

WASHINGTON STATE LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Meeting
July 14th, 2008
Seattle, Washington

ATTENDEES:

Present: Beth Cullen, Norm Dion, Jean Jacoby, Kelly McLain, and via telephone -- Joe Ravet, BiJay Adams, Shannon Brattebo Karl Mueller, Jacob McCann, Frank Wilhelm and Beth Cocchiarella

Absent: Arline Fullerton, Jonathan Frodge, Gene Williams, Ben Scofield

CALL TO ORDER:

President Beth Cullen called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at King County Offices, Seattle, Washington.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES:

It was moved by BiJay Adams, seconded by Kelly McLain, and passed to approve the minutes of May 20th.

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Beth Cullen discussed the recent expenditures of the Treasurers Report. It was discussed that the WALPA account was moved within Bank of America because of fees for inactivity. Currently looking into obtaining an account with a credit union. Possibility of obtaining a credit card or debit card with new account. Gene is to do some more investigation. It was moved by BiJay Adams, seconded by Beth Cocchiarella, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Christensen is off to bigger and better things on the east coast. Frank Wilhelm was voted in by email as his replacement. Frank spoke briefly about his work at U of I and his background.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conference Planning:

Kelly McLain reported that the conference planning is going well. She reported that a draft program and with registration materials will go out by email on July 15th and by mail a few days following. The draft program was forgotten in the newsletter so this is a special mailing. Kelly is following up with exhibitors and requesting that session chairs fill speakers by August 1st. She reported that everything is set up with the hotel and that there is no pre-day workshop scheduled. It was decided that there just wasn't the draw of people. She received money from Ecology. Kelly briefly went over speakers and ask

for suggestions for spots where speakers were missing. BiJay brought up the issue on timing of conference again, fall instead of spring. Having trouble contacting professors and students because classes haven't started for the year. Beth brought up the suggestion of permanently moving the conference to Lake Chelan. She suggested the Best Western. After filing a formal complaint at Campbell's she has received no response.

Nominations:

Beth said that the call for nominations for the next board was not published 90 days before the conference. She asked that we all get creative and look for board members. Some nominations included Tom Brattebo (Liberty Lake), Jacob McCann as President-Elect, BiJay as Alternate, Rebecca Dugapolski (Herrera), Diane (City Manager for Maple Valley), Dustin Hanson. Karl had 2 folks that may be interested but Beth wanted him to make sure they knew that DOE needs to know of their interest and that they would be voting members. Kelly said that these folks would need to check with their program managers. Board members are to send nominations and bios to Karl.

Committee Updates

- Publications: For the September 2008 newsletter Kathy Hamel is writing an article on cyanobacteria. There will also be a blurb about the conference. Arline is doing WALPA profile. Still have about ½ page to fill. Norm ask about putting in a membership solicitation or the final program in the September Newsletter. Karl asked if we do a general solicitation for memberships in the newsletter. BiJay said that we don't normally do any solicitations aggressively.
- Scholarships: Ben was not at meeting but the scholarships did go out.
- Membership: Norm brought up that we aren't doing enough to invite members. He suggested that whenever we need filler for the newsletter we put in a solicitation for membership and to have members make sure to update contact info. Karl suggested maybe we have automatic email renewals. Beth suggested we could send a note with waterline about renewal. Jean Jacoby said that when the NALMA membership was separated from conference NALMS folks did not renew. NALMS just hired a membership director. Norm asked if we had to attend the conference to be a member. BiJay suggested that the newsletter solicitation will remind folks that are not going to attend the conference to renew their membership. The membership brochure is out of date and needs a new look. Goal to have new membership brochure done by winter to go to Senators and Representatives in a press packet. This is top priority for the board.
- Public Policy and Legislative: Beth and John went down and talked to Senator Frasier along with Arlin. Senator Frasier is on the Ways and Means committee. They talked about the bills and what to look ahead too, or the re-introduction. Senator was aware of the bills and suggested that we make contact with our opponents and establish a relationship, especially those that testified against us. The Senator is supportive and will be the lead sponsor but she wants to make

sure we pick the right sponsor, perhaps a senator who needs a pet project. She suggested we work on the big phosphorus mine in Idaho and to make sure they don't come testify against us. Arlin got both bills in September session. Beth proposed a Lakes Day in Olympia where the WALPA board, membership can meet with their senators and representatives to talk about the bills. Decided on January 28th as Lakes Day. Will bring it up at WALPA conference and let members know that they need to get a hold of their legislators 2 days after the election to get on their calendar. Beth said that people need to come from the east side and that representatives look favorably on that.

- Elections: Discussed in New Business.
- By-Laws: Please throw out the old By-Laws, the new most recent version is on the website.

Special Projects: Website/Lake Atlas:

Bijay reported that the website is being updated with new information regularly. Beth was to send call for nominations to Bijay to put on website.

Special Projects: Officer/Board Job Organization:

It was discussed that outgoing officers need to make sure the incoming officers know what they are doing, what their responsibilities are and any information they need. Beth is going to pdf membership forms to Shannon so they can be an electronic copy.

CLOSING/DISCUSSION:

Reminder that we will be stuffing packets Monday night before the conference in Kelly's room. We may invite new members to the board meeting the morning of October 1st.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm, Jean seconded. Next meeting will be at breakfast the morning of October 1st before the conference.