

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

**ATTENDEES:**

**Present:** Bijay Adams, Sally Abella, Beth Cullen, Gene Williams, Tricia Shoblom, Isabel Ragland, Kelly McLain, Ben Scofield, Jean Jacoby, Arline Fullerton and via telephone – Steven Fradkin, Glen Rothrock, and Karl Mueller.

**Absent:** Beth Cocchiarella, Peter Burgoon, and Ray Latham.

**Call to order**

President Bijay Adams called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Bellevue DOE office.

**Welcome New Board**

Bijay welcomed and introduced all the board members. Bijay reported that he had spoken with Ray Latham about being appointed to the board and Ray has agreed to serve on the board. There was some discussion about posting Board member photos on the website. Everyone agreed that posting our pictures is a good idea. Board members should email a photo in jpeg format to Bijay.

**Treasurer's Report**

Latest report was submitted by Debra Bouchard. It reflects transactions up through Oct. 10, 2006; so it does not include conference costs and income. The newsletter cost is higher than previous issues so we may want to revisit this in a few months. A motion was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

**New Business**

**2006 PNW Regional Conference**

The regional conference was very successful, there were 133 registrations. Bijay reviewed the profit sharing agreement. NALMS receives \$3000 + 10% of receipts for handling registration, advertising, and having a staff member present at the conference. WALPA and OLA each receive 25% of the receipts with the remaining 40% split between them based on attendance (which is 60% WALPA and 40% OLA). The Center for Lakes absorbed some of the costs of printing and provided a \$6000 sponsorship. We have not yet received the numbers or attendance list from NALMS. The regional conference committee will meet one more time to wrap up the conference. The sponsors were Hach (\$2000), Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (\$2000), and Washington DOE and TG Ecological each sponsored a session. There were about 15 exhibitors present. Jean Jacoby is the incoming NALMS regional director and she will work with Harry to get the final numbers. Several WALPA board members commented on the regional conference as being a great meeting. Other comments express the

difficulty state employees have attending out of state meetings. There was some discussion about possibly holding a regional meeting every four years.

### **NALMS Restructuring**

Changes in membership structure of NALMS were emailed to everyone in October. One change is in the chapter structure, current chapters will become affiliates of NALMS. Some of the benefits of the change include no annual report, annual dues will change to a flat \$250 (membership numbers don't matter), and it will allow more than one affiliate per state. The NALMS board will review petitions for affiliate status. All of the benefits are listed on the NALMS website. Jean announced that there is a NALMS calendar for sale on the website (\$5 fundraiser). There is also a toxic blue green algae CD from the NALMS conference for sale (\$100) on the website. The next NALMS conference will be held in Orlando and the following will be at Lake Louise in Canada.

### **Committee Assignments**

Committee assignments are as follows:

By-Laws – Gene Williams, Isabel Ragland

Public Policy & Legislative – Sally Abella, Beth Cullen, Bijay Adams, Ben Scofield

Elections – Tricia Shoblom, Steve Fradkin, Jean Jacoby, Karl Mueller

Publications – Peter Burgoon (Bijay will confirm with Peter), Kelly McLain, Glen Rothrock, Sally Abella (Waterline editor)

Membership – Glen Rothrock, Beth Cocchiarella, Arline Fullerton

Annual Conference – Beth Cullen, Jean Jacoby, Arline Fullerton, Karl Mueller

Scholarships – Beth Cocchiarella, Steve Fradkin, Ben Scofield, Isabel Ragland

There was a brief discussion about Waterline – one suggestion was peer review/editing of articles. More discussion on the newsletter is included with the discussion of lake associations. Tasks of the publications committee include recruiting advertising and developing stories.

### **WALPA Website**

Our current website is through NALMS and the process of updating and adding to the website has been very slow. This may be an aspect that NALMS will decide not to continue as part of its restructuring. Bijay has received a quote from XO Communications for web hosting and email. Liberty Lake uses this company and has been pleased with their service. XO would provide: 45 megabyte website, 80 email boxes, junk & virus filter, free domain name for the first year and 9\$ renewal each year after. They would also waive the \$25 set-up fee. The cost for this service is \$15.95/month; or \$13.95/12 month prepaid; or \$11.95/24 month prepaid. There was also some discussion about working with Kevin (newsletter publisher) as a webmaster. Sally Abella moved that we contract with XO Communications for a year and see how that works out. Motion was seconded and passed. Bijay will make the arrangements. The Board also decided to use WALPA.org as the domain name if it's available.

### **2007-2008 Upcoming Activities/Projects**

#### *Freshwater mussels of the Pacific Northwest* book distribution

Arline reported that she attended the conference. Freshwater mussels are among the most threatened species and are indicator species for water body health. Everyone should be

aware of how important they are to fresh water systems. Kevin Akin, USF&W, has put together a display of freshwater mussels, and would like to attend a WALPA conference as a speaker at one of the sessions. The booklets are free and the group is looking to WALPA for assistance in producing more booklets. Arline will contact Kevin to see what their plans are for production, and to find out costs and the timetable. Each board member was given 5 copies of the booklet to hand out. Bijay will send everyone the pdf link for the booklet.

#### Washington Lake Book Reproduction

DOE is in the process of printing the updated version. Kelly will find out and report back to the board about obtaining copies.

#### Lake Association Involvement

A goal for the upcoming year is to focus more on lake groups. One suggestion is to have the board visit lake associations and meetings to introduce WALPA. The Publications committee could update the brochure to include with the newsletter mailing to lake associations. The mailing to lake associations will be based on the list compiled by Bob Roper. Kelly reported that she knows of several lake homeowners who may be interested in joining WALPA. There were a variety of suggestions about an insert for the newsletter – one was to use the WALPA brochure, another suggested by Kelly was something like a big business card that has a glossy photo with WALPA contact information. Another suggestion was to include a lake association feature in the newsletter, possibly Beth C., Mason Lake homeowner (contact: Dennis Marshall or Mary Jo Nelson), or Bruce Harpin could write an article. The publications committee could develop a list of lakes with strong associations to write articles. Glen R. will look into contacting Idaho lake homeowner groups. It was also suggested that the newsletter include a scholarship recipient update close to conference time.

#### **2007 WALPA Conference**

The 2007 conference will be at the Campbell Resort in Chelan on October 18-19, 2007, with the WALPA board meeting the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> to put together the conference packets. The contract was signed in late September. We have a block of 60 rooms for Wednesday & Thursday nights. We can cancel unneeded rooms up to three days before the conference. Forty rooms are required to get complimentary use of the conference rooms. The theme/focus for the conference is on lake associations and community building.

Bijay reported on the inventory of WALPA items: 2 large polo shirts, 5 large t-shirts, 54 pins, and 27 key chains. There was a suggestion to give away pins and key chains as decorations on nametags for presenters or board members, or to just give away at the conference. Jean & Gene both have WALPA hats that they will bring in to show the board – these might be worth considering having available for purchase at the conference.

#### **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. The next board meeting will be held on January 8, 2007 at 6pm.