

WATOA Board Teleconference 11/18/15 - Minutes

Attendees: Linda Seesz, John Delay, Jon Funfar, Mark Somers, Mike Connor, Dea Drake, Jim Demmon, Judy Devall, Alice Lawson Excused: Megan Hutton, Derek Young, Chris Jaramillo

1. **Call to order** 2:05 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes from 10/14/15:** John F. moved to approve minutes as presented. Dea seconded. Vote taken and minutes approved.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Month-end Oct 2015 report presented. Current fund balance is \$12,619.68. No changes in revenues or memberships since Sept 2015. Report reflects checks cashed and checks outstanding. There are no additional outstanding expenses at this time.
4. **Conference Planning:**
 - *Dates:* Conference dates are: **April 28-29, 2016** (Thurs-Fri)
 - *Lodging:* Campbell's resort has provided group rate confirmation number so room reservations can begin. A 'Save the Date' message will be included in next newsletter.
 - *Sessions:* Session tracks overview provided. Thursday will be full day covering different topics. Friday will be ½ date dedicated workshops on (PEG) Story Development from shooter/editors perspective, and (Leg/Policy) Broadband. Board members asked to consider serving as moderator for a session, and help recruit colleagues/peers with expertise to serve as speakers on subjects.
 - *Rates:* Board asked to approve \$25.00 increase in 2016 conference rates, to help cover fixed costs (e.g., audio-visual equipment rental). Dea moved to increase 2016 rates by \$25, to **\$150 (members)** and **\$175 (non-members)**. Judy seconded. Vote taken. Unanimously approved.
 - *Open issues:* Arrangements for President's reception and sponsors.
5. **Newsletter:** Articles are received and being transmitted to Dea for newsletter set-up. Draft will be sent for Board review, and then finalized for release to full membership by target date of December 8, 2015.
6. **December – All Member Conference Call:** December 9, 2015 is conference call date. Provide Linda with any agenda items by 11/30/2015.
7. **Nominating Committee:** Ballots to be sent out in early-mid December. Votes must be postmarked by 12/31/2015. Chris Jaramillo working to fill known vacancies.
8. **Other Business**

Annual Board Retreat: Targeted location is City of Ellensburg; Linda to contact Larry Dunbar to confirm if possible. Tentative retreat dates are February 19 or 26, 2016.

WATOA ListServ: Jon updated ListServ, removing old and duplicate email addresses. If you get a message saying you've been removed from ListServ means you had duplicate email in system.

9. **Adjournment 2:27 PM**