

**WASHINGTON STATE GOOD ROADS & TRANSPORTATION  
ASSOCIATION  
Member Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2011**

**In Attendance**

Robert Schuster, Past President; Jesse Mears, IUPAT DC5; Mike Ennis, Washington Policy Center; Dennis Piatek, ConAgra; Bill Garing, Past President; Don Whitehouse, WSDOT South Central; Keith Weir, Seattle Bldg (SKCBCTC); Sean Jeffries, IUOE Local 302; Keith Metcalf, WSDOT Eastern; Dan Sarles, WSDOT North Central; Mark Kushner, BFCOG; Rick Door, J-U-B Engineers; Bruce Nurse, Kemper Development Co.; Joe Tortorelli, Spokane Area Good Roads; Carlos Reyes, WA Fair Contracting; Alan Clune, Laborers Local 440; Cindy Blanchette, Qualstar Credit Union; Ken Nelson, City of Kennewick; Richard Ciccone, Ben Franklin Transit; Jim Horn, Eastside Transportation Association.

**Call to Order**

President Dennis Piatek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Quality Inn in Ellensburg, Washington.

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the January 31, 2011 member meeting were approved as written.

**President's Report**

President Piatek announced that ColdTrain is doubling their shipments and that the Washington Policy Center will hold a Transportation Policy Conference on May 10, asking WSGRTA to be a co-presenter. There is no fee and we will be represented by Past President Rick Door. The Washington House and Senate passed a \$9 billion transportation budget that includes hot lanes tolling on US 405.

**Comment [DP1]:** No vs. not

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Schuster gave a report on dues renewals and stated that we are \$3,000 short of budget projections. As of April 20, the savings account balance is \$8,090.71 and the checking account balance is \$6,729.20.

**Legislative Report**

Legislative Chair Ken Nelson said there is no new funding, but some preservation and safety improvement projects. The Legislature merged TIB accounts and increased ferry rates. They are refunding Public Works Trust Fund and \$5 million in CERB. There is an initiative to charge electric vehicle owners a \$100 annual fee since they don't contribute to gas tax receipts. There was discussion on a new revenue package in 2012 or 2013. Everyone is waiting for the federal reauthorization bill, hopefully with some additional funding.

**Executive Administrator Report**

Administrator Hay reported that she is now using Constant Contact for membership database and communication as previously discussed.

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**Membership Committee Report**

Cindy Blanchette reported that they are compiling a list of potential members and direct contact by members is the best recruitment method.

**Vice President Reports**

Vice Presidents in attendance gave reports of construction activity in their areas.

**Old Business**

Administrator Hay announced that the annual meeting is set for Wednesday and Thursday, September 28 & 29 at the Tulalip Resort, 30 minutes north of Seattle. Rooms are \$139 for 2 and \$149 for 4 per night. Golf will be at the Legion Memorial Golf Course starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at \$65 including 18 holes, cart and lunch. There will be wine tours, Boeing tours of the aerospace museum and of course casino fun. Sponsorships are \$1,000 for gold, \$500 for silver and \$150 per golf hole. The invited speakers are Larry Ehl (or his replacement with WSDOT), Dan Mathis with Federal Highway Administration, and Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond. It was also suggested to have a report on the SR 520 Bridge project.

Former Senator Horn gave a report on HB 1382 on the Hot Lanes issue on I-405.

**New Business**

There was discussion of the legislative policy proposal and the decision at the January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Executive Committee will work on the policy and present it to the general membership at the annual meeting.

Next meeting will be July 21st in Ellensburg at the Bar 14 Ranch House.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Joe Tortorelli

**Comment [DP2]:** Ackward – Carrie, please review