

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION  
Board of Director's Meeting  
January 14, 2008  
Seattle, Washington

**ATTENDEES:**

**Present:** Kelly McLain, Beth Cullen, Joe Ravet, Karl Mueller, Arline Fullerton, Norm Dion, Jean Jacoby, Gene Williams, and via telephone -- Ben Scofield, Dave Christiansen, Jacob McCann, Beth Cocchiarella, Shannon Brattebo and BiJay Adams.

**Absent:** Steve Fradkin

**Call to order**

President Beth Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at King County Offices, Seattle, Washington.

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

No changes to minutes from November 2007 Meeting. It was moved by BiJay, seconded by Beth to approve last meeting's minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

It was moved by Karl, seconded by Jean and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Old Business**

WALPA Conference for 2008

The 2008 WALPA will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at the Hawthorne in Arlington, WA. It was decided not to hold a regional conference due to the lack of passion from OLA. Kelly briefly described the facility in Arlington where the conference will be held. Will be able to get government rates, all newly renovated, and very accommodating, was willing to work with WALPA's budget. Kelly signed contract with facility on 1/14/2008. Kelly said that she really liked the vendor/exhibitors space at the facility. There will be a large space so vendors aren't as crowded as they were at Campbell's and they space will not need to be shared as was at Campbell's. Next steps for Kelly and board are to work on a theme, determine session chairs and topics. This will be discussed at March meeting. There were no questions from the board.

**New Business**

Kelly's Role on the Board

There was a lengthy discussion on Kelly's role on the board and as an officer of WALPA. Kelly was told by DOE that she can not serve as president or president-elect for WALPA because of possible conflicts with the legislative actions being taken by WALPA. WALPA also cannot hold any meetings at this time at the DOE facility. After being told she could not serve as an officer Kelly asked DOE about serving as just a

board member. At the time of the meeting, her request was being reviewed by DOE supervisors. Her supervisor is okay with her continuing to plan the 2008 conference. Gene W. asked if it weren't for the legislative measures would Kelly's position had been an issue with DOE. BiJay brought up that the current legislative session will end in March and Kelly will not serve as president until October, so where is the conflict issue. Kelly responded that her supervisors told her it's the perception of a conflict of interest. Beth asked BiJay to remove Kelly's name as president-elect from the WALPA website and instead list her as the Conference Planner. Shannon reviewed the Bylaws and there are two options for WALPA to take: 1) Beth to stay on as president one more year and BiJay would then be asked to stay on as President-elect one more year. 2) The Board could fill the position of president-elect by elective action. Jonathan Frodge has volunteered to be president-elect in Kelly's place. If Kelly remains on the board she must abstain from any voting concerning any legislative action WALPA may be involved in.

Arline asked the question "Why do we have to decide tonight on whether to vote Jonathan in as president-elect?" Beth responded because of the legislative hearings the following week and the legislative action occurring in the current session. Due to the timing of the legislative bills, WALPA needed to get everything in order. Beth gave a brief description of Jonathan's experience and past involvement with WALPA. Jean J. asked if King County would perceive Jonathan's involvement as a conflict of interest. Beth responded no because all King County employees on board will be using personal time and using personal emails to conduct any WALPA business.

Kelly announced to the board that she wishes to resign as president-elect and from the WALPA board. Beth moved to appoint Kelly as the 2008 conference planner. Arline seconded. The motion passed with no opposed or abstained. Kelly will serve as the 2008 conference planner and will not be considered a board member and will have no voting rights as conference planner. The board wishes to reinstate Kelly as a board member if the alternate spot becomes open and DOE approves. Beth is going to check with Ray to determine if he still wishes to be on the board as an alternate.

Gene moved and BiJay seconded that Jonathan Frodge be elected to president-elect. The board passed the motion with none abstained or opposed. Beth will email an updated board members contact sheet.

### Legislative Updates and actions

Beth announced that the legislative session opened and both of the bills WALPA was involved with "dropped". The statewide lake strategy bill is in Jacobsen's committee and the P ban in lawn fertilizer is in Rockefeller's committee. SB 6229 (statewide lake strategy) heard is on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Beth and others will be going to testify. Beth will be representing WALPA. Frodge will be going to represent King County and citizens, BiJay will be going to represent Eastern WA. Next step for SB 6228 (P ban) is to get it a hearing. Jean J. will contact Rockefeller as a constituent and a board member of WALPA. Discussion began on whether WALPA should hire a lobbyist, specifically, the guy Jacobsen recommended. WALPA can only spend up to 15% of its total annual

income on legislative actions, i.e. hiring a lobbyist. Gene said our annual income is usually around \$15,000 to \$17,000. Questions were asked about why we need a lobbyist. Beth explained that a lobbyist will track the bills, alert Beth and the board about any actions taking place, will go on talk to senators and educate on the bills, and will do a lot of legwork for us. Beth is getting back with the lobbyist at the end of the week so WALPA needs to make a decision. There was discussion on making sure we don't spend all of the financial cushion WALPA currently has and whether we could get a lot of work out of the lobbyist for only \$1200. Arline brought up contacting all lake associations on our membership list and notifying them about the bills and WALPA. This would be done along with WALPA's membership efforts. Beth raised concerns about the timing of the phone calls and that most board members will not have time to help. It was decided that everyone would contact lake associations members know personally and work with on a regular basis as well as Arline get phone cards from Costco to start making calls to those associations people aren't familiar with. Beth will put together talking points for both bills that board members can use when they are talking to lake citizens and associations about the current legislative actions. Beth will email by the following Monday.

Shannon moved and Gene seconded to hire a lobbyist for this 60-day legislative session for no more than \$1200. Karl asked Gene if \$1200 was reasonable for WALPA's finances and Gene responded yes. There was also discussion on whether the lobbyist would be paid hourly or on a flat rate. Kelly, as a member of WALPA, explained how a lobbyist usually worked and that they are not paid by the hour but work until the bill passes or is tabled. The motion to hire a lobbyist was passed with none opposed or abstained.

#### Scholarship Amounts

There was discussion on the scholarship amounts and increasing them so they are more competitive and WALPA receives more applicants. It was discussed that one scholarship should at least be worth \$1000. Also discussion on timing of when student get the money. Beth commented that it would probably be much more helpful to have the money for their summer work than in the fall at the conference. Beth moved and Karl seconded for WALPA to give out two scholarships one for \$1000 and the other for \$750. The motion was passed with none opposed or abstained.

#### Committee Updates

- ByLaws-None
- Public Policy and Legislative-None
- Elections-None, except to keep in mind nominations for next year's board and officers
- Publications-Deadline is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. BiJay has articles from Maggie and himself. A reminder to Beth for hydrilla article. Frodge to write legislative update. BiJay talked to advertisers; 3 confirmed to continue through 2008. BiJay will insert sidebar on 2008 conference
- Membership-Arline will begin phone bank of lake associations; any other board members with time to help let her know
- Scholarship-See above

- Website/Lake Atlas—BiJay has added 2008 board members to WALPA website along with Chelan conference wrap up, 2007 scholarship winners, links to legislative bills 6228 and 6229, and link to find your legislator. BiJay is waiting for board members pictures to post and the meeting minutes from September 2007 meeting.

### **Closing/Discussion**

- Will need someone to take minutes for March meeting Shannon will not be able to make it.
- Karl asked that next time we try and keep meeting time to 7:30pm.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50pm. Next meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at King County.