



## 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 August 10, 2022

1. Call to Order – 2:02 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		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
NATO representative non-voting	Chris Jaramillo	x	

3. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Motion: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alice Approval: yes
4. Approval of minutes from the July 13, 2022 Board Meeting
  - a. 12 – good of the order, correct spelling of Jon Morrison
  - b. Motion: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>: Amber Approval: yes
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
  - a. Sent off president's report
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
  - a. E-WATOA report
    - i. PEG – Noon on October 28<sup>th</sup> – tour other PEG station setups (Jim D)
      1. Vancouver, Bellingham, Seattle Channel, PCTV (NDI switcher), Seattle Public Schools
        - a. Edgar to coordinate with Daryl
      - ii. LEG – Fall/Winter date TBD w/ State Broadband Office (Alice/Jon)
7. Secretary's Report
  - a. Restart work on by-laws when George, Megan and Jeff can regroup. Any changes have to make the December ballot.
    - i. September – bylaws cmte works on proposed changes
    - ii. October - Present bylaws changes to board
    - iii. November – Present changes at business meeting
    - iv. December – have changes on ballot

8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
  - a. Previous balance
    - i. 6/30/22 - \$21,083.20
  - b. New balance
    - i. 7/31/22 \$21,233.20
    - ii. Membership renewal for BKAT
    - iii. 97% of agencies renewed, 92% of total membership
  - c. WATOA Chapter meeting dinner at NATOA
    - i. Board has traditionally supported reasonable costs for food
      1. 16 from Washington
      2. Motion to allow up to/not to exceed \$600 for food and one beverage per person. Robin motion, Edgar second, approved.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Conference Cmte – Chris Jaramillo
    - i. Hotel is holding space, WATOA needs to sign contract, likely in October
  - b. Policy/Legal
    - i. FCC Chair announced a notice of inquiry as part of FCC's annual evaluation of the broadband access across the country – changing the federal from 25/3 to 100/20 (WA State is already 100/20)
    - ii. Protecting Community Television Act – Senate Bill 3361/HR6219
      1. This legislation changes one word, related to franchise fees.
    - iii. Net Neutrality and Broadband Justice Act
      1. No bill number yet, new bill introduced in July
    - iv. State Broadband Deployment Best Practices Taskforce
    - v. Franchise fee and PEG fee for OTT state legislative effort
      1. Oregon has language in law to allow linear foot charges
      2. Looking at charges for communications services in the right of way
  - c. Production - none
  - d. Communications – thanks for making the NATOA ad!
  - e. Membership/Nominating
    - i. Four vacancies in positions 3 (will be George Geyer), 5, 7, 8 – proposals will be ready in September
10. Old Business
  - a.
11. New Business
  - a. 2022 WATOA Business (all-member) meeting
    - i. Wednesday, November 9 from 2-3 pm
      1. 30 days notice required
      2. Agenda: include bylaws update
12. Good of the Order
  - a. none
13. Next Meeting(s)
  - a. Board Meeting dates Sept 14, Chapter meeting at NATOA is August 30
14. Adjournment – 3:03 pm