

# **WASHINGTON STATE GOOD ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION**

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes March 17, 2009 Kennewick, WA**

***In attendance: Mark Kushner, President; Rick Door, President Elect; Dennis Piatek, Secretary; Ken Nelson, Newsletter/Past President; Carrie Hay, Executive Administrator.***

***Excused absence: Bob Schuster, Treasurer; Jim Tobin, Past President***

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by WSGRTA President, Mark Kushner, at 12 PM.

### **Legislative Breakfast Update**

The accommodations at the Phoenix Inn were good. Expenses were forecast at \$3,000 and actual cost was \$4,551. "Add on" expenses included coffee service, podium and microphone charges. The idea to carry out a "social hour" at next years' Legislative Meeting was discussed. Cocktails with heavy hors d'oeuvres on Thursday night could be an alternative to our traditional Friday morning breakfast. Dick Ciccone is leading the social hour committee. Carrie volunteered to contact Dick and request an update at April's meeting.

### **Quarterly Meeting Speaker Update**

Dave Dye and Ashley Probart were requested to speak, but declined the invitation. They are both tied up with legislative issues. Guest speakers are Don Whitehouse and Gary Rowe. Both speakers will address economic stimulus and its' impact on transportation legislation. We decided to have a 15 minute lunch break prior to the luncheon speaker.

### **Legislative Committee Update**

Dennis will present an update at April's quarterly meeting. Specific items on our 2009 WSGRTA Legislative Committee recommendations will be addressed. Joe Tortorelli will provide an update on the subject of studded tires.

What direction do we want the legislative committee to head in 2010? What specific issues do want to track? A general discussion will follow.

### **Membership Committee Update**

The WSGTRA bylaws state that we must have a seated membership committee. Ken Nelsen will provide an update for our April meeting.

### **Annual Meeting Update – Vancouver**

The Camus Golf Club was not available for our dates. An alternative golf club is Tri-Mountain in Richfield. As soon as a contract is signed, Carrie will send out a notice to our general membership. Ron Green is having surgery and will be maintaining a low profile for a while. Carrie will e-mail Ginger for speaker ideas.

### **Informational Brochure Update**

Mark contacted the lady who formatted the layout for the BFWWGRTA brochure. She agreed to do the brochure for the state association and will use the same format. Mark sent the Regional VP's, a request for 2 pictures; accomplishments, or projects on their "drawing board" for inclusion in the brochure. Submittal deadline is March 25th or 26<sup>th</sup>. Carrie will send out a follow-up request to VP's who did not respond.

There is \$1,200 in the budget for the brochure. These are the dollars previously earmarked for a publication of our newsletter. The plan is to print about 50 of the brochures and send them to newspapers. We are targeting to publish the brochure this summer.

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### **Articles of Association**

Rick requested a copy of the Articles of Association. His current copy is annotated with "Proposed" Articles of Association. Mark will place the subject on April's meeting agenda. Our intention is to formally adopt the Articles of Association at April's meeting. Carrie will research if there is a revised copy available.

### **Miscellaneous**

Carrie proposed we change date of the next Executive Committee meeting from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be determined later.

Carrie will bring a box of WSGRTA archives to the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.