

MEMO OF RECORD



DATE: February 4th, 2025

SUBJECT: Clarification and Record of WES Anniversary Year Count

ORWEF is a non-profit volunteer run organization which works in partnership with Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Oregon, USA. ORWEF's primary function is to provide excellent continuing education credits through an annual event called Water Environment School, "WES."

During COVID ORWEF, like many organizations, experienced significant changes resulting in reductions in the planning committee membership, governing board positions, and changes to the CCC faculty partners. Over the last three years ORWEF has rapidly rebuilt and today in 2025 we are excited to still be offering a short school event while expanding our committee of quality and valuable industry members and CCC faculty.

This memo records historical information, to the best of our knowledge, related to the timeline of the WES short school and serves to update the official anniversary count of the short school being in session. Additionally, it should be recorded that the WES event historically occurred during Oregon's Spring Break, typically March. In 2022 it was shifted to June for several reasons. Lastly, the 2020 WES event was fully planned and scheduled, but had to be cancelled.

In the archives from CCC, a draft article for the 2012 WES event announcement noted: "Approximately thirty-six years ago..." when discussing the history of the WES short school event.

- 2012 - 36 years = Would mean the school started in approximately 1976?
- So 2025... Would be the 49th year?

To check this, I reviewed historic front covers of prior WES event welcome packets and materials.

- 2015: 39 "year" was printed on booklet. And 2015 - 1976 is 39 years, it checks!
- 2016: 40 "year" printed on booklet
- 2017: 41 "year" printed on booklet
- 2018: 42 "year" printed on booklet
- 2019: 43 "year" printed on booklet
- 2020: 44 "year" printed on booklet, this event was fully planned but cancelled due to COVID.
- 2021: "45th Year" was printed on the materials from 2021. This event was held on site and certificates issued stating as such.

Because 2021 was printed as counting the 2020 year in all the historical records, and more importantly the 2020 school was fully planned by the ORWEF organization, we have determined that it will continue to count as the 45th year of ORWEF and WES. This provides the most consistent version of the book-keeping of the organization and honors the immense work of the committee who fully planned an event that year.

So, 2022 would have been the 46th annual WES Event

- 2023: Should have been called the 47th annual event.
- 2024: Should have been the 48th annual event

And finally, this year, 2025, is officially the 49th Annual WES Event. This information was reviewed and confirmed by the current ORWEF committee and voted into official record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly Nause-McCord". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a blue oval scribble.

Molly Nause-McCord

President
Oregon Water Education Foundation