



## WSACE Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023

2:30PM

### Attendees

- Leticia 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

### 1. Call to order

**Leticia Neal, President**

Meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm.

Quorum 7 Confirmed of 8 present, (5 board members needed to constitute a quorum)

### 2. Approval of February Minutes

**Leticia Neal, President**

Scott moved and Matt seconded to approve the February 1, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.

### 3. Conference planning

**Board**

#### • Professional Development

**Post Conference Report**

Axel and Jessica shared an Excel SS documenting the outcome of the budget, (over budget by Approx. \$5K). Budget was based on a registration of 50 and there were only 24 actual registrants. Survey was distributed to attendees, 7 of 24 responded and overall responses were positive. The survey also solicited ideas for future conferences

#### • Annual Conference Planning

**Update/Action Item**

Axel and Jessica shared the budget for the WSACE Annual Conference scheduled for June 26-29 in Tacoma. Discussed preliminary agenda for events and possible coordination with WACSWM for event at Rainer's Game Wednesday Evening. Discussed extending an invitation to NACE President and Western District Rep as well as the Oregon CE Chapter. Registration will have a first timer rate, and an early bird rate. Revised SS to be attached to Minutes.

Doug moved and Tony Seconded to adopt the budget and agenda as discussed. **Motion carried**

Discussed possibility of sponsorships opportunities to defray costs. Direction of the Board was to explore the sponsorship of the Wednesday night event.

4. **Managing Director's update**

Axel Swanson  
Information

- Study funding

Working on the ROW ordinance and CRAB is continuing work on the Story Board and the conversion of RAP and CAP online to the new platform

- East/West Meetings

Information

East – April 26, 2023 @ 9 am, Adams County PW

West – May 3, 2023 @ 9 am, WSAC Building — 206 Tenth Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501

- NACE Conference

Information

Attendees are coordinating travel plans and events at NACE. Matt Pietrusiewicz provided a NACE update via e-mail. There is an upcoming NACO Conference in July. We discussed the need to have Matt attend as NACE Rep. More conversation to determine need to have Matt attend.

- Elections

Information

Will need to review by-laws for upcoming elections, will discuss more in April.

- Agency updates

Information

Various meetings with State and local agencies related to the Legislative Session including the RUC program proposals and reduction of vehicle miles traveled.

5. **Legislative update**

Board Members

- 2023 Session update

Information/Direction

Axel provided high level overview of legislative bills and feedback he has received via e-mail from the membership. This method has worked well and will continue through the session on Bills with potential impacts to counties.

Axel holds a Legislative update meeting as needed on Wednesday afternoons with membership that has been well attended.

6. **Round table**

Board Members

Tony mentioned concerns over HB1775 and possible added liability to local agencies. Scott reminded the Board we will need to make a 2023 budget amendment prior to adopting the 2024 budget.

Discussed requirements for County Engineer of the Year and simplifying the nomination form. For Program Manager and Project Manager of the year, CRAB will continue presenting this award at the county of the recipient which was started during COVID. Board supports this direction.

7. **Adjourn**

Leticia Neal, President

Meeting was adjourned via motion from Scott with a second from Tony. Motion carried at 3:45 pm.