

WATOA Teleconference 7/8/15

1. Call to order 2:06 PM
 - a. Attendees: Alice Lawson, Jim Demmon, Megan Hutton, Linda Seesz, Mark Somers, Chris Jaramillo, John Delay, Dea Drake, Judy Duvall, Derek Young
2. Approval of minutes from 6/10/15, change misspell in Randy's last name, Jim moved, Dea seconded, approved
3. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Little activity since last month, June estimated is \$13,359.00
 - b. Got invoice from BB&K \$1,000
 - c. \$12,500 estimated for second half of the year
4. Spring Conference Survey—Alice
 - a. 19 responses
 - b. Networking was #1 importance of attending
 - c. Industry trends was a good takeaway
5. New board member, region 5 (Tacoma/Pierce County)
 - a. Derek Young—new to Pierce County Council and Rainier Communications Commission, formerly 16 years on Gig Harbor council, graphic design background
6. NATOA Scholarship—Dea Drake
 - a. A partial scholarship to the NATOA conference, covers registration approx \$550, but not travel and hotel
 - b. Preference given to folks from smaller cities. Must be a WATOA member.
 - c. Linda, Dea, Mark will work on blurb to advertise it in newsletter and list serve and website.
7. Nominating Committee—Chris Jaramillo
 - a. 1 open position on board remaining—region 6
 - b. Consider moving Judy Duvall (who currently represents at large 5,000 or less) into that position since she's in region 6, and then look for a smaller community to fill the at large 5K or less.
8. Newsletter / Website – Linda Seesz
 - a. Many articles in already, Chris doing main article, Megan writing production article
 - b. Newsletter will come out end of July, if not sooner
9. Other business
 - a. WATOA participated in an Amicus brief Comcast vs. Eugene, O—the city of Eugene reports oral arguments went well, Court asked for additional briefings that focus on federal law interpretation (not state interp)
 - i. Case addresses what right the cable operator have to offer services through the right of way
 - b. Judy Duvall on Charter—after Comcast merger, going to call themselves “the New Charter” after adding an additional three small partners
 - c. Megan described PCTV's U.S. Open coverage
10. Adjournment Mark moved, John seconded 2:35 PM