WSACE

WSACE Board of Director's Meeting

September 21, 2022

2:30pm

Attendees
☒ Letticia Neal (Pierce) – President
☒ Scott Yaeger (Adams) – President-Elect
☒ Doug McCormick (Snohomish) – Secretary/Treasurer
☒ Susan Eugenis (Cowlitz) – Western District Representative
☒ Tony Garcia (Walla Walla) – Eastern District Representative
☒ Drew Woods (CRAB) – CRAB Deputy Director
☒ Matt Pietrusiewicz (Yakima) – NACE Director-at-Large
☒ Josh Thomson (Okanogan) – Immediate Past President
☒ Mark Storey (Whitman) – Past President
☒ Axel Swanson – WSACE Managing Director
☒ Scott Lindblom (Thurston) - Past President, non-Board member

1. **Call to order**   Letticia Neal, President
   - Quorum Confirmed 8 of 8 present, (5 board members needed to constitute a quorum)

2. **Approval of August minutes**   Letticia Neal, President
   - Matt moved and Scott seconded to approve the August 17, 2022 minutes. Motion passed.

3. **Managing Director's update**   Axel Swanson
   - Subcommittee updates   Information
   Legislative Committee – worked on updating existing Legislative Agenda one pager.
   Past President Committee – worked on info sheet for new members and outreach.
   Both committees discussed ideas for the use of the "Study Money".

   - Study funding updates   Information
   Ideas considered:
   ROW – fees for utilities use of the ROW, based on King Co's position that held up in court, possible development of model code. Legal to assess applicability
   (Axel can you fill in from Drew's report? I had to take a quick call and missed this)

   - Workgroup/agency updates   Information/Direction
   (IIJA, Broadband, LSC, Grants, CABT, PWB, FBRB, CRAB, Local Programs, FMSIB)
   Final Memo sent out to the Board related to the IIJA outcome and will be made available to WSACE membership. (Note final memo was provided to membership on 9/28)

Broadband Comm met and discussed recommending pilot projects with possible funding to test the concept, also discussed model code development as a tool for agencies.

Axel assisted with grant reviews (SRTS & Bike/Ped)

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks – reached out about a possible study area in the PNW

Public Works Board and Brian Abbot Fish Barrier Removal Board – discussed Legislative ask and support.

CRAB will meet in person in Skagit County Oct 26-28, in the future 2 meetings per year will be hosted around the state and 2 meetings will be held at CRAB offices.

FMSIB – Chair Fey is proposing legislative changes, more to come.

- County OA target status   Information
  Meeting OA continues to be a struggle, LP staff and MPO are finalizing the numbers.

- Fall travel schedule   Information
  Axel continues to have several visits around the state including a visit to the Oregon chapter with Letticia to Conference in Bend Oregon.

4. **Review Budget/Legislative Priorities**   Board Members
   - 2023 Budget/WSAC Recommendations   Information/Direction
     Proposed budget includes COLA increases for WASC staff – upcoming meeting with Eric Johnson with the board to discuss.
     Budget - reviewed updated through the Q3 of 2022 and is on track.

   - Legislative Priorities/Agency proposals (WSDOT, 811, BRPELS)   Information/Direction
     WSDOT – Franchise language, WSDOT can't use gas tax to move utilities, impacts discussed.
     811 – subtle changes, comments from Scott Yeager helped steer changes
     Licensing Board – testing requirements – no concerns

5. **Conference planning**   Board Members
   - County Leaders/JTC agenda   Update/Direction
     Discussed agenda, Kevin Stone from NACE will attend.
     Final agenda will be distributed soon.

   - Professional Development location/speaker   Update/Direction
     Looking at Ellensburg – possible dates: Feb. 1-3 or Feb. 15-17, with the first week of February preferred.

   - Annual Conference location   Update/Direction
     Location being narrowed down, most likely Tacoma area.

6. **Round table**   Board Members
   Gavel Box is ready
   Title XI – Counties are expecting to have to include language in franchised based on the revisions to the LAG Manual. Others have seen an increase in WSDOT OEO notifications to their local cities related to TXI plans and possible impacts to funding.

7. **Adjourn**   Letticia Neal, President
   - Tony moved and Scott seconded to adjourn at approximately 3:30 pm. Motion passed