

## **Jack McKay ('57), Candidate for President of the Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association**

Jack McKay's career in public education spans 45 years of experience. From a history teacher and coach at Port Angeles High School, to principal of Pasco High School to Superintendent of the Sequim and Selah School Districts. The other half of his career was as a professor and department chair at the University of Pacific and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He earned full professor and emeritus status while teaching and doing research on school policy, law and research design. Also, at the university level, he published 34 peer reviewed articles and two books on educational policy and leadership.

Jack earned his BA and MA degrees at Central Washington University and his Ed.D. degree in educational administration and sociology from Washington State University. In 2015, Jack was presented the WSU College of Education's Advocate Award for service in the importance of public education.

For the past 20 years, Jack has been the Executive Director of the Horace Mann League, a national honorary association of 800 school superintendents and professors of education leadership. The League's members are committed to the belief that the public schools are the cornerstone of our communities and democracy and that all students are entitled to a quality learning experience.

Jack is active in his local Rotary Club as a board member, served on Lincoln High School's Class of 1957 reunion committee, and for the past two years, serves as the 1957 Class Representative for the Lincoln Lynx Alumni Association.

Interest in serving as your LLAA President is centered around the following:

1. Increase participation of alumni in activities and events by sponsoring timely topics of interest.
2. Increase participation of class representatives in LLAA monthly meetings by video conferencing and purposeful agenda topics.
3. Increase support and engagement of class representatives by offering assistance.
4. Increase alumni membership retention by notifying members of when membership dues are payable.
5. Continue the *Totem II* publication featuring alumni articles and reunion activities.
6. Reconsider the role of the LLAA Executive Board's duties and the decision-making responsibilities of the Class Representatives at monthly meetings.
7. Provide continuity of LLAA Board meetings by locating a regular place to meet during the year.
8. Provide monthly updates on budget (income, expenses, and balance relative to current and the past two years) and membership status (membership by class year of total current membership, by dues delinquent, and unknown status.)
9. Form an active relationship with new high school (2019) administration to preserve Lincoln's history and traditions.
10. Making sure that our rich history is on display at the new high school.
11. Start planning for influx of new graduating seniors i.e. what types of scholarships we will offer.