

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2005

Bellevue, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Sally Abella, Bijay Adams, Beth Cullen, Stephanie Woollett, Peter Burgoon, Isabel Ragland, Pete DeArteaga, Bob Roper, Tricia Shoblom, and via telephone - Barry Moore, Marianne Barrentine, Ray Latham, Harry Gibbon, Glen Rothrock, and Paula Lowe.

Absent: Debra Bouchard (as agreed), Shawn Ultican

Call to order

President Sally Abella called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE.

Secretary's Report

Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Conference went well – we made money. Barry and Peter reported on positive feedback regarding the conference. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business

Conference Discussion and Comments

Food service was good and the rooms were nice. Some of the drawbacks include: hotel construction problems, some problems with sound and with previous engagement for one of the meeting rooms. Meeting rooms need to be closer together. Need to double check float time.

Thank you Notes to Attendees

After some discussion about the notes it was a motion was moved, seconded and passed to place a thank you and welcome insert from the President into Waterline.

Newsletter by email

Beth Cullen will create the distribution list for Paula to use to send out the pdf newsletter.

Reduced Rates to Lake Association Members

There was a lengthy discussion on encouraging lake association members to attend the WALPA conference. Some of the ideas included:

- Group fee for associations
- Reduced conference fee scale based on # of members attending: 1- 5 members/ conf fee, 6- 10 members/reduced fee
- Offer scholarship for association members – Barry suggested setting some criteria for scholarships such as awarding to those who have to travel and stay overnight.

Other suggestions include survey lake associations and irrigation districts to determine interests and how far they are willing to travel, and schedule non-technical sessions all on one day. Beth Cullen and Ray Latham volunteered to work on questionnaire to be sent out to lake associations. Ray will get a list of irrigation districts – he will check with Tom Myrum of Washington Water Resources Association. It was suggested posting the survey on the website. The discussion was tabled until the next board meeting when Sally and Bijay will present several proposals for lake association conference rates.

Bob Roper handed out a report on his progress with updating the lake association contact information lists. Isabel will send Bob the list of lake associations from the '05 conference.

New Business

Committee Assignments

Membership Committee: Beth Cullen, Mike Murphy, Ray Latham, Glen Rothrock, Bob Roper.
Marianne Barrentine (alternate)

Public Policy & Legislation: Barry Moore, Stephanie Woolett.

Bylaws – Isabel Ragland

Elections & Nominations: Pete DeArteaga, Marianne Barrentine, Shawn Ultican.

Publications: Stephanie Woolett, Peter Burgoon, Glen Rothrock.

Paula Lowe (Waterline editor) will email the board 2 weeks prior to deadline if more content is needed for the newsletter.

Committee members will stay in contact between board meetings. Committee reports at each board meeting.

Other Committee Assignments

Annual meeting committee is tabled until a decision has been made on the regional conference.

NALMS

Harry reported that Conservation Impact completed a situation analysis for NALMS. They are developing a strategic and reorganization plan. Bottom line is NALMS will be able to reach out better to organizations and provide better service to members.

Regional Conference

Harry reported that there have been recent conversations concerning the regional conference with OLA and NALMS. Some advantages to sponsoring the regional conference include: increase of outreach potential, broader perspective of ideas, greater opportunity to draw more people, and more assistance in setting up conference. The timing for the conference is still open to discussion – every year, every other year? Could offer special breakout for each state (WALPA, OLA, Idaho). Decision will need to be made soon (June) so that planning can get underway. A formal report will need to be given to NALMS in the fall. NALMS can assist with regional conference – web page, hotel contract mailing, registration. NALMS fees are based on amount of work requested. Harry will obtain a fee schedule of NALMS charges. Harry reported that regional conferences do make money. Bijay will work with Harry and Barry to put together information (3 scenarios) to send out to the board. The decision will need to be made at the next board meeting. Proceeds would be split between WALPA, OLA, and NALMS.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.