ANNUAL MEETING
At #AWP23

**Date/Time:** 10:35am - 11:50am on Thursday March 9, 2023

**Location:** Room 437, Summit Building, Seattle Convention Center, Level 4

**Title:** Writers in the Schools Alliance Annual Meeting

**Description:** Join other teaching writers and writer-in-the-school programs to discuss the rewards and challenges of the field at this moment. Goals for this meeting are to forge stronger connections within the network of WITSA organizations and practitioners and to set the coalition’s agenda for the year ahead. Time permitting, WITS community members will be invited to share their students’ writing. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the work of writer-in-the-school teaching artists, programs, and organizations.

**Event Category:** Teaching; Literary Arts Education

**Event Organizer**
WITSA Alliance: The Writers in the Schools Alliance (WITS Alliance) is a professional network of literary arts education programs and individuals who serve K-12 students and provide professional development for their teachers.

**Event Participants**
- MODERATOR: Jennifer Obsenz, Youth Programs Director, Seattle Arts & Lectures
- Robin Reagler, LitNet
- Michele Kotler, Executive Director, Community Word Project (NY)
- Olivia Jones Hall, Director of Youth Programs, Literary Arts (OR)
- Suma Rosen, Executive Director, InsideOut Literary Arts (MI)
- Margo Perin, Sonoma Regional Coordinator, California Poets in the Schools (CA)
- Susan Terence, San Francisco Area Coordinator, Cal. Poets in the Schools (CA)

**Meeting Agenda**
- Student Poem
- An introduction to the WITS Alliance and its history
- Hearing from WITSA members: Several WITSA members will share an overview of their WITS programs and current challenges they are facing and/or issues/projects they are working on.
- Discussion: Meeting participants will be invited to engage in discussion around the question about the future of WITSA: how can WITSA best serve its members moving forward?