



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 June 8, 2022

1. Call to Order – 2:20 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)	Vacant		
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 2nd: Jim D Approval: unanimously approved
4. Approval of minutes from May 11, 2022, as amended
 - a. Motion: John D 2nd: Jim D Approval: unanimously approved
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
 - a. None, Jeff on vacation
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
 - a. EWATOA report
 - i. 2nd PEG Friday in October 21st or 28th TBD Powerpoint slides showing different PEG station setups (Jim D)
 - ii. 2nd LEG fall/winter TBD with State Broadband Office partnership (Jon F/Jeff)
7. Secretary's Report
 - a. None
8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Previous balance 4/30/22 - \$21,158.20
 - b. New adjusted balance 5/31/22 - \$21,083.20
 - c. Jan-Feb big months for renewals
 - i. 29 agencies (94% of 2021), 75 members (88% of 2021) to date
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Cmte – Robin Steele
 - i. Confirmed: Richland Holiday Inn

- ii. May 3 check in, May 4-5, 2023 conference
- b. Leg/Policy Cmte
 - i. A lot of activity tracking the state broadband office and money coming through them
 - ii. In last year's leg session, there was bill proposed about micro-trenching. Concerns about preempting local control of ROW and degrading street surfaces. Bill was pushed back in last year. AWC is having conversation with Crown Castle and other stakeholders on issue this year. Seattle/Bellevue scheduled for June 20th to share their policy, practices, concerns.
 - iii. Jeff called WA state legislators in support of Protecting Community Television Act.
- c. Production
 - i. The board had a discussion about how hybrid council meetings are going and which vendors are working out.
- d. Membership
 - i. See financial report
- e. Nominating: Fill two positions
 - i. Jon Rauch (vacant end of March)George Geyer will fill his position.
 - ii. Derek Young
 - 1. Consider Patti Belle from City of Kent, lives in Lakewood, would require Lakewood to become a member, Chris J actively working on this.
- f. Scholarships
 - i. None
- g. By Laws
 - i. None
- 10. New Business
- 11. Good of the Order
 - a. none
- 12. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. July 13, 2022
- 13. Adjournment – 2:56 p.m.