



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 June 26, 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
NATOA Rep (non-voting)	Chris Jaramillo, King County	x	

3. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Approved
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. 5/22/24 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. Conference Agenda (live working doc) is available for the whole board to edit via PCTV's google drive. Everyone was sent a link.
8. Treasurer's report – Alice Lawson
 - a. Previous balance – 4/30/24
 - i. \$7,692.55
 - b. Checking balance (excluding CD – 5/31/24
 - i. \$5,963.91
 - c. WATOA U.S. Bank CD 4.21%.
 - i. \$15,160.01 (\$160.01 interest)
 - d. Adjusted ending balance – 5/31/24
 - i. \$21,123.92
 - e. Update on City/County renewals: 24 agencies/71 members
 - f. Expenditure for WATOA conference

- i. \$400 dollars for virtual conference speaker for PEG track about Canva
 - ii. Moved by Jessica, 2nd by Mike, approved
 - g. Work was done on our website - \$200
- 9. Committee Reports
 - a. Conference Update (Oct. 17-18, check in Oct. 16) Kennewick
 - i. Registration is open – 15 registrations for far
 - ii. Policy/Legal/Legislative Track – Jeff Lueders, Jon Funfar, Jon Baker
 - 1. 5 guests for leg track
 - 2. CLE update – Mike/Alice can work on that together, but sessions/speakers are needed before we can apply
 - iii. Priority is for Agenda to get updated so we can start promoting conference
 - iv. Hotel & Convention Center
 - 1. Chris planning a site visit
 - v. Vendors
 - 1. Jim updated the board on 13 committed vendors to date
 - vi. PEG Programming Track – Mike Connor, Jessica Fisher, Megan Hutton, Mark Ingham
 - 1. Starting to line up speakers
 - 2. Finalize our portion of the agenda
 - 3. Video medley for day 2 lunch – Ben S
 - 4. NATOA finalist videos for Gala – Megan
 - b. Policy/Legal
 - i. City of Eugene Oregon is putting together a resolution to push back on 621 order (noted from NATOA)
 - ii. WATOA to consider sending letter on DJI drone restrictions. Links are to more information:
 - 1. [H.R.2864 - 118th Congress \(2023-2024\): Countering CCP Drones Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)
 - 2. [What you need to know about the DJI drone ban in the U.S. | AP Buyline Shopping \(apnews.com\)](#)
 - c. Scholarships
 - i. Board would like to discuss how scholarships are handled at the full membership meeting.
- 10. New Business
 - a. None
- 11. Good of the order
 - a. Alice mentioned a key staffer who created/lead the Digital Equity work for City of Seattle and played a role at the State level – they just retired.
- 12. Next Meeting – July 24, 2024
- 13. Adjournment – 2:56pm