

**WASHINGTON STATE GOOD ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATIONEN**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 9, 2009**  
**Sea Galley – Yakima, WA**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by WSGRTA President, Mark Kushner, at 11:09 AM.

**Members in Attendance**

Mark Kushner, President; Rick Door, Vice-President; Dennis Piatek, Secretary; Bob Schuster, Treasurer; Ken Nelsen, Past-President; and Carrie Hay, Executive Administrator.

**WSGTRA map and status of VP's**

Carlos Reyes, VP of the Eastern Region and Joe Tortorelli, VP of the North Central Region, have swapped regions. Carlos is now North Central VP and Joe, Eastern Region VP.

There is a vacancy in the SW Region. Don Wagner may a source for potential candidates. The plan is to recruit someone at our annual conference in Vancouver.

Bill Garing will stay on as the Mt. Baker Regional VP. He also agreed to remain on the Legislative Committee, but not as Chairman.

The Urban Corridors VP position may be realigned. Don Whitehouse will review.

Carrie suggested we develop guidelines for the Regional Vice-Presidents. Guideline ideas include:

- Member recruitment
- Legislative agenda which impacts their area
- Issues and/or updates for their region (e-mail to Carrie prior to quarterly meetings)

**Quarterly Meeting Agenda and Speakers**

The Nominating Committee, headed by Past-President Jim Tobin, will be on Julys' agenda. Other items include updates on the Legislative agenda and the Legislative breakfast. The speakers are as follows:

- Kevin Dayton – Hood Bridge Canal
- Carlos Reyes – Washington Fair Contracting Association

**Budget Update**

Bob Shuster stated that the organization is in the "black."

**Legislative Committee Update**

Dennis will submit an update at July's membership meeting. There are 2 positions open for the Legislative Committee. Jim Tobin and Dave Overstreet were mentioned as potential candidates. How about recruiting someone from the Olympia region?

**Membership Committee Report**

Ken Nelson submitted a draft letter for Vice-Presidents to use to recruit new members. This will be further discussed at the July membership meeting.

**2009 Annual Meeting in Vancouver**

Golf is on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>. First tee time is at 9 AM. The fee for golfers is \$50.00 and includes practice balls, lunch and a beverage.

The hotel contract has been signed with the Hilton. The conference rooms are reserved for Thursday, 5:30 - 10 PM and Friday, 7:30 AM - 5 PM. There is no charge for the conference room, if we spend \$3,300. There is a 20% service fee on food, which includes gratuity. The fee for attendees is forecast at \$90 - \$95.

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Ginger Metcalf has procured Mayor Pollard and City Councilwoman Pat Jollota as speakers. Topics on the agenda are the Columbia River Crossing Project “Transportation = Economic Development.”

**Informational Brochure Update**

Mark passed around a rough draft. Carrie suggested we change the color on the headings from blue to green.

**Legislative “Social Hour” 2010 Update**

Dick Cicone will present an update at July’s quarterly meeting.

**APWA Commitment in the Fall?**

The meeting is in the Tri-cities in September. The WSGTRA will get 1 hour to introduce our organization and outline its’ history, administration and mission.

**Newsletter Update**

We’re on track to send out 2 more newsletters this year. One letter is earmarked for August. The last letter will be published prior the Legislative Breakfast.

**Old Records Review Update**

The Maryhill Museum was not interested it achieving the WSGTRA’s historical documents. There is a possibility Western Washington University could take possession of the documents. Mark will check with Bill Garing. An alternative is to store them in the basement of the Council of Governments.

**Other Items**

Mark signed a letter of support for the Kennewick Steptoe tax project and for phasing out the use of studded tires. He will update the organization at July’s membership meeting.

The next Executive Meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Piatek