

## WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Director's Meeting

November 17, 2008

Seattle, Washington

### **ATTENDEES:**

Present: Beth Cullen, Norm Dion, Rebecca Dugopolski, Jonathon Frodge, Steve Kalenius and via telephone – Bijay Adams, Tom Brattebo, Chris Burke, Neil Harrington, Dustin Hinson, Jacob McCann, Kelly McLain, Joe Ravet, John Wallis, and Frank Wilhelm.

Absent: Shannon Brattebo

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Beth Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, at King County Center in Seattle, WA

### **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES:**

It was moved by Frank Wilhelm, seconded by Neil Harrington, and passed to approve the minutes of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Rebecca Dugopolski is the new Treasurer and is on the checking account and ready to go. Bijay asked about the potential addition of a savings account to the checking, so that reserves can be kept in the savings account and accrue interest. Frank also mentioned short term CDs to achieve this end as well. Rebecca will look into these ideas with Bank of America. Depending on available interest rates and fees there may be reason to switch to a different banking institution.

It was moved by Steve Kalenius, seconded by Norm Dion, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Committee Updates

Committee membership was updated. Members are listed below, with \* denoting committee chairperson.

- Publications: Beth Cullen\*, Norm Dion
- Scholarships: Frank Wilhelm\*, Tom Brattebo, Neil Harrington

- Membership: Norm Dion\*, Chris Burke, Dustin Hinson, Steve Kalenius, John Wallis, and Joe Ravet
- Public Policy and Legislative: Beth Cullen\*, Jonathan Frodge, Rebecca Dugopolski, Chris Burke, Steve Kalenius, and Joe Ravet.
- Elections: Kelly McClain, Jonathan Frodge
- By-Laws: Shannon Brattebo\*, Jonathan Frodge
- Conference Planning: Jacob McCann\*, Dustin Hinson, BiJay Adams, John Wallis, and Tom Brattebo

Conference Planning: The 2009 WALPA conference will be in Spokane. Jacob is currently collecting bids from venues for a mid to late September conference.

Legislative: January 28<sup>th</sup> will be WALPA Day at the capital, as WALPA membership and board members are encouraged to contact their legislators and make an appointment to discuss the two bills that WALPA is proposing: The Lakes Program and the Phosphorus Ban for fertilizers. Strategies were discussed as to how to get the word out to members about this effort. Beth has been coordinating with our lobbyist, Arlen, and the preliminary draft of the Lakes Bill is ready. The Phosphorus Bill is almost ready as well. Tom Brattebo will draft a flyer for Phosphorus awareness and should have that ready by the next Board Meeting.

Membership: Norm is working on ways to increase WALPA membership and is hoping to double the number of members. Central to that is the potential need to separate membership from conference attendance, which is the current method of renewing/adding membership. It was noted that we lost 84 members this year due to not attending the conference and 50 the year before. In addition to separating membership from conference attendance, other methods were discussed for increasing the pool of members, including: having people from the Membership Committee contact existing WALPA members and encourage them to contact others who may be interested, placing a tear-out form in the Newsletter that can be passed on to other interested parties, utilize the free postage provided by our non-profit designation to send out a membership postcard, and set up a WALPA booth at Sports shows/conventions. It was also suggested that members who lapsed due to not attending the conference should be contacted.

Publications: The December *Waterline* is ready to go. Articles are needed for the March issue. The Graphic Designer/Editor has received a raise, but is able to accomplish the task with fewer hours.

Special Projects: Website/Lake Atlas:

Bijay will work on updating the WALPA Bulletin Bard and brochure.

**CLOSING/DISCUSSION:**

The 2011 NALMS conference will be held in Spokane.

Beth has been assisting Jonathan with the transition to President and as such ran the current meeting, but future meetings and agendas will be under the control of Mr. Frodge. Please contact him if there are any ideas or suggestions for agenda items for future meetings.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Next meeting will be held Jan 12, 2009, 6:00 PM at King County.