



WSACE Board of Director's Meeting

October 15, 2025

2:30PM

Attendees

- Susan Eugenis (Cowlitz) – President
- Craig Erdman (Franklin) – President-Elect
- Matt Pietrusiewicz (Yakima) – Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Unzelman (Thurston) – Western District Representative
- Dean Cornelison (Whitman) – Eastern District Representative
- Josh Thomson (Okanogan) – NACE Director-at-Large
- Drew Woods (CRAB) – CRAB Deputy Director
- Doug McCormick (Snohomish) – Immediate Past President
- Scott Yaeger (Adams) – Past President
- Leticia Neal (Pierce) – Past President
- Mark Storey (Whitman) – Past President
- Axel Swanson – WSACE Managing Director

1. Call to Order

Susan Eugenis, President

Susan called the meeting to order at 2:35

2. Approval of September Minutes

Susan Eugenis, President

Minutes approved after acknowledging the correct spelling of Todd O'Brien's name. Josh motioned, Craig 2nd.

3. Public Comment

Susan Eugenis, President

None

4. Budget Review

Axel Swanson

Everything is moving forward as planned/projected. Conferences are breaking even and the overall cash balances are healthy.

5. WSACE – OACES Leadership Meeting

Axel/Jessica

The Oregon group has proposed moving the meeting to Astoria next year. We agree. They have proposed the weeks of March 16th or 23rd. Our preference is the 16th, although both would end up working for us.

6. Conference Planning

Jessica/Board Members

November County Leaders Conference

It's all coming together. The current NACE president, Jacob Thorius, is planning on attending. We will schedule his presentations to accommodate his travel schedule.

February Professional Development Conference

On target for Leavenworth. We have negotiated terms to limit/share financial liability if we need to cancel due to poor weather.

7. Managing Director's Report Eastside Meetings/CRAB Update

Axel Swanson
Axel/Drew

Visits to Asotin and Walla Walla counties went well.

IACC/AWPA Conferences/NACE Update

Axel/Josh

Josh recently attended the Fall Meeting in Indianapolis. It was a good meeting with interesting people. He mentioned the following highlights:

- Changes have been made to the NACE organizational structure with the goal of providing better financial stability.
- Efforts are being made to emphasize NACE Connect. This is a resource that, in their opinion, is being under utilized by membership.
- Discussed future conferences.
- Strategic planning update. Building on what was started at last year's Fall Meeting.

Legislative Update

They are always working. Emphasis on getting more money for CRAB, which means more money for Counties. There is a lot of uncertainty. More so than normal.

Matt U. shared some recent success on fish barrier projects.

Progress is being made on a proposed solution to the MVFT allocation problem.

Study Contracts

Nothing new to report.

8. Round Table

Board Members

There was an open discussion about a variety of things, including:

- Inquiry about a regional bridge supplier
- ERR/purchasing discussion
- WSDOT Local Programs. How are they doing?
- DBE. Federal changes, are they coming?
- Go Mariners! (turns out, they went)

9. Adjourn

Susan Eugenis, President

Adjourned at 3:45