



## 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 September 14, 2022

1. Call to Order – 2:06 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
NATOIA representative non-voting	Chris Jaramillo	x	

3. Approval of the agenda
  - a. Motion: Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alice Approval: yes
4. Approval of minutes from the August 10, 2022 Board Meeting
  - a. Motion: Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>: Robin Approval: yes
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
  - a. Thank you to the group for the one page ad in the NATOIA conference program recognizing our state chapter. Great turnout from WATOIA at NATOIA! About 16+ people. We brought home lots of awards – congrats!
  - b. Next year's NATOIA will be in Long Beach, CA – October 2-5, 2023
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
  - a. E-WATOIA updates
    - i. PEG (Jim) –October 28<sup>th</sup> 12-1 p.m.– tour other PEG station setups
      1. Ready to promote, Jim and Robin sending stuff to Alice
      2. Vancouver, Bellingham, Seattle Channel, Seattle Public Schools
      3. Use City of Vancouver's TEAMS, no charge for session
    - ii. LEG (Jon) – Legislative Preview
      1. Jon to research what could make a good session.
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. Cmte to meet last wk of Sept.
    - 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. 7/31/22 - \$21,083.20
  - b. New balance
    - i. 8/31/22 - \$20,404.90
    - ii. Includes pending checks for AWC membership and NATOA chapter meeting costs
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. Conference Cmte – Chris & Amber
    - i. Hotel is holding space, WATOA needs to sign contract, likely in October
  - b. Policy/Legal – Alice Lawson, Ben Faubion
    - i. Engagement by Brandy at AWC – MSRC leading a State Broadband Deployment Best Practices Taskforce
      - 1. Concern with microtrenching
      - 2. Limited ability to make sure broadband buildout money is spent in the unserved or underserved areas released Call for Comments
    - ii. WA State Broadband Office (WSBO)
      - 1. Issued “Call for Comments’ for input to inform WSBO’s development of elements related to upcoming ARPA broadband project grants.
      - 2. Request sent to WATOA Listserv. Comments due by October 4
      - 3. Alice to see if Ben/George have practical input for possible creation of comments from WATOA.
    - iii. AWC requested WATOA perspective on WSDOT proposed bill #Z-0618.3/23 restricting use of motor vehicle funds for utility relocations during highway construction projects.
  - c. Production – just working on e-WATOA
  - d. Communications – none
  - e. Membership/Nominating
    - i. Four vacancies: positions 3, 5, 7, 8 – proposals will be ready in September
    - ii. Position 3 George Geyer, Bremerton
    - iii. John Delay position filled by Jessica Fisher (sp?) from Spokane
    - iv. Patti Belle potentially from Lakewood
    - v. Jon Funfar, Richland
- 10. Old Business
  - a. none
- 11. New Business
  - a. 2022 WATOA Business (all-member) meeting via TEAMS
    - i. Wednesday, November 9 from 2-3 pm
      - 1. 30 day notice required
      - 2. Agenda: include bylaws update
- 12. Good of the Order
  - a. none
- 13. Next Meeting(s)
  - a. Board Meeting dates October 12, November 9
- 14. Adjournment – 3:06 pm