

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 9, 2007  
Bellevue, Washington

**ATTENDEES:**

**Present:** BiJay Adams, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Kelly McLain, Beth Cullen, Sally Abella, and via telephone –Beth Cocchiarella, Glen Rothrock, Ben Scofield, Karl Mueller, and Arline Fullerton.

**Absent:** Gene Williams, Jean Jacoby, Peter Burgoon, Steve Fradkin, and Ray Latham.

**Call to order**

President BiJay Adams called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE office.

**Minutes**

There were no changes to the minutes. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

**Treasurer's Report**

It was pointed out that the \$1000 under "other conference-in" income is from Hach for the upcoming conference. They are sponsoring a lunch. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Old Business**

**Committee Assignments**

By-Laws

Bijay presented comments from Jean about the bylaws. There are some clarifications that may be needed. Isabel will review the comments and bylaws and update the board by email.

Public Policy & Legislative

See closing discussion.

Nominations/Elections

Karl reported that he has heard from two candidates – Kelly McLain (pres.-elect), and Jacob McCann (director). The other candidates will be reminded to contact Karl – Norm Dion (Isabel); Dave Christiansen, Steve Kalenius (Bijay); Joe Ravet (Sally). Other possible candidates for board and officer positions include Jonathon Frodge, Shannon (Noble) Brattebo, and Rob Zisette. Sally will talk with Jonathon and Rob. Bijay will contact Shannon.

Publications

Sally reported the September newsletter needs a few more articles. The lake focus will be on Chelan. After some discussion it was decided that Kelly will do a lake contacts who's

who, Sally or Bijay will do a lake association sidebar, Beth Cullen will do a conference sidebar, and Maggie Bell McKinnon will be asked to do a lake survey article. If more is needed for the newsletter, Sally will contact the board.

### Membership

Arline reported that she hasn't had a chance to talk with Beth Cullen about the membership brochure. She has been out doing lake surveys around the state and talking to a variety of people about the upcoming WALPA conference. Arline will send information bullets to Tricia to use to write an article on the benefits to lake associations that join WALPA. Sally reported that she is ready to send the lake association list out to the board to review. The membership committee will take a look at the membership brochure on the website to decide on updates. Because of the computer format of the old brochure we will have to develop the new one from scratch once we check with Kevin.

### Scholarships

No new information to report at this time. There was some discussion about changes for next year to attract a larger pool of candidates. Some suggestions include scheduling the deadline for mid-September, combining two of the scholarships to offer fewer, but bigger monetary awards, and asking for verification of registration rather than requesting a transcript.

### Washington Lake Atlas

Tricia reported that work on the atlas is still moving forward. Sally offered to send lake pictures for the completed lakes in King County.

### WALPA Website

Bijay will continue to update the website. He reported that there is now a page for job postings.

### NALMS

Jean is absent and there is nothing new to report.

### Annual Conference

Beth announced that we need to fill in the rest of the speakers for the conference. Some suggestions include Clark Heath (talk about Lake Pend Oreille), Jon Frodge (sinking dry docks on Lake Washington), Shannon Brattebo (Boundary Dam relicensing), and Mike Falter is also a possibility. Beth reported that we need to recruit more exhibitors; Kelly will talk with Steve Kalenius. The conference cost will be approximately \$9328.

As part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Beth suggested handing out water bottles as a gift to attendees. The bottles (22oz) will be blue aluminum with an engraved WALPA emblem at a cost of \$6.53/each. The board approved purchase of 144 to hand out to conference attendees.

Beth reported that the WALPA conference will qualify as 2 credits CE for an agricultural pesticide license. To get the credit attendees will need to attend Session 1B and the presentation on the Volunteer Weed Watcher Program (Session 3B). The Dept. of Agriculture is sending the sign-up information to Beth. The session leaders will need to be diligent about signing in the session attendees.

### **Closing/Discussion**

Sally and Bijay are serving on the DOE external advisory committee for the lakes program. They gave a brief overview of the recent committee meeting. Federal funding for the state lakes program dried up in the late 90s when the Clean Lakes program money was rolled into the Federal Nonpoint Source Pollution program. To restart a state lake program, proposed legislation and action strategies will need to come from an outside source. It can be a collaboration of WALPA, other nonprofits, lake associations, and senators. We will need to review what WALPA can do as a 501c3 organization, and determine the time commitment – this will be a time consuming project.

Actions that the committee will be undertaking include developing a white paper to address need for the program (what are the problems and why is funding needed?), work on legislative outreach and feedback, form a collaborative group, and determine funding sources, research needs & cost and look into what other states have done. Funding will also be needed to research the program. The lakes program could be a multi-component program – one component would be funding projects, one component could be coordinating state departments working on beneficial uses issues, and another component could be a state wide lake monitoring program. The proposed timeline is to have the white paper out by September, and begin talking with legislators in October to recruit sponsors.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting will be Sept 10, 2007 at 6:00pm.