

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2006
Bellevue, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Sally Abella, Beth Cullen, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Pete DeArteaga, Stephanie Woolett and via telephone – Bijay Adams, Marianne Barrentine, Peter Burgoon, Glen Rothrock, Ray Latham, Paula Rudberg Lowe.

Absent: Debra Bouchard, Barry Moore, Shawn Ultican, Bob Roper, and Harry Gibbons

Call to order

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

Agenda Changes

None

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the December meeting were changed to correct spelling of Shawn Ultican's name and under Elections the line "The new positions available for filling are five board members, president, and secretary." was changed to "The new positions available for filling are five board members, in-coming president, and secretary." Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

The report was reviewed, and shows a net outflow primarily for insurance. The 2005 cash flow report reflects a net inflow. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report, and the 2005 cash flow report.

Committee Reports:

By-laws

Bijay reported that we would be unable to handle voting by internet due to complications with the website. After a brief discussion it was decided to do a postcard mailing for the vote on bylaw change. The postcard will need to include a return mail portion. Paula volunteered to design the postcard and recommended including a postage stamp on return postcard. It was decided that the membership can vote on the change by either returning the postcard or by an email vote to Sally Abella. The cost to do this vote will include postage, card stock, and Paula's time. Postcards will go out in early March.

Elections

The board discussed possible candidates for board positions and a replacement for Stephanie Woolett who is moving out of state. Pete D. reported that he is looking

internally at work for possible candidates. Marianne recommended Ken Merrill from the Eastern DOE office. She reported that Ken has been involved with the Lake Spokane TMDL. Marianne will speak with Ken to see if he is interested in joining the board in September. Stephanie suggested either Curt Baumgardener from Lake Whatcom or Jeff Shellfont, a natural resources manager. She will talk to both to see if they are interested in serving on the board. Bijay suggested Dave Lamb (Coeur d'Alene); he will talk with Dave. Sally suggested Stephanie Hampton (Univ. of Idaho), Dan Smith (Surface Water Management, Federal Way), and Kelly McLain (DOE). Other suggestions include Joe Ravet (UW student), possibly a representative from WDFW, Holly Pinkert (CWU), and Terry McNabb. Sally will talk with Gene Williams about serving as the in-coming president, and will check with Debra Bouchard to see if she will remain as Treasurer. Peter Burgoon will check with Paul Cross who is an engineer with the irrigation district on the north side of Lake Chelan.

Public Policy & Legislative

A board member is needed to replace Stephanie on this committee to work with Harry and Barry on legislative issues. There was also a discussion about HB 2322 which bans or limits phosphates in dishwashing detergent. There was general consensus of the board in favor of this bill. It was moved, seconded, and passed to draw up a supporting statement and send it around to the board for approval. Stephanie volunteered to draft a statement and send to board members for review. Peter B. mentioned a possible problem in areas that have hard water issues.

Waterline / Publications

Paula reported that that we have 1.5 pages of paid ads for the year. The March issue will have the Lake Pend Oreille story (Carla Milesi), notice of the vote on the bylaws changes (Isabel will send to Paula), the HB 2322 information from Stephanie, a repeat of the conference information, and board news from Sally. Beth asked about including a call for applications for scholarships. This will be discussed later in the meeting. Paula reported that there will be no story from Fish & Wildlife because staff is too busy to write one for the newsletter. After some discussion, Sally will send the contact information for Karl Muller to Paula.

Peter B. reviewed the proposal for an increase in Waterline advertising rates. The objective of the proposal is to adjust the ad fee which hasn't changed in 10 years to represent the change in production costs. The new ad prices would start as of Feb. 14, 2006. The recommendation is to reduce the annual discount rate and keep the one-time rates the same. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the proposal.

Membership

Marianne reported that the final draft of the membership application is still pending. She will send the final draft to the board members for a final approval. There was some question on prorating: did the actual association belong or did one member of the association join and get the mailings? WALPA wants the association membership for lobbying support. The June Waterline will feature an article on the change in fee structure.

Annual Conference

Bijay reported that the Smith Ballroom (capacity of 350) has been secured for the conference plenary sessions and lunch. There are separate break-out rooms. A draft call for papers has been sent out. Registration fee will be \$150 (includes membership); however the conference fee probably won't be able to accommodate our proposed fee structure. Bijay will email the board with more details about the conference. Glen asked if the speakers will be responsible for their hotel costs. He mentioned that someone from his office could speak if Ruth can't come.

The conference planning committee is asking for sponsorship from government and others for either \$2000 or a threshold of \$1000. There will be some sort of recognition of the sponsors. Bijay reported that M. Sytsma has a \$2000 sponsor and WALPA has \$1000 from DOE. Exhibitors will pay \$350. Governmental entities will be encouraged to sponsor and will be offered exhibit space with sponsorship. The proposed grant session at the conference was not approved because it was thought to be too specific a topic (aquatic weed grants in WA) and not general enough for a regional conference. The conference title is "Research and Management Trends in the Pacific Northwest".

Scholarships

The draft announcement will be sent out to schools in Washington and Idaho. The plan is to award scholarships this spring and honor the recipients at the regional conference during the WALPA business lunch. Currently WALPA is offering 5 scholarships – 1 - \$500 and 4 - \$250. There was a discussion about whether \$250 is enough to make it worthwhile for students to apply. Bijay reported that vendors would be interested in making an annual contribution towards the scholarship fund. A process would need to be designed that includes notification of the vendors about the scholarship fund, and a deadline date for receipt of donation. It was decided to table the discussion of vendor contributions until after the conference. We still need to decide on timing of the WALPA conference – spring or fall? After more discussion about scholarship amounts it was moved, seconded and passed to offer 2 - \$500 and 1- \$750 scholarships; with the Nancy Weller memorial being the \$750 scholarship. The Scholarship committee will draft a letter to be sent out to the vendors about the proposed contribution to the scholarship fund.

Old Business

Website Information and Updates

The membership & scholarship announcement will be posted on the website.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be on April 10, 2006.