

# WASHINGTON STATE GOOD ROADS & TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 7, 2009

In attendance: Mark Kushner, President; Jim Tobin, Past President; Rick Door, President Elect; Bob Schuster, Treasurer; Dennis Piatek, Secretary; Carrie Hay, Executive Administrator.

The meeting was held at Benton Franklin Council of Governments with Bob Schuster in attendance via conference call.

### Meeting Date Conflict

Bill Garing has a scheduling conflict with the organizations "third Tuesday" meeting schedule. Alternative days were discussed. We decided to leave the 2009 calendar "as is." The option to change future meeting times will be on February's agenda.

### "Green Fever" Follow-up Letter

Mark never received a copy of the PI editorial. The subject was determined to be a non-issue and no action is required.

### Legislative Breakfast, Quarterly Meeting, Agenda, and Speakers

The status of Governor Gregoire is unknown. Paula Hammond's schedule is tight, as she has a meeting at 10 AM, in Portland.

*Update January 13: Rick Door firmed up the meeting line up. Governor Gregoire has a conflict and will not be able to attend. Speakers are: Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, Representative Judy Clibborn and WSDOT Secretary David Dye.*

Carrie will furnish a brochure and name tags for Legislative Breakfast attendees. Mark will prepare an agenda for our February membership meeting. The stimulus package will be one of the topics for discussion.

### Legislative Committee Status

The committee (Piatek, Dunfee and Garing) are working on a 1 page Issue Paper. The paper will highlight the following items: Sales tax; gas tax; stimulus package; streamlining of red tape; studded tires; and forms of alternative funding. Dennis will prepare the issue paper and send it to Mark, Rick and Jim.

### Membership Committee Status

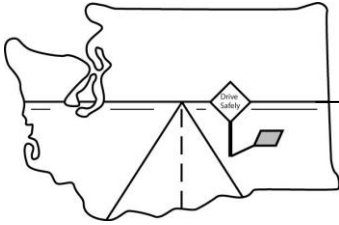
Ken Nelsen and Dick Cicone have prepared a draft letter to send to the Regional Vice-Presidents. The letter encourages our VP's to increase representation of contractors. Jim Tobin volunteered to review the letter.

### 2009 Annual Meeting – Vancouver Update

It has been difficult to get feed-back from our Vancouver sponsor. Jim Tobin volunteered to follow-up with Ron Green.

### Newsletter and Status

Ken committed to send the newsletter out by the end of the month. He will spotlight the stimulus package and Legislative Breakfast. There are currently about 2,000 newsletter recipients.



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## Legislative "Social Hour" February 4th

The concept of a social hour will be on February's membership meeting agenda. We'll discuss the possibility of implementing it in 2010.

## 2009 Budget

There is \$11,100 in our money market fund. Bob Schuster needs a copy of meeting minutes, which identifies WSGRTA's officers. Carrie will follow-up. Approval of the budget will be on February's meeting agenda.

## Other

Mark Kushner brought up the concept of an informational brochure. It will be on February's meeting agenda. Bob Schuster will shift \$500-\$600 dollars into the miscellaneous account. This is the amount estimated to pay for a brochure lay out.

Our organizations 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2009. The idea of commemorating the anniversary with a special event was discussed. Mark will place this item on the February meeting agenda.