

## WATOA Teleconference 11/16/16

1. Call to order 2:06 PM
  - a. Attendees: Linda, Megan, Chris J, John Delay, Mike Connor,
2. Approval of minutes from 10/12/16, Mike moved, John seconded
3. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
  - a. October financials
    - i. Outstanding Puget Sound Access check: Confirmed with Jeff at PSA that he never received it, so I have issued a new one. Once that is cashed I'll cancel the outstanding one.
    - ii. Annual *NATO A Chapter dues*: not reflected in October report because the invoice/payment happened in November.
      1. Our 2016 dues were \$870.00 for 29 non-NATO A members.
      2. In 2015 we paid \$990.00 for 33 non-NATO A members, so this is another area where we reduced costs from last year – and have more WATO A members benefitting from being NATO A members too
  - b. 2017 Membership invoicing
    - i. No change in annual membership dues for 2017
    - ii. Invoices will go out week of Nov 28<sup>th</sup>
4. Board Retreat Planning
  - a. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg—date TBD
    - i. Larry Dunbar will host
  - b. Take a board vote at that time
5. NATO A 2017—in Seattle Sept. 11-14
  - a. Members of WATO A board will be on NATO A conf cmtes
  - b. Compile a list of vendors/exhibitors and sponsors—name of vendors we know, use, like and their contact info, and a local contact person who works with them...send names and info of your favorites to Linda Seesz, she will compile and send to Tonya
  - c. GPA entertainment costs—WATO A would be on the hook for paying for band after the GPA awards banquet...if we want to do that. We have time to research this, make decision in coming months. On the call, we generally liked the idea of supporting this and felt it really enhanced the end of a good conference, but we'll have more discussion. Chris J said she knew of a good band.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Conference cmtes--WATO A 2017 conference
    - i. Ramp up conference planning beginning of December
    - ii. All board members will be tapped to help with the WATO A conference, not just the conference cmtes. We're helping with some planning for the NATO A conf too so we need to delegate and spread man power
    - iii. Production Track
      1. John Delay has list of session topics we'd like to see
    - iv. Invitations to go out to following national experts to speak for legislative/franchising track. Any other suggestions?
      1. Brian Grogan (legal, franchising issues)
      2. Ken Fellman (legal, franchising, FCC, rights of way, wireless, Mobilitie issues)
      3. Gail Karish (legal, rights of way, Mobilitie, wireless issues)
      4. Garth Ashpaugh (franchise auditing/financial reviews)

7. Newsletter / Website – Linda Seesz
  - a. Have all the articles for newsletter, except for one...expect it in 3 weeks
8. Board Elections
  - a. Ballots will be mailed the week of Nov 28<sup>th</sup>
  - b. By law change
    - i. One at large member representing jurisdictions of 5,000 or less, will now represent the 5 lowest member jurisdictions, so we have more folks available to fill that board position
  - c. Mike Connor will be Vice President
  - d. Robin Haseth Steel will be brand new—Region 2 King Co area
  - e. Waiting to hear confirmation from Larry Dunbar about one of his staff doing it—Region 6 Yakima area
  - f. We'll update our WATOA contact list once votes are final
9. Other business
  - a. Chapter President call—notes from Linda
    - i. Effect on change in Presidential election...big changes anticipated in FCC
  - b. Save the dates:
    - i. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>—E-NATOA (cost) “The Courts, the Hill and the FCC”
    - ii. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>—free ENATOA for WATOA members “What the election means for NATOA and franchises/legislation nationwide”
  - c. Pierce County TV anticipates getting their Comcast HD channel in spring 2017
10. Adjournment Mike, John 2:46 PM