



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 August 12, 2020

1. Call to Order – 2:05 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. Robin moved, Mike C 2nd, unanimously approved
 4. Vice President's Report
 - a. \$250 scholarship for virtual NATOA conference
 - i. Only 1 new applicant from City of Vancouver, plus the one winner already selected and chosen.
 - ii. Less interest than expected, advertised it a few times. Rather than continue advertising externally to members, George would recommend opening up to board members now.
 - iii. Board would like to put it back out by email to the Chapter listserve through August 28th.
 1. Robin motion, Mike C 2nd, unanimously approved
 5. Secretary's Report
 - a. Approval of minutes from the July 8, 2020 Board Meeting
 - i. Motion Jim D to accept, Alice 2nd, unanimously approved
 6. Treasurer's report
 - a. No new deposits or outstanding checks in July
 - b. 6/31/20 ending balance \$21,721.08
 - c. 7/31/20 ending balance \$21,721.08
 - i. Note: scholarships for NATOA to date - \$250 each x 2=\$500
 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Legal/Legislative
 - i. Alice was on call with Assn of WA Cities
 1. New Broadband Cmte in AWC, Logan is the contact
 2. AWC is encouraging cities to focus on narrowing what they need, in prep for the next legislative session. Pandemic amplified gaps in un-served and underserved.
 3. Alice to email listserve to encourage people to take speed test
 - ii. 9th Circuit decision in small cell appeal is out, more details to come
 - iii. Rainier Connect is stopping free cable drops in Tacoma/UP area
 - b. Production track – none
8. Old Business



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- a. none
- 9. New Business
 - a. Nominating cmte – slate will be ready by next meeting
 - b. George will schedule a WATOA monthly board call in Sept at our normal meeting time (in lieu of normally meeting at NATOA where all membership are invited.)
George will remind members they can join us.
- 10. Good of the Order
 - a. George asked if anyone is using embed feeds
 - i. Seattle is for traffic, water
 - ii. Kirkland is for boat launch
 - iii. Kitsap Co is in their election tabulation area
 - b. George asked if others are seeing affects to broadband speeds due to everyone being home during pandemic
- 11. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. Board Meeting 9/9/20
- 12. Adjournment – 3:06 PM