



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 July 24, 2024

1. Call to Order – 2:03pm
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	
NATO Rep (non-voting)	Chris Jaramillo, King County	x	

3. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Changes
 - i. Change March to June minutes, wrong month listed.
 - ii. On Committee listings, membership change to Chris Jaramillo, Nominating change to Jeff Lueders.
 - b. Approved as amended
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. 6/26/24 approved (Jim move, Alice second)
5. President's report – Jon Funfar
 - a. Absent - excused
6. Vice President – Mike Connor
 - a. None
7. Secretary's Report – Megan Hutton
 - a. Will update Google Drive with the latest conference materials
8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Previous balance – 5/30/24
 - i. \$5,963.91
 - b. Checking balance (excluding CD – 5/31/24
 - i. \$6,963.91
 - c. WATO U.S. Bank CD 4.21%.
 - i. \$15,260.01 (\$160.01 interest)
 - d. Adjusted ending balance – 6/30/24

- i. \$18,423.92
 - e. Update on City/County renewals: 30 agencies/73 members
 - 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Update (Oct. 17-18, check in Oct. 16) Kennewick
 - i. Conference Registration is open
 - ii. Hotel registration cutoff Sept 16th
 - iii. Policy/Legal/Legislative Track – Jeff Lueders, Jon Funfar, Jon Baker
 - 1. Jeff gave an update on the sessions and speakers confirmed to-date
 - iv. CLEs – Mike to start CLE work using session topics
 - v. Hotel & Convention Center
 - 1. The Board approved 5 hotel comps (out of state people)
 - a. Jeff discussed that there’s potentially two more to invite.
 - b. He made a motion to add two comps, totaling 7 comps, for the legislative track. Jim seconded. Approved.
 - 2. PEG track still has \$600 left to spend toward speakers if needed. If not allocated by the August meeting, \$600 would be available.
 - 3. Chris planning a site visit in September
 - vi. Vendors
 - 1. Jim updated the board on 13 committed vendors to-date, more asks are still going out, particularly for equipment vendors.
 - vii. PEG Programming Track – Mike Connor, Jessica Fisher, Megan Hutton, Mark Ingham
 - 1. Megan and PEG track team to finalize speakers
 - 2. Video medley for day 2 lunch – Ben S
 - 3. NATOA finalist videos for Gala – Megan
 - b. Policy/Legal
 - i. No report for time
 - 10. New Business
 - a. Jeff motioned for \$700 to be put toward the WATOA Chapter meeting food at NATOA in Charleston, Jim seconded, approved.
 - b. Alice moved, Jeff seconded, to move the next WATOA meeting to August 21st (3rd Wednesday, not 4th) due to people traveling for NATOA, this allows us to still hold a regular meeting. Approved.
 - 11. Good of the order
 - a. None
 - 12. Next Meeting – August 21, 2024
 - 13. Adjournment – 3:04pm