



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 March 27, 2024

1. Call to Order – 2:05 PM
2. Roll Call of Officers

WATOA Board Position	2021 Board Member	Present	Absent
President	Jon Funfar, City of Pasco	x	
Vice-President	Mike Connor, City of Kirkland	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)	Patti Belle, City of Kent	x	
Regional Rep: District 3 (Puget & Coast)	George Geyer, Kitsap County		x
Regional Rep: District 4 (Southwest)	Jim Demmon, City of Vancouver	x	
Regional Rep: District 5 (Rainier Valley)	Jon Baker, Pierce County	x	
Regional Rep: District 6 (Central)	Ben Faubion, City of Ellensburg	x	
Regional Rep: District 7 (Northeast)	Jessica Fisher, City of Spokane	x	
Regional Rep: District 8 (Tri-Cities)	Mark Ingham, City of Richland	x	
Regional Rep: District 9 (At-Large)	Edgar Riebe, Seattle Public Schools	x	
Past-President	Jeff Lueders, City of Tacoma	x	
NATOA Rep (non-voting)	Chris Jaramillo, King County	x	

3. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Approved
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. 2/28/24 approved
5. President's report – Jon Funfar
 - a. None
6. Vice President – Mike Connor
 - a. None
7. Secretary's Report – Megan Hutton
 - a. None
8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Previous balance – 1/31/24
 - i. \$20,467.55
 - b. New adjusted balance – 2/29/24
 - i. \$23,567.55
 - ii. Many City/County renewals are coming in, 26 agencies/61 members so far
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Update (Oct. 17-18, check in Oct. 16) Kennewick
 - i. Need to finalize/sign contract
 1. \$1800 room rent
 2. 10 free tables
 3. Registration per person is \$200

- ii. There was a lengthy discussion about vendor cost and what WATOA's food costs will look like. \$250 per vendor plus \$100 per table. Chris was asked to write down the firm costs we do know at this point, so vendor information can be finalized with the WATOA folks assigned to help. There was also a short conversation about money needed for guest speakers. No amounts or speakers were determined. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.
- iii. Time to start working on program track content
 - 1. PEG Programming Track – Mike Connor, Megan Hutton, Mark Ingham
 - 2. Policy/Legal/Legislative Track – Jeff Lueders, Jon Funfar (helper: Ben Faubion)

10. New Business

- a. None

11. Next Meeting – April 24, 2024

12. Adjournment – 2:59 pm