

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting
November 26, 2007
Lacey, Washington

ATTENDEES:

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

Absent: Beth Cocchiarella, Steve Fradkin, and Shannon Brattebo.

Call to order

President Beth Cullen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Ecology office in Lacey.

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

Wrap up on conference

Most people seemed pretty pleased with how the conference went. Jean J. commented on the variety of scientific topics discussed.

New Business

Regional Conference for 2008

It was moved by Beth, seconded by Jean J. and passed to discuss the regional conference issue before committee assignments.

There was quite a bit of discussion about holding a regional conference with OLA in September/October 2008. BiJay voiced his concerns regarding the 2006 regional conference, which he helped to plan. The NALMS registration issues were brought up, but there was hope that the restructuring of NALMS would eliminate this problem. The 2006 conference proceeds were divided as follows: 10% to NALMS, 6% each to WALPA and OLA, and the remaining split by membership registration. One big issue in 2006 was the different ways WALPA and OLA structure their conferences, and needing a solid OLA Board contact to work with on planning. Jean J. thought that the NALMS issue should be separate from the discussion for now. It was also mentioned that if we are going to continue to make this effort with Oregon, we should make an equal effort for our other neighbors – Idaho and British Columbia. Gene W. thought that maybe the regional should be a special conference, held every once in a while, similar to our visits to the central part of the state. Gene also thought we should get something formal from OLA, similar to a contract, detailing their involvement in the planning. There were also some

concerns voiced about the number of years between regional conferences, and the Board turnover that would occur, taking a lot of prior knowledge with them. The biggest thing was that any regional conference would have to continue our current path towards lakes legislation and a statewide lakes program.

A motion was brought forth by Gene allowing for a 2008 regional conference in SW Washington with OLA as a joint sponsor if there is a response from OLA in 1 week. If there is a negative response from OLA, move the conference to the Puget Sound area. Jean seconded and the Board passed. It was decided that Kelly would contact OLA and discuss the issues of holding a regional conference, and then get back to the WALPA Board with a decision on our direction.

Committee assignments

With a lot of new board members, it was time to sign up for committees for this year.

- a. By-laws – Shannon, Jean J.
- b. Public Policy and Legislative – Ben S., Jean J.
- c. Elections – Jean J., Karl M., Dave C., Joe R., Jacob M.
- d. Publications – Kelly, Norm, Jacob M., Joe R.
- e. Membership – Arline F., Norm, Dave C.
- f. Scholarship – Beth, Ben S., Karl, Joe R.
- g. Conference – Kelly, Beth

Legislative update

Legislative subcommittee is moving forward on white paper. Beth has contacted Sen. Jacobsen's office to find out what else needs to be done.

Closing/Discussion

- Reminder to board members to pay your membership dues if you did not attend the conference.
- Kelly mentioned an article about the Lake Osoyoos Association, which recently formed and attended the conference in Chelan. She promised to send the article out to the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Next meeting will be January 14, 2008 at 6:00pm.