

## WATOA Teleconference 12/12/12

1. Call to order 2:05PM
  - a. Mike Charboneau, Randy Beehler, Dal Neitzel, Chris Jaramillo, Judy Devall, Jim Demmon, Jon Funfar, Dea Drake, Jeff Lueders and Linda Seesz
2. Approval of minutes from 10/11/12: Chris moved, Judy seconded; approved
3. Elections – Chris Jaramillo
  - a. Mailing election ballot today, thanks to the City of Seattle for their help
    - i. Should arrive any day, be sure to sign the signature card and return
    - ii. Ballot highlights:
      1. Jeff Lueders as Vice-President
      2. Brenda Cooper in Region 2
      3. Current Board Members remaining: Jim Demmon, Dal Neitzel, Judy Devall, Randy Beehler and Linda Seesz
      4. Mike Charboneau moves into Past President position
    - iii. Region 3 – still vacant as Larry Dunbar has moved to Ellensburg, we will need to recruit a new person from the Port Angeles area
  - b. Next year we will discuss whether to change the Board Bylaws to allow voting by email
4. Treasurer Report – Dea Drake
  - a. One correction to the Treasurer Report is the outstanding \$60 for Bill Oltman plaque
  - b. Ending balance: \$10,758.70 minus the \$690 NATOA Fee, this conference call and the \$60 Oltman plaque
  - c. Outstanding debts for conference
    - i. Daniel, LiveView, still owes \$200 for the ad in the workbook
  - d. Bank signature cards
    - i. Need to be updated to reflect the incoming president
  - e. Conference Report
    - i. Reviewed and discussed
5. Legislative – Mike Charboneau
  - a. Update on AWC request for franchise fee information
    - i. With the help of others, Mike put together responses to the AWC request for franchise fee information which came from Dave Patterson, the legislative policy analyst at AWC. The request included questions about whether or not franchise fee payments are for maintenance and repair of rights of way. There seems to be misunderstandings about what franchise fees pay for. Mike hasn't heard anything back, but had told them we're available any time if they want to meet for clarification.
    - ii. If people want more info, let Mike know and he can send the correspondence that was prepared
    - iii. The information gathered for this response should be put into an upcoming newsletter
  - b. Victoria Lincoln would like us to have a meet & greet with whichever legislators might be on the Technology Committee
    - i. Place on the retreat agenda discussing the possibility of having an Olympia Meet & Greet
6. Quarterly newsletter – Linda Seesz
  - a. Corrections

- i. Jeff – on page 7 instead of “Community Programming Awards,” they should all say “Government Programming Awards”
    - b. We should look into entering the newsletter into an awards system next year
    - c. No further changes from the Board, send and distribute with corrections
  - 7. Fees due to NATOA for non-WATOA members for 2012 – Mike Charboneau
    - a. List sent by Mike to Board
      - i. 23 members x \$30 = \$690
      - ii. Last year the cost paid was \$630
    - b. Discussion
      - i. Are we being penalized for having a second voting member if a city is represented by another member
      - ii. Per Mike, if an individual is not a member of NATOA, but a voting member of WATOA, then a fee applies
      - iii. Further discussion re if a city is an agency member of NATOA or an organization is a member, then the fee shouldn’t be incurred by individuals
    - c. Dea moved, Jim seconded; approved payment to NATOA
  - 8. Other business
    - a. Retreat
      - i. Chris asked whether the best solution for the retreat is to go back to Yakima, the Board was positive in response. Randy agreed to again host the Board retreat this year.
      - ii. Possible dates will be identified – trying to stay away from the high school basketball tournament – likely either the last weekend in February or in early March; options may be floated in email and plans will finalize at the January Board Meeting
      - iii. Keep on the radar to possibly include a tele-conference with Victoria Lincoln as part of the retreat agenda
    - b. Mike thanked the Board for the last two years, closing with his plans to work to be a good past president!
    - c. Bill Oltman’s last workday is Wednesday, December 19.
    - d. Happy holidays!
  - 9. Adjournment 2:38 PM