



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.

Board Meeting November 18, 2020

1. Call to Order – 2:16 PM
2. Roll Call of Officers
 - a. ~~George Geyer, Mike Charboneau~~, Megan Hutton, ~~John Delay~~, Jim Demmon, Ben Faubion, Edgar Riebe, Alice Lawson, Chris Jaramillo, Jon Funfar, Mike Connor, ~~Derek Young, Robin Steel, John Rauch~~, Ben Skudlarek
3. President's Report
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
 - i. Approved without changes
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. Approval of minutes from the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting
 - i. Motion Jon F, Edgar 2nd, unanimously approved
5. Treasurer's report
 - i. Reviewed without change
6. Committee Reports
 - a. 2021 conference planned for Chelan –April 28-30
 1. WATOA stands to lose \$2500 if April 2021 conference
 - a. Ideas for not losing that money include still holding the conference, up to 60 people in person socially distanced at Campbells, use some WATOA funding to cover travel
 2. If State rules dictate we can't hold it, Campbell's will refund \$2500 deposit
 3. Board may consider moving the conference to a mid September-October 2021 date
 - a. Chris will call Campbell's again, ask about possible dates, and report back
 - b. Board likes idea of delaying until Fall 2021 if we can. Will make a decision by January '21 about conference date.
 - b. Production
 - i. NATOA offering a free webinar for NATOA conf attendees
 1. Production track - To script or not to script, Megan is speaking
 - c. Membership
 - i. Time for Alice to send membership renewals
 - d. Nominating
 - i. Deadline Dec 21st – shutoff online elections due to COVID
 1. 11 in so far, we need 26 minimum
 - e. Policy/Legal



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- i. Depends on State budget – talk of a broadband bill, not much to share yet. Would look at better increased access for rural communities.
 - ii. Federal level, will see what FCC chair looks like under Biden administration
 - iii. AWC broadband webinar coming up – Alice will share more details
 - 1. Alice is on the broadband cmte for City of Seattle, can also be considered rep for WATO
 - f. Communications
 - i. Alice just updated the website
7. Old Business
 - a. Board voting has gone out to the Chapter Members
 8. New Business
 - a. WAVE is going to up their rates - \$4+ increase for basic services
 9. Good of the Order
 - a. Chris thanks everyone for sending in new address/phone contacts to the King County Cable Office
 10. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. Board Meeting 12/9/20, 1/13/20
 11. Adjournment – 3:06 PM unanimously approved