



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 February 12, 2020

1. Call to Order – 2:04 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, ~~Judy Devall, Jon Funfar,~~ Mike Connor, ~~Derek Young~~, Robin Steel, John Rauch
3. President's Report
 - a. Approval of the Agenda, Jim 2st, Mike C 2nd
4. Vice President's Report
 - a. Mike Charboneau
 - i. Introduction of Comcast using wireless infrastructure of Sprint/Verizon
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. Approval of minutes from:
 - i. 11/13/19 Minutes – remove “Tri-cities” from PEG channels removed, only Zillah did so.
 - ii. 1/8/20 Minutes
 - b. Motion to accept – Mike C, 2nd Jim, unanimously approved
6. Treasurer's report
 - a. Beginning balance 12/31/2019 - \$19,799.26
 - b. Ending balance 1/31/20 - \$20,424.26
 - c. Membership renewals continue to come in
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Events/ Annual Conference – Mike Charboneau
 - i. Winery
 1. Confirmed time, ready to do menu
 2. Winery has a restaurant next door
 3. Same bus company as last year
 - a. Propose two buses \$984, drive time – roughly 10 miles
 - b. Board is considering spending that extra money on food and distribute throughout event instead
 - c. No decision yet, table it until Board retreat
 - ii. Sponsor revenue to date: nearly \$5,000 from vendors
 1. Keycode
 2. This year vendors will be located in one room, not in the lobby/hallway, coffee/snacks will be in there too
 - iii. Hotel update
 1. Under full renovation now
 2. 21 Registrations to date



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- iv. Production
 - 1. Using Google Drive doc, all
- v. Nominating/membership
 - 1. Filling DJ's spot for Bellingham
 - a. Board discussion about inviting Ben from Bellingham – DJ's replacement – to the Board retreat to get to know him and express interest in him filling the position
 - i. Robin motion, John 2nd, approved
- 8. Old Business
 - a. none
- 9. New Business
 - a. Logan Bahr – legislative updates via conference call during board retreat
 - i. Alice has emailed him often in 2019, he took over Victoria Lincoln's portfolio of work with AWC
 - b. HB2922 place limits on PUD's ability to control their poles, restricts fees/usage
- 10. Good of the Order
 - a. Website is updated for conference
 - b. Send cool videos to Alice to post on website
 - c. Scholarship Cmte – a few applications came in, review and brief the board on Feb 28th at retreat with announcement on March 8th
 - d. John Delay – negotiating with Comcast. Pressure coming from Philadelphia, get items negotiated before Order 621 comes through. Issues around dark fiber. Plus charge for services Comcast originally initiated.
 - e. John in Bremerton – asking for second channel was going well, now declined.
 - f. George – starting with Comcast and Wave soon.
 - g. Mike in Kirkland – city approved agreement in 2018, then Comcast dragged feet until signing. Making payments on old agreement.
 - h. Megan RCC – RCC to start franchising, kick off expected in March 2020.
 - i. Alice – Comcast initiated rate increase. That will bump up franchise fees a bit, but could also affect customer base.
- 11. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. Board Meeting March 11, 2020
- 12. Adjournment – 3:02 PM, unanimously approved