

## WATOA Teleconference: Annual Membership Meeting 12/18/13

1. Call to order 2:18 PM
  - a. Jeff Leuders, Megan Hutton, Mike Charboneau, Linda Seesz, Chris Jaramillo, Alice Lawson, John Funfar, Ken Feldman, Dave Hinman, Steve Gross, Brenda, Jim Demmon, Dea Drake, Illana, George, Mark
2. Approval of minutes from 10/11/12 (from Richland mtg), Jeff moved, George seconded, approved
3. Treasures Report and Membership Update – Dea Drake
  - a. \$11,723.21 as of end of November
  - b. \$810 NATOA chapter dues
  - c. End of year balance—approx. \$11,900
  - d. Jeff moved, John seconded, approved
4. WATOA 2014 Conference Update – Chris Jaramillo
  - a. April 31-May 1
  - b. Lake Chelan, WA at Campbell’s Resort
  - c. Ask for government rate
  - d. Planning cmte
    - i. PEG/production track—Megan, Jim
    - ii. Legal/regulator—Chris, Alice, Jeff, Brenda
      1. All provider panel, franchise renewal
5. 2014 Legislative Update – Jeff Lueders
  - a. From Victoria: there are no issues percolating in the WA legislature at this time
  - b. Federal level
    - i. Stella reauthorization—satellite bill
      1. License expires Nov 2014, last revisited 2009
    - ii. Marketplace fairness act
      1. In subcommittee now
    - iii. CAP Act
      1. Senate file #1789 now posted online
      2. No republican sponsor, has been introduced by uncertain about how it will move forward
    - iv. Tax freedom acts
      1. Multiple legislation
      2. Current ban expires Nov 2014—Senate file #31, House #434
      3. Wireless Tax Payer Act
      4. House Commerce cmte will be looking at Telecommunications Act rewrite that potentially would affect all of us
        - a. The people behind it are the telecom leadership in the republican party—could be more about fundraising than amending the bill
    5. Feldman on FCC regulations:
      - a. Rulemaking that’s pending—could preempt local rules for sighting—due to FCC due Feb 3, 2014, local jurisdictions putting comments together now, advocate to preserve local authority

- i. Illana is helping people with that, WATOA is a resource for this
    - b. Closed captioning: rules for TV do not apply to Govt programming
      - i. New rules for internet clips
      - ii. If you do close caption TV programs, and you make them available on the internet, that video online must be closed captioned.
- 6. WATOA Newsletter – Alice Lawson
  - a. Next will come out mid-January
  - b. 3 issues will come out in 2014
- 7. Other business
  - a. Want to put something on the WATOA website—email it to Linda
  - b. Creating a global listing for all cable contacts in Washington
  - c. Dea will be sending out membership dues soon
  - d. Board elections—ballots mailed out this week
    - i. Linda Seesz running for Vice President
  - e. Board meeting in Yakima—1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March
- 8. Adjournment 3:02 PM