

WATOA Teleconference 3/19/14

1. Call to order 2:08 PM
 - a. Brenda, Megan, Jeff, Linda, Mark, Jim, Judy, George, Mike, Victoria, Dea, Chris
2. Approval of Board minutes from 2/21/14, Mark moved, Judy seconded
3. Treasurer Report—Dea Drake
 - a. \$11,274.61 in bank as of end of February
 - b. Have handful of membership checks to process
4. State Legislative Update—Victoria Lincoln
 - a. HB 2175 a bill about pole attachments
 - i. Evident it wasn't going to move forward
 - ii. Changed from a PUD pole attachment, changed to affect cities
 - iii. Quickly passed House, went to Senate
 - iv. Some cities had concerns about the permitting
 1. Ugly discussion between cities and AT&T, went down to the day before the bill
 - v. Industry was forced to modify mandate on permitting piece that 'cities must accept applications that have multiple sites'—Changed to say "may have multiple sites" and the bill passed
 - vi. Victoria thinks this discussion will continue, possibly next fall—AT&T doesn't intend to bring a bill forward again without advanced notice—WATOA should be prepared to handle this more in future, who can be point person from leg cmte that Victoria can call if a weekend or evening
 1. George, John, Jeff will work with Victoria
 2. Difficult for municipal TV stations to compete with major groups Comcast, Direct TV, Netflix, etc.
1. 2014 WATOA Spring Conference – Chris Jaramillo (Program Update), Mike Charboneau and Judy Devall (President's Reception)
 1. Regulatory folks confirmed
 2. Bob Thronsen teaching storyteller workshop
 3. Chris going to Campbell's April 6-7 to check everything
 4. Presidents reception
 1. Karma Cellars—5 miles from hotel, bus will take us there \$2500 budget
 2. Wine & finger foods
 3. Have food at hotel to tide people over before winery
5. Adjournment 3:00 PM