



**NWACUHO David B Stephen Award – Kelly Lundy  
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When we think of Kelly Lundy and her contributions to NWACUHO, the problem is not coming up with examples, but how do we limit those examples to a short list.

The David B. Stephen Award was created to recognize a member specifically for their outstanding and distinguished contributions and service to NWACUHO. We cannot think of another professional more deserving of this recognition than Kelly Lundy.

The first item of note is Kelly's service for two years on the NWACUHO Board of Directors as the Washington Representative. During this time, Kelly was an outstanding advocate for the Washington membership. She created a marketing plan that all state and provincial representatives on the Board were able to use to ensure member institutions were kept up to date with NWACUHO and to ensure they had access to programs, scholarships and other professional development opportunities. As a member of the board, Kelly helped create the new task force involvement model and served as the first coordinator of this engagement model, creating trainings for the board and task force chairs to help them be successful.

Kelly's involvement with NWACUHO has not been limited to her role as the Washington Representative. She also served as the NWACUHO 2013 conference chair when the conference was hosted in Tacoma, WA. The largest annual conference held up to that point, Kelly did an amazing job finding a keynote, coordinating volunteers, putting together menus and making sure every detail was in order. By far one of the best implemented annual conferences we've ever seen.

Kelly's service to the association continued when she was elected into the presidential cycle for the board. During her three years in this progressing role, Kelly played a significant part in implementation of the NWACUHO Master Plan. Her work on the board governance priority is especially notable, as it resulted in the creation of a new communications director for the board. During her year as President, Kelly was able to fully implement a conference planning timeline that resulted in programs, awards, and scholarships for the annual conference running concurrently. As past-president, she was responsible for the implementation of in-person elections for board positions. While these accomplishments are significant, they are only a small piece of the tireless work Kelly did on behalf of the association over her three years of service.

As a leader in the region and on the board, Kelly played a critical role in helping other members successfully transition. Kelly provided a thoughtful hand-off of the Washington Representative role, and as President continued to demonstrate support for the state and provincial reps while also pushing and challenging the group to continue to grow new initiatives. Kelly's dedication to her board members was clear in her leadership within the presidential cycle; she was and remained interested in what was going on both personally and professionally for her colleagues, and lends resources, advice, and time selflessly.

During those three years, Kelly also had a great number of changes in her personal life. She changed jobs, got married, and welcomed a new member to her family. While her personal and professional life were constantly in motion, her dedication to NWACUHO never failed. In addition to navigating those changes within her own personal life, she provided role modeling and support to allow her colleagues to navigate successfully supporting the region while undergoing their own family transitions. I know that my ability to serve in my role while welcoming a new family member would have been much more daunting had it not been for Kelly's assurances, support, and example.

Since leaving the boards, Kelly has continued to be involved, always available to answer questions to current board members. She's serving in a leadership role for the local arrangements committee for ACUHO-I ACE, which will be in Seattle in July 2016. She remains thoughtfully engaged, allowing new voices to step into their own leadership while providing support, advice, and continued investment in the direction of our region.