

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
April 10, 2006
Bellevue, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Sally Abella, Beth Cullen, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Kelly McLain, Bob Roper and via telephone – Bijay Adams, Marianne Barrentine, and Ray Latham.

Absent: Debra Bouchard, Barry Moore, Shawn Ultican, Pete DeArteaga, Peter Burgoon, Glen Rothrock, and Harry Gibbons

Call to order

President Sally Abella called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE. Kelly McLain was welcomed to the board; she is filling the unexpired term for Stephanie Woollett.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The report for Jan 1, 2006 through April 10, 2006 was reviewed, and shows a net outflow primarily during this time period. There was a brief discussion about the amount of insurance coverage, and it was suggested that after the regional conference the board look into obtaining several CDs (Certificate of Deposit). It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

By-laws

Sally reported on the response to the proposed bylaws change. To date we have received 41 votes with a significant majority in favor of the bylaws amendment; however, the number of votes cast does not meet the two-thirds requirement to amend the bylaws. After some discussion it was decided to hold the vote on the proposed amendment during the business meeting at the regional conference in September where a simple majority of those present is required to amend the bylaws. Additionally, another amendment to the bylaws will be proposed to amend the bylaws to accept a quorum of the membership for a mail-in vote. Isabel will develop language for the amendment change on a mail-in vote and send it to the board for approval.

Public Policy & Legislative

A board member is needed to replace Stephanie on this committee to work with Harry and Barry on legislative issues. Sally asked board members to consider serving on this committee and let her know if interested.

Elections

Sally announced the candidates recruited so far are: Beth Cullen, incoming president; Gene Williams, treasurer; Karl Mueller (tentative), director; Kelly McLain, director – filling S. Woolett’s unexpired term, and Ben Scofield (tentative), director. Board members needing to be replaced include: Beth Cullen, Shawn Ultican, Pete DeArteaga, Marianne Barrentine, Bob Roper, and Debra Bouchard. Recruits for board positions who have not replied include: Steve Fradkin, and Holly Pinkart. Other people (with board contact in parentheses) suggested for board positions include: Paul Cross (Peter B.), Jeff Shellfont (Stephanie W.), Curt Baumgardener (Stephanie W.), Terry McNabb, Casey Baldwin (Ray L.), Matt Polochek (Ray L.), Dave Burgess (Ray L.), Arline Fullerton (Beth C.), Kyle Langan (Kelly M.), Pati An (Sally A.), Doug Freeland (Kelly M.), Phil Long (Ray L.), Jim Richardson (Marianne B.?), Anne Whitney (Beth C.), Sue Winterrowd (Kelly M.), Sharon Sorby (Kelly M.). Finally the recruits that have said no include Dave Lamb, Dan Smith, Stephanie Hampton, and Joe Ravet.

Waterline / Publications

Kelly McLain has volunteered to serve on this committee with Peter B and Paula.

Paula will check with Ron McBride about writing the TMDL article for the newsletter. Isabel will write a notice about the proposed bylaws amendments to be voted on at the regional conference.

The Waterline story grid was reviewed. One suggestion was to ask Karl to write a fish & wildlife article for the August Waterline. Other suggestions for future articles include golden algae blooms (December or February) and a lake case history for March.

Membership

Marianne reported that the new membership category for lake association members is posted on the membership page of the WALPA website.

Annual Conference

Bijay reported the abstract deadline is May 31st. He reviewed the production schedule for the conference. Services NALMS will provide for the conference include: the announcement of the conference and a call for papers on their webpage, online shopping cart, credit card processing, online and onsite registration processing, attendee name badges & holders, bill paying service, and a NALMS person will be on site. The cost breakdown is:

NALMS - \$3000 + 10% profit sharing

25% - OLA

25% WALPA

The remaining 40% will be split based on attendance. The committee has secured a third room for use by the conference. Lunch will be seated on the first day, and a box lunch (in van port & 3rd room) on the second day. Bijay will work with Vanessa on payment of the catering services. Paula will do the production packet and mailer. Activities breakout by room: ballroom – breakfast, lunch, breaks, mixer, poster sessions, roundtable; van port & 3rd room – concurrent sessions. Dr. Ray Coate (provost) will do the welcome; Peter Franzen will do a Mt. St. Helens presentation at the lunch on Thursday. On Friday there will be a four hour hosted Lake Oswego tour. Registration for this tour is limited to about 30 people and the tour fee is separate from the conference registration fee. Should the fee charged cover the cost or should it be a fundraiser? The Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will hold joint sessions on invasive species and join us for lunch on the 13th. We are also invited to attend some of their sessions. Bijay reviewed the exhibitor registration form. The \$2000 fee covers breakfast, lunch, provides prime exhibition space, mixer, membership in either WALPA or OLA, and a web link on NALMS' website. There are a few problems with some companies having to justify the \$2000 fee. Bijay asked that we look over the sponsorship form and send him any comments or suggestions. Randy Glover of EDS will sponsor a pre-conference trade fair at the Double Tree Hotel in Portland.

Scholarships

The scholarship information has gone out to the same list as last year. We haven't heard anything yet, but the deadline is June 1st. Beth will send out a reminder.

Old Business

Lake Associations

Bob has sent out the list of lake associations to everyone. He suggested that Marianne retain the master list as head of membership. We need to consider how we want to use the list. After the conference we could advertise the changes in membership and Marianne also suggested a one time newsletter mailing to recruit new members.

Website Information and Updates

Kelly's bio is needed to update the website. Sally will forward the bio.

New Business

Kelly announced that the Aquatic Plant Management Society will hold its annual meeting in Portland in July. NPDES issues are one of the topics to be discussed. There was some discussion about announcing the meeting in our newsletter. Ray asked if we should have a booth or poster there, Kelly will check into this possibility.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be on June 5, 2006 at 6:00pm.

