



## Washington Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors

*A professional organization of individuals and organizations serving citizens in the development, regulation, and administration of cable television and other telecommunication systems.*

### WATOA Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

1. Call to Order – 2:07 PM
2. Roll Call of Officers

WATOA Board Position	2021 Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Jeff Lueders, City of Tacoma	x	
Vice-President	Robin Steel, City of Bellevue	x	
Board Secretary	Megan Hutton, Pierce County	x	
Treasurer	Alice Lawson, City of Seattle	x	
Regional Rep: District 1 (North & Puget)	Ben Skudlarek, City of Bellingham	x	
Regional Rep: District 2 (King)	Amber Olds, City of Auburn	x	
Regional Rep: District 3 (Puget & Coast)	Jon Rauch, City of Bremerton	x	
Regional Rep: District 4 (Southwest)	Jim Demmon, City of Vancouver	x	
Regional Rep: District 5 (Rainier Valley)	Derek Young, Pierce County		x
Regional Rep: District 6 (Central)	Ben Faubion, City of Ellensburg		x
Regional Rep: District 7 (Northeast)	John Delay, City of Spokane	x	
Regional Rep: District 8 (Tri-Cities)	Jon Funfar, City of Pasco	x	
Regional Rep: District 9 (At-Large)	Edgar Riebe, Seattle Public Schools	x	
Past-President	George Geyer, Kitsap County		x

3. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Motion: Alice      2<sup>nd</sup>: Amber      Approval: unanimously approved
4. Approval of minutes from December 8, 2021
  - a. Motion: Robin      2<sup>nd</sup>: John Delay      Approval: unanimously approved
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
  - a. Welcome to a new year
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
  - a. Appetite for offering other events this year, by not having a full conference
    - i. E-WATOA ideas
      1. State Broadband Office – state funding/grants, help communities plan ahead for broadband
      2. Don't plan on legislative update – few bills expected
      3. Lessons learned in the AV bid and contract process
      4. Organization – projects, media file structure
    - ii. May – Key Code equipment vendor show in Seattle, date/location TBD, possibly Fremont Studios
      1. Tom Arenz offered up a meeting space for free if we want to host a WATOA meeting or sessions there.
    - iii. March Board retreat
      1. In person or virtual TBD – Board will decide in February
      2. March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
      3. Bring agenda ideas to next meeting
7. Secretary's Report

- a. Anticipate starting by-laws update at the Board retreat in March
- 8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
  - a. Previous balance 10/31/21 - \$18,804.20
  - b. New adjusted balance 11/30/21 - \$18,904.20
  - c. Total deposits \$275 in renewal deposits
  - d. Alice discussed membership renewal credits
  - e. Finance report was moved and approved unanimously
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. Conference Cmte – Alice Lawson
    - i. Future session ideas based on feedback from October conference
      - 1. Broadband funding, working with federal groups on funding like NTIA and FCC, more editing techniques, more storytelling professionals, managing bids for video/av systems, ROW, video scripting
- 10. Old Business
  - a. None
- 11. New Business
  - a. Jon Rauch retiring March 31 – will be stepping down. Will work with Chris in an effort to fill the position.
  - b. Certify 2022 Board election results
    - i. Alice moved, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved
    - ii. No positions changed
    - iii. The 2022 Board Election process is complete, with 52% of voting members casting ballots. *The results:* our full slate of candidates were unanimously elected to serve as Board members next year.
      - i. Starting January 1, 2022, these are WATOA Board representatives

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- 12. Good of the Order
  - a. none
- 13. Next Meeting(s)
  - a. February 9, 2022
- 14. Adjournment – 3:05 p.m.