13, 12 attended

GCBFN57 / Boxing up our Christmas / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-12-26, 9 attended

GCATKGZ / WSGA Puget Sound Chapter Holiday Party & CCE / 2025-12-27, 40 attended

Overview of Upcoming Chapter Events

We expect to host several events per month. With winter here, geocachers are spending more time planning new goals and adventures. Our events are a great place to share stories of our trips and learn about new adventure opportunities, so we're continuing to host events in various parts of King and Pierce County.

A listing of upcoming WSGA-PS Chapter Hosted Events in January and February.

GCBH85Z / November Puzzle Day / WSGA Puget Sound / 2026-1-29

GCBHA1A / National Play Outside Day / WSGA Puget Sound / 2026-02-07