



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 April 8, 2020

1. Call to Order – 2:08 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
 - i. Jim 1st, Alice 2nd, approved
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. Approval of minutes from 3/19/20 Minutes
 - i. Motion to accept – Edgar moved, 2nd Jim Demmon, unanimously approved
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. Beginning balance 2/29/20 - \$21,349.26
 - b. Ending balance 3/31/20 - \$21,428.08
 - c. A couple new members joined
 - d. Refunding Castus for conference vendor fee
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Events / Annual Conference
 - i. WATOA annual conference is cancelled, will look to hold in 2021
 1. Consider which topics would make a good webinar to still hold in lieu of conference
 2. Everyone should reach out to their
 3. Brown Paper Ticket registrations – they will refund everyone directly who had already registered
 - b. Production
 - i. John Sharify will hold dates for 2021 conference to be the PEG storyteller
 - ii. Send your favorite videos to Alice to feature on WATOA website
 - c. Nominating / Membership
 - i. Bring our by-laws forward in more of our discussions
 1. A separate cmte to oversee the by-laws, and review them at a similar time each year, then move any changes forward for a vote
 2. Secretary responsible for overseeing that cmte, making the changes and bringing it forward.
 3. George motioned to create a By-Laws Committee, Jim D 2nd, unanimously approved
 - d. Legislative / Policy / Legal
 - i. Alice L talked about broadband companies trying to use COVID emergency orders to say they don't need permits to do some deployments



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- ii. Chris J talked about how NATOA is doing – they'll discuss future of the August-Sept NATOA conference on their next call
 - iii. Local govts are seeing budget freezes, budget cuts
 - 1. Likely to affect training/travel budgets, etc
 - e. Communications
 - i. Website has been updated to reflect conference cancellation
 - ii. The Listserv has been great, lots of good use of it in the last month
- 7. Old Business
 - a. None
- 8. New Business
 - a. Chris to work with Megan on By-Laws cmte
 - b. Edgar is hiring a full time position for Seattle Public Schools
- 9. Good of the Order
 - a. None
- 10. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. May 8th meeting is cancelled, moved to May 13th at 2 PM
- 11. Adjournment – 2:54 PM, unanimously approved
 - a. Motion Alice, Jim D 2nd, unanimously approved