



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 8, 2021

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)	Jon Rauch, City of Bremerton	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

3. Approval of the agenda for Sept. 8, 2021
 - a. Motion: Robin 2nd: Alice Approval: approved
4. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting as amended
 - a. Item 5 – strike Sept 2 date, replace with Aug 27
 - b. Motion as amended: Ben S 2nd: Jim D Approval: approved
5. President's Report – Jeff Lueders
 - a. WATOA annual chapter report was submitted August 20th (due Aug 27)
 - b. WATOA Business Meeting – October 28, 2021
6. Vice President's Report – Robin Steel
 - a. Save for conference report
7. Secretary's Report – Megan Hutton
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8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Previous balance 7/31/21 \$22,686.76
 - b. New balance 8/31/21 \$20,336.76
 - i. WATOA conference scholarships \$1500
 - ii. Conference CLE application fee \$100
 - iii. WATOA conference fees \$800
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Cmte – Chris Jaramillo
 - i. Transportation to winery

1. Bus not available
 2. Options: 15 passenger vans or walk
 - ii. Vendors/Sponsorships are good and confirmed, Robin has asked for logos and ads
 - iii. Legislative & PEG sessions
 1. Alice, Megan, and Robin talked through all the sessions that still needed speakers/moderators and filled open spots.
 2. Megan motioned for up to \$500 to cover a digital storyteller for the PEG track at the conference. John seconded.
 - a. A discussion was had by the board about the cost and the value of what we would receive. Quoted cost is \$300. This gives some room if needed.
 - b. Vote: Unanimously approved.
 - iv. Alice seeks board approval to include a risk waiver regarding COVID risk and protocols in the registration paperwork
 1. Amber 2nd, unanimously approved
 - b. Policy/Legal
 - i. Alice moves for WATOA Board to consider: Would WATOA like to submit comments to FCC about importance of local control over limited right-of-way assets?
 1. Second – Robin Steel, approved. Comments are due by Sept 22. Alice will draft comments. No cost to WATOA to participate.
 - c. Production
 - i. Jim and Edgar met last week. Will go over more in the conference update.
 - d. Communications
 - e. Membership/Nominating
 - f. Brian Wilson Scholarships
 - i. Everything is out, good job!
 - g. By Laws
 - i. Add to Business Mtg agenda at the conference
 - ii. Let members know a by-laws update is coming in 2022
 - iii. Megan/Jeff to refresh ourselves on the content George Geyer and Jeff Cox have already done
10. Old Business
 - a. none
 11. New Business
 - a. none
 12. Good of the Order
 - a. none
 13. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. October 13, 2021
 14. Adjournment – 3:11 PM