

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

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WECAN currently has 189 active member and affiliate schools, early childhood centers, and home programs! Of those, 132 are Full Members, 35 are Associate Members, and 22 are Registered Initiative Affiliates in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and on Tribal Lands.

The WECAN Path to Membership is a process of self-study and peer review that is intended to help programs better recognize their strengths and areas of growth, and guide them in their future development. The membership office is currently preparing to support 41 member programs in completing their membership renewal processes this school year, and 5 prospective members in obtaining membership for the first time. We look forward to reading about all of these programs in their Self-Studies and Site Visit Reports later in the school year.

The following programs have completed membership processes since we last reported in June. We offer congratulations to all of them!

New Associate Member:

- Polaris School and Centre in Ottawa, ON – Welcome to membership, Polaris!

Associate Member Renewals:

- Escuela Micael in Aguadilla, PR
- Lakeside School at Black Kettle Farm in Essex, NY
- Waldorf Independent School of Edmonton in Edmonton, AB

Full Membership Renewals:

- Ashwood Waldorf School in Rockport, ME
- Austin Waldorf School in Austin, TX
- Berkeley Rose Waldorf School in Berkeley, CA
- Berkshire Waldorf School in Great Barrington, MA
- Camellia Waldorf School in Sacramento, CA
- The Cottage Garden in Amherst, MA
- Emerson Waldorf School in Chapel Hill, NC
- The Hartsbrook School in Hadley, MA
- Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School in Ghent, NY
- Maine Coast Waldorf School in Freeport, ME
- Potomac Crescent Waldorf School in Alexandria, VA
- Prairie Hill Waldorf School in Pewaukee, WI
- San Francisco Waldorf School in San Francisco, CA
- Rudolf Steiner School of New York City in New York, NY
- The Waldorf School of Baltimore in Baltimore, MD

Regional Reps: Who are they and what do they do?

The WECAN Board has invited experienced Waldorf early childhood educators and caregivers in each region to act as WECAN regional representatives. Regional reps are our on-the-ground connection to each region, and their collaborative efforts strengthen the movement. In some regions, there are teams of WECAN reps. We currently have 20 reps serving 15 regions and sub-regions. For a full list of current reps, see the [Contact Us Page](#) of the WECAN website.

The primary responsibilities of the WECAN reps in relation to member programs are listed below. Each volunteer rep works to meet the following responsibilities in the manner that best supports the needs of their particular region or sub-region.

- Introduce new initiatives to WECAN and invite them into colleagueship within the region.
- Assist programs with the membership path, including reviewing self-studies and site visit reports, and making recommendations to the WECAN membership committee regarding applications for membership and membership renewals.
- Facilitate collaboration within the region, including initiating regional gatherings of early childhood colleagues.
- Share regional trends with the WECAN Board.

While Regional Reps do not solve problems for member programs or get involved in their decision-making, they may be able to provide a listening ear for members to discuss activities and issues of concern. Feel free to contact your rep if you have questions, would like to support the planning of a regional gathering, or want to discuss regional issues.

And finally, special thanks to **Kim Raymond** who stepped back from her role as a regional rep in the Hawaii region this summer after many years of service. We are so grateful to Kim for her support of the region and wish her much joy as she experiences a little more free time! We also send Kim our best as a resident of Maui, where recovery from the devastating fires last month is ongoing.



We're happy to announce that **Allyson Anthony** will be stepping in as our new rep in Hawaii this year. Allyson completed her Waldorf Teacher training at Waldorf Teacher Education Eugene and taught at Eugene Waldorf School for 10 years before moving to Hawaii in 2011. She's been teaching at Mālamalama Waldorf School on the big island ever since. Please join me in welcoming Allyson as a rep!